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NEW JOINT REVIEW REDUCED-RISK INSECTICIDE REGISTERED (ACETAMIPRID)

The PMRA has issued temporary registrations for Acetamiprid, a reduced-risk insecticide registered to Aventis Canada Inc, and its four associated end-use products. The end-use products include Pristine RTU Insecticide for domestic use on flowers and ornamental plants; Assail 70 WP for commercial use on leafy vegetables, cole crops, tomato, pome fruits and grapes; Chipco Tristar 70 WSP for commercial use on ornamentals and flowering plants grown outdoors and in greenhouses, shadehouses, and lathhouses; and Assail 70 WP Seed Treatment for use on canola and mustard seeds.

These products were reviewed jointly by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), as reduced-risk products (Group 1B Joint Reviews (Reduced Risk Chemicals), which contain products with more than one active ingredient and two end-use products or more) within the North American Free Trade Agreement's Technical Working Group on Pesticides Joint Review Program. Joint reviews are an important element of the groundbreaking 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 analyzing acetamiprid in environmental media are available to research and monitoring agencies upon request to the PMRA. Aventis Canada Inc. will be carrying out additional studies as a condition of this temporary registration. Following the review of this information, the PMRA will publish a proposed registration decision document and request comments from interested parties before proceeding with a final regulatory decision.

Details on the temporary registration of Acetamiprid and its products can be found in Regulatory Note REG2002-05 available on the PMRA website at:

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/pmra-arla/english/pdf/reg/reg2002-05-e.pdf>

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