

PERMETHRIN – TAGROS CHEMICALS LTD. – PRODUCT TYPE 18

As mentioned in our Newsflash nr. 2, dated December 2006, Tagros received the completeness check letter from the Rapporteur Member State Ireland in November 2006, for Permethrin PT 18 (insecticides - BPD). They missed at that time a few studies/reports, wherefore they received a new deadline of 31st of March 2008. Since these studies were finished in December 2007, Tagros submitted them to the RMS before the Christmas Holidays. We are very confident in the dossier of Tagros and we believe that we achieved another important step to secure Permethrin into the European Insecticide market.

PERMETHRIN – PRODUCT TYPE 8

In Newsflash nr. 1, July 2006, we informed you that The Rapporteur Member State Ireland had given a proposal to the Commission for inclusion of Permethrin into Annex I for PT08 (Wood Preservatives -BPD). In June 2006, the dossier was sent to the other European Member States for their approval. Some of the other Member States sent a few remarks and additional questions on the dossier back to the RMS. These additional questions are being addressed according to a timeline agreed with the RMS. Thereafter, Permethrin must be discussed at the technical meeting level before any decision can be reached for either inclusion or non-inclusion.

NEW COLLEAGUE

We hereby welcome our new colleague Mrs. Jolien Clijsters. We hope she will enjoy working within our team and wish her lots of success. She will be Sales Manager for Italy, Germany, Austria, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Switzerland.

PYRETHRUM – UPDATE

BRA (Botanical Resources Australia PTY LTD) are very confident in receiving the Annex I listing for Pyrethrum 50% for both Directive 91/414/EEC (Agriculture) and 98/8/EC (Biocides). Italy, who is the Rapporteur Member State for Agriculture is still looking into the dossier. For the Biocides BRA received the completeness check letter from Rapporteur Member State Spain in July 2006.

The scarcity on the world market of Pyrethrum is still ongoing. Moreover the current political situation in Kenya is not in favour of this Pyrethrum situation. We, as an agent of BRA, receive a lot of requests for Pyrethrum and we notice that prices are going up very rapidly. BRA/Limaru's policy is to sell Pyrethrum only to customers who are prepared to sign an agreement, since we are looking for long term relationships with our customers. If you are interested in Pyrethrum, you can always contact us for more detailed information.

NEW FORMULA

Bio-Allethrin, Bio-Resmethrin and Esbiol are not being defended for the Biocides Directive 98/8/EC and will have to be removed from the market. Products containing these active substances shall no longer be allowed on the market in Europe from 22/08/2008. In order to continue your product, containing today one of these actives, on the European market you need to change your formula and replace it by another approved active ingredient. Please contact us in case you want our assistance in this process.

SOITEM Spa. – Società Italiana Emulsionanti

For a few years now, we are the distributor of the company SOITEM Spa. for some European countries. SOITEM is based in Milan, Italy, and is since 1977 specialised in surfactants and additives for plant protection, mainly for EC, SC and WP formulations. Furthermore, they have a small range of additives for aerosol formulations.

SOITEM Spa is a small company with an excellent group of technicians. They are able to assist with laboratory work to solve formulation problems. It is their strength to find a suitable surfactant/additive for new and existing formulations.

They are preparing themselves for pre-registration and registration of their substances for which REACH-registration is required. Their intention is to finish the pre-registration of the substances by the end of 2008.

If you are interested in receiving some more information about SOITEM Spa and their products, please do not hesitate to contact