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Regulatory pressures on agrichemicals are increasing globally, with many being either restricted or withdrawn from use.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 require the generation of new data. A consequence of which can be that many of these chemicals 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 farm chemicals 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 prohibiting the use in the exporting country to ensure compliance, as breaches of MRLs would adversely affect market access.

The effects of the above are greater pressure placed on the availability and use of individual chemicals 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 spring onions and shallots as well as current initiatives aimed at addressing identified pest management deficiencies.

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	Problem	Comments	
Group INSECT AND OTHER PESTS				
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Abamectin	6	Two-spotted mite	APVMA: Nominated for spray drift label review	
		Vegetable leafminer (PER81876)	Canada: Some uses amended, others cancelled	
			EU: Use restricted to permanent greenhouses	
Alpha-cypermethrin	3A	Onion thrips(PER14457)	EU: No authorisation	
		Red-legged earth mite(PER14457)	UK: No authorisation	
Chlorpyrifos	1B	Black field crickets	APVMA: Under review.	
		Cutworms	Codex: All Codex MRLs revoked	
		Field crickets	Canada: Cancellation of all uses.	
		Mole crickets	EU: No authorisation in place	
		Spotted vegetable weevil	USA: EPA decision to cancel use on food crops	
		Vegetable weevil		
		Wingless grasshopper		
Cyantraniliprole	28	Onion thrips		
		Vegetable leafminer (PER90387)		
Diazinon	1B	Onion seedling maggot	APVMA: Under review	
		Thrips (PER82551)	EU: No authorisation in place	
			Codex: Withdrawal of Codex MRLs recommended	
Flonicamid	29	Onion thrips (PER89185)		
		Western flower thrips (PER89185)		
Lambda-cyhalothrin	3A	Looper caterpillars (PER14471)	EU: Candidate for substitution	
		Onion seedling maggot (PER14471)		
		Onion thrips (PER14471)		
		Plague thrips (PER14471)		
		Red-legged earth mite (PER14471)		
		Rutherglen bugs (PER14471)		

Active Constituents	Chemical Group	Problem	Comments
Malathion/Maldison	1B	Onion thrips(PER13653)	APVMA: Under review
			Codex: Re-evaluation scheduled
			EU: Use restricted to permanent greenhouses
			USA: Under review, label use patterns amended
Methomyl	1A	Western flower thrips(PER14890)	APVMA: nominated for review
			Canada: Re-evaluation completed. Majority of uses removed EU: No authorisations in place
			USA: Under review
Petroleum oil	UNM	Aphids(PER12221)	OSA. Officer review
	O 11111	Green mirid(PER12221)	
		Green vegetable bug(PER12221)	-
		Grey cluster bug(PER12221)	
		Leafhoppers(PER12221)	
		Mites(PER12221)	
		Rutherglen bugs(PER12221)	
		Thrips(PER12221)	
Phorate	1B	Aphids (PER8930)	APVMA: nominated for review
		Jassids (PER8930)	Canada: Under review
		Mites (PER8930)	EU: No authorisation in place
		Onion seedling maggot (PER8930)	
		Thrips (PER8930)	
Pirimicarb	1A	Aphids	Codex: JMPR re-evaluation scheduled
		Green peach aphid	EU: Candidate for substitution
		Onion aphid	
Spinetoram	5	Onion thrips	
		Western flower thrips	
Spirotetramat	23	Onion thrips	
		Plague thrips	
		Tomato thrips	
		Western flower thrips	

Active Constituents	Chemical Group	Problem	Comments	
	DISEASES			
Ametoctradin + dimethomorph	45 + 40	Downy mildew	Dimethomorph EU: Under review	
Azoxystrobin	11	White rot	Canada: Review proposed	
Chlorothalonil	M5	Purple blotch Botrytis grey mould (PER82895) Downy mildew (PER82895)	APVMA: nominated for review Canada: Cancellation of uses proposed EU: No authorisation in place USA: Under review	
Copper	M1	Downy mildew (PER14842)	EU: Candidate for substitution	
Cyprodinil +fludioxonil	9+12	Black mould Botrytis grey mould	Cyprodinil Canada: Under review EU: Candidate for substitution Fludioxonil EU: Under review, & candidate for substitution	
Dimethomorph	40	Botrytis rot(PER14473) Downy mildew(PER14473) Purple blotch(PER14473)	EU: Under review	
Fluopicolide	43	Downy mildew	EU: Candidate for substitution	
Mancozeb	M3	Purple blotch Botrytis rot(PER14473) Downy mildew (PER14473)	APVMA: nominated for review Canada: Many uses cancelled Codex: To be reviewed 2024/25 EU: Authorisation not renewed	
Metalaxyl/metalaxyl-M	4	Downy mildew	Metalaxyl EU: Candidate for substitution Metalaxyl-M EU: Restricted use approval	
Oxathiapiprolin	49	Downy mildew		
Penthiopyrad	7	Botrytis blight Purple blotch		
Peroxyacetic acid	M	Downy mildew Neck and bulb rot		

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	Group		
Phosphorous acid	33	Downy mildew(PER13698)	
Propamocarb-HCl	28	Downy mildew	
Triadimenol	3	White rot(PER14906)	APVMA: nominated for review
			Canada: No authorisation in place
			EU: No authorisation in place
			USA: Registration cancelled

Active Constituents	Chemical	Comment		
	Group			
	WEEDS			
Clethodim (PER82459)	1	Codex: MRLs proposed for deletion		
Chlorthal-dimethyl	3	EU: No authorisation in place		
Fluazifop-P (PER82556)	1			
Glyphosate	9	Ongoing issues internationally		
		EU: Under review		
loxynil	6	EU: No authorisation in place		
Linuron (PER89645)	5	Canada: Cancellation of many uses		
		EU: No authorisation in place		
Methabenzthiazuron	5	EU: No authorisation in place		
(PER14742)				
Metolachlor/	15	Metolachlor:		
S-metolachlor		EU: No authorisation		
		S-metolachlor:		
		EU: Proposed non-renewal		
Propachlor (PER12008)	15	EU: No authorisation in place		

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