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Quintozene Alternatives

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Health Canada Re-evaluation Decision RVD2010-06 Quintozen

Selected and adapted excerpts

Re-Evaluation Decision

After a re-evaluation of the fungicide quintozene, Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Health Canada (PMRA) announced that ...

... quintozene is being phased-out for turf and ornamental uses due to the health and / or environmental concerns.

On March 23rd, 2009, a submission by Canadian Golf Superintendents Association (CGSA) to Health Canada alleged that ...

- REPEAT APPLICATIONS of alternatives to quintozene would be required to provide a prolonged period of protection equivalent to that of one application of quintozene. [?!?!]
- Most of the recently-registered alternatives to quintozene have a SINGLE-SITE mode of action. Greater use of active ingredients with a SINGLE-SITE mode of action will increase the risk of developing resistance. [?!?!]
- Quintozen acts as a CONTACT fungicide, and alternative SYSTEMIC fungicides will be less effective since turf is dormant when disease is active. [Wrong !]

The statements were MISGUIDED, MISLEADING, and INCOMPETENT.

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Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Health Canada (PMRA) responded to CGSA allegations with the following statements —

Efficacy Performance

According to Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Health Canada ...

ALTERNATIVE products to quintozene which provide winter–season–long control (such as, for the duration of winter) of Snow Molds on turf with ONLY ONE APPLICATION are registered in Canada.

Examples —

- Instrata (propiconazole, fludioxonil and chlorothalonil)
- Quali–Pro Iprodione 240 SE (iprodione)
- Rovral Green GT (iprodione)

Resistance Management

According to Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Health Canada ...

Quintozene is a group 14 fungicide which acts as a PROTECTIVE CONTACT fungicide.

Most alternatives to quintozene have a SINGLE–SITE mode of action.

However, two ALTERNATIVE active ingredients (chlorothalonil and thiram) have MULTI–SITE modes of action.

The registered SINGLE–SITE active ingredients with a high risk of resistance development should be ALTERNATED with the registered MULTI–SITE fungicides that have a low risk for resistance development in Snow Molds.

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Some ALTERNATIVES to quintozene are registered for use as tank-mixes with products from other Mode of Action Groups for resistance management and to increase efficacy.

Examples –

- Daconil 2787 (chlorothalonil)
- Rovral Green GT (iprodione)

Additionally, products formulated with several active ingredients from different Mode of Action Groups are also currently registered.

Example –

- Instrata (propiconazole, fludioxonil, and chlorothalonil)

Need for Contact Fungicides on Dormant Turf

According to Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Health Canada ...

Gray Snow Molds pass the summer as dormant sclerotia that produce spores during cool (less than 10°C) and wet conditions in the fall.

Pink Snow Mold passes the summer as dormant mycelia.

Pink Snow Mold spores are formed during growth in the fall and are distributed by water drainage.

Fungal growth and infection of the turf by Snow Molds take place under cool, wet conditions, and in particular under the snow cover.

Quintozene has been considered as an effective fungicide for the control of Snow Molds since it is a CONTACT FUNGICIDE WITH PROTECTIVE ACTION.

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CONTACT FUNGICIDES WITH PROTECTIVE (and CURATIVE) ACTION provide an advantage over SYSTEMIC fungicides for the control of Snow Molds since SYSTEMIC fungicides will be less effective in dormant turf.

However, the use of the term « SYSTEMIC » can be IMPRECISE and MISLEADING. The only TRUE SYSTEMIC fungicide, Aliette, is NOT registered for Snow Mold control. Moreover, « SYSTEMIC » is often used to describe those fungicides with a PENETRANT mode of action.

Alternatives to quintozene which act by CONTACT action to control Snow Molds on turf ARE registered in Canada.

Examples —

- Daconil 2787 (chlorothalonil) — CONTACT FUNGICIDE WITH PROTECTIVE ACTION — inhibits growth of germinating fungal cells.
- Instrata (fludioxonil) — CONTACT FUNGICIDE WITH PROTECTIVE ACTION — fludioxonil mainly inhibits germination of spores, and to a lesser extent mycelial growth.
- Rovral Green GT (iprodione) — CONTACT FUNGICIDE WITH PROTECTIVE AND CURATIVE ACTION — inhibits germination of spores and growth of fungal mycelia — LOCALIZED FOLIAR PENETRANT.
- Thiram — CONTACT FUNGICIDE WITH PROTECTIVE ACTION — MULTI-SITE mode of action.

Other alternatives to quintozene have CONTACT and « SYSTEMIC » (i.e. trans-laminar foliar penetrant mode of action) with protective and curative action.

Examples —

- Compass 50WG (trifloxystrobin)
- Heritage MAXX (azoxystrobin)
- Insignia EG (pyraclostrobin)

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Azoxystrobin, Pyraclostrobin, and Trifloxystrobin as Alternatives to Quintozene

Heritage MAXX (azoxystrobin), Insignia EG (pyraclostrobin), and Compass 50WG (trifloxystrobin) have PROTECTIVE and CURATIVE properties.

Compass 50WG (trifloxystrobin) is registered as a tank-mix with Rovral Green GT (iprodione).

Carbathiin, Oxycarboxin, and Thiram as Alternatives to Quintozene

The registrant for the technical grade active ingredients does NOT support the continued use of carbathiin and oxycarboxin on turf.

Thiram is a CONTACT FUNGICIDE WITH PROTECTIVE ACTION.

Iprodione as an Alternative to Quintozene

Iprodione has PROTECTANT and CURATIVE properties.

It inhibits germination of spores and growth of mycelium.

Application is required in the fall and spring when the snow melts.

Rovral Green GT and Quali-Pro Iprodione 240 SE are the only iprodione products registered for a SINGLE APPLICATION prior to snow cover for winter-season-long control.

Rovral Green GT can also be tank-mixed with either Daconil 2787 or Compass 50WG.

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Myclobutanil, Propiconazole, and Triticonazole as Alternatives to Quintozene

Eagle WSP (myclobutanil) and Banner MAXX (propiconazole) are « *SYSTEMIC* » fungicides with PROTECTIVE and CURATIVE properties. In fact, they are LIMITED ACROPETAL FOLIAR PENETRANTS, and LOCALLY SYSTEMIC fungicides.

Eagle WSP is registered for Gray Snow Mold, and NOT Pink Snow Mold.

Premis 200 F (triticonazole) has PROTECTIVE properties. However, it requires repeated applications to control Gray Snow Molds, and can be tank-mixed with Rovral Green GT.

Propiconazole, Fludioxonil, and Chlorothalonil as Alternatives to Quintozene

Only one product is registered in Canada with this combination of active ingredients — Instrata (propiconazole, fludioxonil, and chlorothalonil).

The product label recommends that turf treated in the previous season with Instrata NOT be treated in the following season.

Fludioxonil is a PROTECTANT CONTACT fungicide with LONG RESIDUAL ACTIVITY.

Propiconazole has PROTECTANT and CURATIVE properties.

Chlorothalonil has PROTECTANT properties for Snow Molds.

Thiophanate-Methyl as an Alternative to Quintozene

Senator 70WP (thiophanate-methyl) is registered for Pink Snow Mold only.

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