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REDUCED-RISK BIOPESTICIDE REGISTERED FOLLOWING JOINT REVIEW

The Biotepp Product, Virosoft CP4, a biological insecticide for the reduction of codling moth damage on apple trees, has been granted temporary registration under the Pest Control Products Regulations. This product was reviewed jointly by the PMRA and the U.S. EPA under the NAFTA Technical Working Group on Pesticides program for Joint Review of Microbials and Semiochemicals.

Microbial pesticides are increasingly being investigated for use as alternatives to conventional pesticides. Baculoviruses such as the one contained in Virosoft CP4 are naturally occurring viruses that are widespread in the environment. They have a long history of safe use and it is expected that Virosoft CP4 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.

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