

Olive Agrichemical Regulatory Risk Assessment

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Regulatory pressures on agrichemicals are increasing globally, with many being either restricted or withdrawn from use. For older agrichemicals these pressures are often the result of reconsiderations involving new or refined risk assessment methodologies that requiring the generation of new data. A consequence of which can be that many of these agrichemicals are not meeting contemporary risk assessment standards as the necessary data is unavailable, or where data is available, the risk posed is considered unacceptable.

The use of agrichemicals can also be impacted through differences in standards between trading partners. The lack of an appropriate pesticide maximum residue limit (MRL) in an importing country can, for practical purposes, effectively prohibit use in the exporting country so as to ensure compliance, as a MRL breach would adversely affect market access.

The effects of the above are greater regulatory pressure placed on the use of individual agrichemicals or chemical groups. As a consequence it is possible that the number of approved agrichemical options could be adversely impacted.

To assist strategic planning, with respect to future pest management options, the following tables have been developed to highlight the regulatory threats to agrichemicals currently approved for the management of the pests and diseases in olives as well as current initiatives aimed at addressing identified pest management deficiencies.

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R1	Short-term: Critical concern over retaining access	
R2	Medium-term: Maintaining access of significant concern	
R3	Long-term: Potential issues associated with use - Monitoring required	

Active Constituents	Chemical group	Problem	Comment
	8.00	INSECT AND OTHER PESTS	
Acetamiprid + pyriproxyfen		Olive lace bug (PER89943) Scale insects (PER89943)	Acetamiprid APVMA: Under review
Alpha-cypermethrin	3A	Apple weevil(PER14791) Curculio beetle (PER14791) Cutworms (PER14791)	EU: Approval withdrawn, grace period expired December 2022 UK: Approval withdrawn
B thuringiensis	11A	Armyworms Cabbage white butterfly Grapevine moth Green looper Helicoverpa species Lightbrown apple moth Looper caterpillars Painted vine moth Soybean looper Tobacco looper Twig (pear) looper	EU: Under review for renewal
Bifenthrin	3A	Termites (Tree establishment, non-fruit bearing)	Canada: Not authorised EU: Not authorised
Botanical oil	UNE	Black (Brown olive) scale	

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Chlorpyrifos	1B	African black beetle(PER14575)	APVMA: Under review.
		Ants (PER14575)	Codex: All MRLs revoked
		Lightbrown apple moth (PER14575)	Canada: Cancellation of all uses.
			EU: No authorisation in place
			USA: EPA decision to cancel use on food crops
Clothianidin	4A	Olive lace bug (PER14897)	APVMA: Under review
			Canada: Field uses cancelled or amended
			EU: Not authorised
			USA: Re-registration with new risk mitigation measures
Dimethoate	1B	Green vegetable bug (PER13999)	Codex: No MRL.
		Olive lace bug (PER13999)	EU: Not authorised
		Rutherglen bug (PER13999)	
		Fruit fly orchard clean-up following harvest (PER13859)	
Esfenvalerate	3A	Olive lace bug (PER86677)	EU: Candidate for substitution
Fatty acids - K salt	UNE	Olive lace bug (PER14414)	
Fenoxycarb	7B	Black (Brown olive) scale	EU: No authorisation in place
Fipronil lure traps	2B	Lesser Queensland fruit fly	APVMA: Under review
		Queensland fruit fly	Codex: Re-evaluation completed, many MRLs withdrawn
			EU: No authorisation in place
			USA: Under review
Flupyradifurone	4D	Black scale	EU: Under review
		Olive lace bug	
Indoxacarb	22A	Red imported fire ant	Canada: No authorisation
			EU: No authorisation
			UK: No authorisation
Paraffinic oil	UN	Black (Brown olive) scale	
		Olive parlatoria scale	
		Red scale	
		Scale insects	
		Soft brown scale	

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Pyrethrins	3A	Ants	Canada: Under review
		Brown marmorated stink bug	
		Caterpillars	
		Earwigs	
		Leafhoppers	
		Yellow spotted stink bug	
		Olive lace bug (PER81870)	
Pyriproxyfen	7C	Ants	
		Ants	
		Black (Brown olive) scale	
S-methoprene	7A	Red imported fire ant	EU: No authorisations
Spinosad	5	Mediterranean fruit fly	
		Queensland fruit fly	
		Fruit fly baits	

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	DISEASES			
Azoxystrobin	11	Anthracnose	Canada: Review proposed	
Copper	M1	Anthracnose	EU: Candidates for substitution	
		Blue & green moulds		
		Fruit rot - Cladosporium		
		Leaf mould (Olive leaf spot)		
		Phomopsis fruit rot		
		Fruit rot/spots		
		Fruit round rot		
		Fusarium fruit rot		
		Geotrichum fruit rot/s		
		Peacock spot		
		Alternaria fruit rot		
Fluopyram + tebuconazole	7 + 3	Anthracnose	Tebuconazole	
			APVMA: nominated for review	
			EU: Candidate for substitution	
Mancozeb	M3	Anthracnose (PER88358)	APVMA: nominated for review	
			Canada: Many uses cancelled	
			Codex: To be reviewed 2024/25	
		(EU: Authorisation not renewed	
Metiram + pyraclostrobin	M3 + 11	Anthracnose (PER87332)	APVMA: nominated for review	
			Canada: All foliar uses, except potato, cancelled	
			Codex: To be reviewed 2024/25 EU: Under review	
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Active Constituents	Chemical	Comment
	group	
	T	WEEDS
Carfentrazone-ethyl	14	
Clethodim (Non-bearing trees)	1	
Diquat (PER85411)	22	APVMA: Currently under review
		EU: No authorisation
Flazasulfuron	2	
Fluazifop-P (PER92476)	1	
Flumioxazin	14	EU: Candidate for substitution
Glufosinate-ammonium	10	Canada: Review proposed
		EU: No authorisation in place
Glyphosate	9	Ongoing issues internationally
		EU: Under review
Oryzalin	3	EU: No authorisations
Oxyfluorfen	14	EU: Candidate for substitution
		USA: Interim review decision Label amendments proposed
Paraquat (PER85411)	22	APVMA: Currently under review
		Canada: Review initiated
		EU: No authorisation in place
		Rotterdam Convention - nomination
Pendimethalin	3	EU: Candidate for substitution
Plant growth regulators		
Ethephon (PER14460)		

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