



Update on Chlorothalonil and Iprodione Proposed Decisions

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Since the CGSA announced on March 9th that it was working on gathering information to allow it to make a submission to the PMRA with respect to its amendment to the proposed re-evaluation decision on chlorothalonil several things have happened that suggested a further update would be helpful to our members.

The CGSA Board of Directors has received a briefing from Syngenta staff outlining the component parts of the PMRA amendment to the proposed re-evaluation decision. The amendment to the re-evaluation decision would limit the use of products containing chlorothalonil to once a year and only for the purpose of treating snow mould disease. The rationale for this approach is a longer re-entry interval than had previously been applied making it impractical to allow for the use of the product on turf, except for the treatment of snow mould.

The CGSA continues to monitor the review being conducted by Syngenta to determine if there is any new information that would be helpful in the preparation of the CGSA submission to the PMRA. In the meantime, the PMRA has indicated that the time for submitting a response to the amendment of the proposed re-evaluation decision has been extended to June 10th, 2016.

While the chlorothalonil amendment comment period is ongoing, the PMRA has also announced, on March 17th, a proposed decision on the re-evaluation of Iprodione. Iprodione is used for the treatment of 24 fungal pathogens on 24 crops, 53 ornamentals and turf in Canada. The PMRA re-evaluation notes that, "Particularly important uses of iprodione include: foliar treatments to control... brown and Fusarium patch, leaf spots, snow moulds and dollar spot on turf." The proposed re-evaluation would cancel all uses of iprodione in Canada. CGSA is working with Bayer to identify the relevant information in the PMRA re-evaluation decision document so as to be able to respond to the PMRA within the 90 day response window.

The outcome of these two reviews and the CGSA position relative to the chlorothalonil amendment and the iprodione proposed decision will be forwarded to the membership well ahead of the submission deadline. Members are encouraged to make their own submissions to the PMRA prior to the related deadline.

The CGSA represents golf course superintendents from across Canada. Its mission is to promote and support superintendents and their profession. The association is also committed to environmentally sustainable practices with respect to the management of golf course properties.

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