

with the CGSA, the WCTA had an opportunity to review and comment on their letter prior to submission.

Collaborative efforts have had a positive impact

WCTA staff continued communication efforts with the PMRA and received the following update September 21st:

Hello again Jerry,
Here's the update you requested on the re-evaluations of chlorothalonil and iprodione. As you know, the re-evaluation consultation documents for these two chemicals were published earlier this year with the consultation periods ending in June and July respectively. The PMRA has received a significant number of comments and information in response to these two documents and is currently reviewing this information. As mentioned in the documents, PMRA will consider all comments received from the public before making final re-evaluation decisions for chlorothalonil and iprodione. **As such, a final re-evaluation decision for these chemicals is not anticipated until March of 2018. For that reason, the proposed labelling requirements are not being implemented at this time and labels are unaffected until a final**

creating AGA-BC's submission(s). Excerpt from the June 9th AGA meeting minutes follow:

8.6 Chlorothalonil Response Letter - on Wednesday, June 8th, Jerry Rousseau circulated information and a draft letter for submission to PMRA Health Canada in regards to the proposed new restrictions of an important and common fungicide for the golf industry, chlorothalonil.

MOTION by Jerry Rousseau to submit chlorothalonil letter as presented to Health Canada, could not be made without quorum and as such was later made via email, seconded by Jamie Robb, and carried. The letter was submitted by the deadline of June 10th and Jamie noted the BCGSA and Capilano have sent submissions as well. Jerry further distributed the AGA-BC's submission to Jeff Calderwood as the NAGA representative for their reference and hope they have also made a submission.

The BCGSA, AGSA and Saskatchewan Turfgrass Association were also contacted in hopes each provincial association would participate in the public feedback component. Worth noting is that the first golf industry submission was made by the Ontario Golf Superintendents Association. Their initial work was extremely helpful for other submissions that followed. Working

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decision is made. For the time being, all chlorothalonil and iprodione-based pesticides be used according to the current product labels. I trust this is satisfactory.

Robert Martin Regulatory Information Officer / Agent d'information sur la réglementation

Upon reviewing the PMRA's response, WCTA President Jason Pick stated, "The news is positive for golf course superintendents, for now, and we're glad to have made an impact at such a high level. The WCTA will continue directing resources toward golf and sportsturf management advocacy efforts." He added, "It's especially gratifying to share successes like this with so many other groups. A common goal has brought us together and our efforts have made a big difference."



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