



## Re-evaluation Note

REV2006-04

### Update on Re-evaluation of Azinphos-methyl

On 9 March 2004, Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) published Re-evaluation Decision Document [RRD2004-05](#), *Azinphos-methyl*, announcing that all uses of azinphos-methyl would be phased out. RRD2004-05 also indicated that the PMRA would be prepared to revisit the assessment for azinphos-methyl if new worker exposure data were submitted. The PMRA has received these data and will update the phase-out schedule for certain products containing azinphos-methyl to allow for a complete review of these studies.

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## 1.0 Background

In Re-evaluation Decision Document RRD2004-05, *Azinphos-methyl*, the PMRA concluded that the use of azinphos-methyl and its associated end-use products in accordance with the current label directions entails an unacceptable risk of harm to agricultural workers. As a result, the PMRA determined that all uses for azinphos-methyl were to be phased out.

However, the PMRA also stated that it would be prepared to revisit the assessment for azinphos-methyl if new worker exposure data were submitted. The PMRA has now received new worker exposure studies and will be extending the registration for specific products to allow for a complete review of these studies.

## 2.0 Updated Phase-out Schedule

The revised dates for the phase-out of products containing azinphos-methyl are as follows:

- Last date of sale by registrants: 31 August 2006
- Last date of sale by retailers: 31 August 2007
- Last date of use of product by users: 31 December 2007

## 3.0 Affected Uses and Products

Azinphos-methyl products with uses on apples, crab apples, apricots, blackberries, cherries, cranberries, grapes, pears, peaches, plums, prunes and raspberries are affected by this new phase-out schedule. This extension of registration applies to the following four products:

- 1) Guthion Solupak 50% Wettable Powder Crop Insecticide, Registration Number 21374
- 2) Azinphos-methyl 240 EC Spray Concentrate, Registration Number 17533
- 3) Azinphos-methyl 50W Wettable Powder Insecticide, Registration Number 15645
- 4) Sniper 50W Clean Pak Insecticide, Registration Number 23323

With the exception of the revised phase out dates presented above, conditions of continued use for these products remain as per RRD2004-05.

The status of the other uses of azinphos-methyl scheduled for phase-out by 31 December 2005 remains unchanged. These uses are no longer permitted on labels.

Further updates are expected in 2006 once the submitted studies have been reviewed.