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Macadamia 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Regulatory pressures on agrichemicals are increasing globally, with many being either restricted or withdrawn from use.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 macadamia nuts as well as current initiatives aimed at addressing identified pest management deficiencies.

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| R1 | Short-term: Critical concern over retaining access |
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| 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 | | | |
| Abamectin | 6 | Broad mite (PER87510) | EU: Restricted use to permanent greenhouses | |
| | | Flat mites (PER87510) | | |
| | | Flower thrips (PER87510) | | |
| Acephate | 1B | Banana-spotting bug | APVMA: nominated for review | |
| | | Flower thrips | Canada: Reviewed, continued use with risk mitigation | |
| | | Fruit-spotting bug | EU: No authorisation in place | |
| | | Macadamia flower caterpillar | | |
| | | Macadamia leafminer | | |
| | | Macadamia nutborer | | |
| | | Red shouldered leaf beetle | | |
| Acetamiprid + | 4A + 7C | Banana-spotting bug | Acetamiprid | |
| Pyriproxyfen | | | APVMA: Under review | |
| | | Citrus mealybug | EU: Under review | |
| | | Fruit-spotting bug | | |
| | | Longtailed mealybug | | |
| | | Pink wax scale | | |
| Bacillus thuringiensis | 11A | Caterpillars | EU: Under review for authorisation renewal | |
| | | Helicoverpa | | |
| | | Painted vine moth | | |
| | | Armyworms | | |
| | | Light brown apple moth | | |
| | | Looper caterpillars | | |

| Active Constituents | Chemical group | Problem | Comments |
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| Beta-cyfluthrin | 3A | Fruit-spotting bug | EU: No authorisation in place |
| | | Macadamia nutborer | |
| | | Yellow peach moth | |
| Chlorantraniliprole | 28 | Fall armyworm (PER89353) | |
| Carbaryl | 1A | Cornelian | Canada: Reviewed, large number of uses deleted |
| | | Macadamia cup moth | Codex: Review scheduled, support uncertain |
| | | Macadamia nutborer | EU: Authorisation not renewed |
| | | Macadamia twig-girdler | USA: Under review |
| | | Red shouldered leaf beetle | |
| | | Wingless grasshopper | |
| | | Yellow peach moth | |
| Chlorpyrifos | 1B | Australian plague locust (PER13642) | APVMA: Under review. Codex: Scheduled for review by JMPR Canada: Cancellation of all uses. EU: No authorisation in place USA: EPA decision to cancel use on food crops |
| Diazinon | 1B | Macadamia felted coccid | APVMA: Under review |
| | | Macadamia leafminer | EU: No authorisation in place |
| | | Macadamia lace bug (PER14276) | Codex: Withdrawal of Codex MRLs recommended |
| Fatty acids - K salt | UNE | Spider mites | |
| Fipronil + S-methoprene | 2B+7A | Yellow crazy ants | Fipronil APVMA: Under review Codex: Re-evaluation underway EU: No authorisation in place S-methoprene EU: No authorisations in place |
| Flupyradifurone | 4D | Banana-spotting bug | EU: Under review |
| | | Fruit-spotting bug | |
| | | Macadamia lace bug | |
| | | Scirtothrips | |

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| | group | | |
| Indoxacarb | 22A | Fire ants | Canada: No authorisation |
| | | Sigastus weevil /Macadamia seed weevil (PER86827) | EU: Authorisation not renewed. Grace period expires 19/9/2022 |
| | | Fall armyworm (PER89278) | |
| Malathion/Maldison | 1B | Australian plague locust (PER13642) | APVMA: Under review |
| | | Wingless grasshopper | Codex: Re-evaluation scheduled for 2023/24 |
| | | | EU: Restricted use to permanent greenhouses |
| Methomyl | 1A | Fall armyworm(PER89293) | APVMA: nominated for review |
| | | Banana fruit caterpillar (PER90592) | Canada: Re-evaluation completed. Majority of uses removed |
| | | | EU: No authorisations in place |
| | | | USA: Under review |
| Methoxyfenozide | 18 | Macadamia flower caterpillar | EU: Proposed restricted authorisation & Candidate for substitution |
| | | Macadamia nutborer | |
| Petroleum oil | UNM | Macadamia felted coccid (PER11635) | |
| Pyriproxyfen | 7C | Fire ants | |
| S-methoprene | 7A | Fire ants | EU: No authorisations in place |
| Spinetoram | 5 | Macadamia nutborer | |
| | | Macadamia twig-girdler | |
| | | Yellow peach moth | |
| | | Yellow peach moth | |
| | | Fall armyworm (PER89241) | |
| Spinosad | 5 | Fruit fly bait (PER80719) | |
| Sulfoxaflor | 4C | Aphids | USA: Pollinator concerns |
| | | Banana-spotting bug | EU: Restricted to permanent glasshouses only |
| | | Black citrus aphid | |
| | | Fruit-spotting bug | |
| Tebufenozide | 18 | Macadamia flower caterpillar | |
| | | Macadamia nutborer | |

