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**NEW JOINT REVIEW REDUCED-RISK RODENTICIDE FOR GOPHERS REGISTERED**

The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) has issued temporary registrations for EXIT™ Integrated Systems Product (ISP), containing  $\alpha$ -Olefin Sulfonate Sodium (AOS) and Mustard Seed Powder, and the associated end-use product, EXIT™ Concentrate Rodenticide, manufactured by Exit Holdings. EXIT™ is a reduced-risk rodenticide for the control of Richardson's Ground Squirrels.

These products were reviewed jointly by Health Canada's PMRA and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as reduced-risk products (Group 1A Reduced Risk Joint Reviews) within the North American Free Trade Agreement's Technical Working Group on Pesticides Joint Review Program. Joint reviews are an important element of the ground-breaking international harmonization of pesticide regulation now under way between Canada, the US and Mexico under NAFTA. Joint reviews increase the efficiency of the registrations process, provide more equal access to pest management tools in all three countries and facilitate the registration of alternative pest control tools.

Methods for analysing  $\alpha$ -Olefin Sulfonate Sodium in environmental media are available to research and monitoring agencies upon request to the PMRA. Data pertaining to the intermediate products formed during the biotransformation of AOS in soil, with reference to laboratory studies or to the scientific literature are required. Following the review of this information, the PMRA will publish a proposed registration decision document (PRDD) and request comments from interested parties before proceeding with a final regulatory decision.

Details on the temporary registration of EXIT™ ISP and EXIT™ Concentrate Rodenticide can be found in Regulatory Note REG2003-04 available on the PMRA website at:  
<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/pmra-arla/english/pdf/reg/reg2003-04-e.pdf>

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