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**Announcement of a Reduced Risk Biopesticide Registered Following Joint Review**

The microbial organism *Pseudozyma flocculosa*, and the end-use product Sporodex L, both from Brampton's Plant Products Company, have been granted temporary registration under the *Pest Control Products Act*. Sporodex L is a biological fungicide for the control of powdery mildew on greenhouse grown cut roses, and English seeded cucumbers. These products were reviewed jointly by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency and the US Environmental Protection Agency under the North American Free Trade Agreement's Technical Working Group on Pesticides (NAFTA TWG) program for Joint Review of Microbials and Semiochemicals.

In addition, Sporodex L is the first jointly reviewed product to be granted a NAFTA label. This will allow the use of a common label across borders, with the ultimate goal of enabling registrants to submit one label for all three NAFTA countries.

Microbial products increasingly are being investigated for use as alternatives to conventional pesticides. They have a long history of safe use and it is expected that Sporodex L will pose low potential risk on human health and the environment, compared with conventional pesticides.

The PMRA gives priority to jointly reviewed reduced-risk products when evaluating them for registration. This is to give producers greater access to the latest technology while promoting sustainable pest management and reducing the potential risks to human health and the environment.

Details on the temporary registration of Sporodex can be found in Regulatory Note REG2002-02 available on the PMRA website at: <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/pmra-arla/english/pdf/reg/reg2002-02-e.pdf>

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