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| Tetraniliprole | 28 | Sigastus weevil /Macadamia seed weevil | EU: No authorisations |
| Trichlorfon | 1B | Macadamia flower caterpillar | APVMA: nominated for review |
| | | Macadamia lace bug | Codex: No MRLs |
| | | Banana-spotting bug (PER13689) | EU: No authorisations |
| | | Fruit-spotting bug (PER13689) | USA: No MRLs |
| | | Green vegetable bug (PER13689) | |
| Cholecalciferol | Rodents | | EU: No authorisation |
| Coumatetralyl | | | EU: No authorisation |
| Zinc phosphide | | | |

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| | group | | |
| Azoxystrobin + | 11 + 3 | Husk spot | Azoxystrobin |
| Tebuconazole | | | Canada: Review proposed |
| | | | Tebuconazole |
| | | | APVMA: nominated for review Canada: Under review |
| | | | |
| | | | EU: Candidate for substitution |
| Carda an da sina | | third much | USA: Under review |
| Carbendazim | 1 | Husk spot | Codex: Periodic re-evaluation scheduled |
| Caraca | | | EU: No authorisation |
| Copper | M1 | Anthracnose | EU: Candidates for substitution |
| | | Husk spot | - |
| | | Phomopsis husk rot & canker | - |
| | | Phytophthora root rot | |
| | | Phytophthora Stem rot | |
| Difenoconazole | 3 | Husk spot | APVMA: nominated for review |
| | | | EU: Candidate for substitution |
| | | | USA: Under review |
| Iprodione | 2 | Botrytis blight | Canada: Majority of food crop uses deleted |
| | | Raceme blight (Grey mould) | Codex: Review scheduled |
| | | | EU: No authorisation in place |
| | _ | | USA: Proposed deletion or restriction of uses |
| Mefentrifluconazole | 3 | Husk spot | |
| Metalaxyl / Metalaxyl-M | 4 | Trunk (stem) canker | Metalaxyl |
| | | | EU: Candidate for substitution |
| | | | Metalaxyl-M |
| Penthiopyrad | 7 | Husk spot | EU: Restricted use approval |
| | | | |
| Phosphorous acid (PER84766) | 33 | Trunk (stem) canker | |
| Pyraclostrobin | 11 | Husk spot | Canada: Review initiated |
| Pyraclostrobin + | 11 + 7 | Husk spot | |
| Fluxapyroxad | | | |

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| | WEEDS | | | |
| Carfentrazone-methyl | 14 | | | |
| Diquat | 22 | APVMA: Currently under review | | |
| | 22 | EU: No authorisation in place | | |
| Flumioxazin | 14 | EU: Candidate for substitution | | |
| Glufosinate | 10 | Canada: Review proposed | | |
| | 10 | EU: No authorisation in place | | |
| Glyphosate | 0 | Ongoing issues internationally | | |
| | 9 | EU: Under review | | |
| Haloxyfop-P | 1 | EU: No authorisation in place | | |
| Isoxaben | 29 | | | |
| Oryzalin | 3 | EU: No authorisation in place | | |
| Oxyfluorfen | 14 | 14 EU: Candidate for substitution | | |
| | | USA: Interim review decision Label amendments proposed | | |
| Paraquat | 22 | APVMA: Currently under review | | |
| | | Canada: Review initiated | | |
| | | EU: No authorisation | | |
| | | Rotterdam Convention - nomination | | |
| Pendimethalin | 3 | EU: Candidate for substitution | | |
| Ethephon (PER11462) | - | | | |

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