

**U.S. EPA and Canada's PMRA Announce the Joint Review of Bayer's
Negotiated Joint Review Insecticide Spirodiclofen**

Under the Joint Review Program for Chemical Pesticides, the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have accepted for joint review the insecticide spirodiclofen, submitted by Bayer CropScience. Bayer has submitted for review Spirodiclofen Technical, and one end-use product, Envidor 240SC Miticide for control of mites on pome fruit, stone fruit and grapes, in addition to citrus fruit and tree nuts in the US only.

Spirodiclofen has been accepted as a Group 3 Negotiated Joint Review with a 28-month review period, with an expected registration decision targeted for winter 2005. An announcement regarding the regulatory decision for this product will be forthcoming at that time.

Group 3 Joint Reviews contain chemicals which do not meet the criteria for Group 1 or 2. Chemical submissions eligible for consideration at this time include those with electronic data submission components (including electronic versions of labels), OECD formats, and multiple active ingredients. Chemicals in this group will have negotiated time lines for evaluation and decision after passing the PMRA and EPA screens.

Before making a registration decision regarding a new pest control product, a detailed assessment of the health and environment risks and the value of the product is carried out. In the joint review process, each country uses individual reviews completed by the other in order to streamline that process. Joint reviews increase the efficiency of the registration process, help provide more equal access to pest management tools in both countries and facilitate the registration of alternative pest control tools.

The PMRA and EPA are committed to joint reviews and work sharing of pesticide evaluations on a regular basis. Joint reviews increase the efficiency of the registration process, facilitate simultaneous registration in Canada and the U.S. and increase access to new pest management tools in both countries.

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