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Update



Quintozene contains undeclared high levels of dioxins

What is the Issue with QUINTOZENE ?

April 12th, 2010

Australian Government

Media Release

Selected and adapted excerpts

Testing undertaken by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority on particular batches of the quintozene active constituent and products containing quintozene indicated that those batches CONTAINED UNDECLARED HIGH LEVELS OF DIOXINS.

A human health risk assessment carried out by the Office of Chemical Safety and Environmental Health in the Department of Health and Ageing for Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority has shown that dioxin levels in quintozene products from those batches COULD BE A RISK TO HEALTH FOR WORKERS APPLYING THE PRODUCTS IN SOME SITUATIONS.

The contaminated active constituent from which the Australia products are made is imported from overseas. Other countries, such as the United States and Canada, use the same active constituent source.

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Chemical Regulator SUSPENDS Chemical QUINTOZENE because of DIOXIN Contamination

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Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority has SUSPENDED all approvals and registrations for the chemical quintozene and its products.

The decision was made after UNDECLARED DIOXIN IMPURITIES were found in quintozene products at levels that may present health risks to workers who frequently apply them.

Dioxins are chemical compounds that have been linked with a number of cancer and non-cancer health effects including reproductive effects and suppression of the immune system.

The impact of the decision is that quintozene products CANNOT BE SUPPLIED OR USED in Australia until further notice. The period of suspension is 12 months, but it may be modified depending upon receipt of new scientific information.

Quintozene is a fungicide registered for use in Australia is used to control fungal diseases on bowling greens and golf greens, and for a small number of post-emergence uses on ornamentals.

Products containing quintozene have very limited use in agriculture or food production, and are not used in the home garden.

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DIOXIN Impurities in QUINTOZENE

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Dioxins are formed through natural and industrial combustion processes.

They can also be formed as unintended by-products of the manufacturing processes for certain types of chemicals.

They may appear in some pesticides at trace levels.

With improvements to manufacturing and analytical technology, it has become possible to better manage production processes to keep dioxins contamination below levels of concern.

Generally, it has been considered that the contribution that modern pesticides make to background dioxin emissions to the environment is very small.

It was only in June 2009 that Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority received information that some quintozene products may contain dioxins at levels sufficiently high to be of possible human health concern.

Recent analysis indicates that dioxin levels in a number of approved pesticides that were tested are in the order of 20 to 1000 times lower than those found for quintozene.

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DIOXINS

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What are dioxins ?

The word « *dioxin* » refers to a group of chemical compounds sharing similar chemical structures, properties and biological properties.

Why are they of concern ?

Dioxins accumulate in the fat of animals and humans and are persistent in the environment.

Certain of the dioxins are toxic to various degrees.

The dioxins identified as toxic have been linked with a number of cancer and non-cancer health effects including reproductive effects and suppression of the immune system.

Pesticides have not been routinely monitored for dioxins in Australia or overseas.

As a result of improvements to manufacturing methods in the last 20 years, dioxin impurities in pesticides were believed to be at levels below what might be a human health concern for agricultural workers and bystanders.

They were also believed to make a very low contribution to overall annual dioxin emissions to the environment.

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Manufacturers of quintozene have initiated a voluntary recall

Removal of QUINTOZENE From Sale in Australia

May 18th, 2010

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Manufacturers of the chemical quintozene have initiated a VOLUNTARY RECALL following the SUSPENSION OF ALL QUINTOZENE PRODUCTS in April [2010] by Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.

The VOLUNTARY RECALL is aimed at retail suppliers to REMOVE ALL SUSPENDED QUINTOZENE PRODUCTS FROM SALE.

Quintozene was SUSPENDED by Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority in April [2010] following DETECTION OF DIOXIN IMPURITIES in some batches of quintozene products.

It cannot be supplied in Australia until further notice.

Background Information from an Independent Perspective

Some observers blame the Administrative Staff of CGSA.

As is the case within many trade associations, the administrators frequently dictate policy for the elected officials.

Unfortunately, observers have concluded that CGSA Administrative Staff is perhaps NOT SUITED for the task of Public Affairs.

Nor does CGSA Administrative Staff seem to understand the issues regarding DIOXINS.

In fact, observers strongly recommend that CGSA Administrative Staff be removed from the functions of Public Affairs.

Distractions like « *Crisis ? What Crisis ?* » and « *Wag The Dog* » must end !



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Force Of Nature is the brainchild of William H. Gathercole and his entourage. Mr. Gathercole is a principal founder of the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry in both Ontario and Quebec. He holds a degree in Horticulture from the University of Guelph, and another pure and applied science degree from McGill University. He has worked in virtually all aspects of the Green Space Industry, including golf, professional lawn care, and distribution. Mr. Gathercole has supervised, consulted, programmed, and/or overseen the successful execution of hundreds of thousands of management operations in the urban landscape. He has trained, instructed, and advised thousands of turf managers and technicians. Mr. Gathercole has also been an agricultural agronomist. Mr. Gathercole is personally credited for crafting the Exception Status that has allowed the Golf Industry to avoid being subjected to the prohibition of pest control products. He is also the creator of the signs that are now used for posting after application. Mr. Gathercole is now retired, although his name continues to appear as the founder of Force Of Nature.

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