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NEW REDUCED-RISK PRODUCTS ACCEPTED FOR JOINT REVIEW BY THE PMRA AND THE EPA

Two new products, Biotepp's Virosoft BA3 and Plant Products' Sporodex have been accepted for joint review by the PMRA and the EPA. Sporodex is a biological fungicide for the control of powdery mildew on greenhouse roses and cucumbers, and Virosoft BA3 is a biological insecticide for the control of bertha army worm on canola. These products are being reviewed under the NAFTA Technical Working Group on Pesticides program for Joint Review of Microbials and Semiochemicals.

The program for joint review for microbials and pheromones allows for a priority review for registration of new low risk products.

Evaluations through the joint review program are completed within one year. PMRA reviews of traditional chemicals are normally completed in 18 months.

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