



Spinosad Receives Approval for European Positive Organic List

Spinosad, the active ingredient in TRACER™, SPINTOR™, LASER™, CONSERVE™, SUCCESS™ and ENTRUST™ insecticides, was recently reviewed by the EU Organic Standing Committee and approved for the EU positive organic list.

The inclusion of spinosad in this regulation not only allows the use of spinosad containing products in organic agriculture with the European Union, but also allows the organic certification of produce treated outside the European Union. Organic crops treated with Entrust or GF-120™ NF may be imported into the European Union and sold under the EU organic logo, provided the crops meet the existing Maximum Residue Level (MRL) requirements. The organic listing status becomes effective January 2009

First registered in 1996, spinosad is now approved in more than 75 countries. Spinosad is derived as a fermentation product from a naturally occurring soil microbe and has an excellent regulatory and safety reputation. This reputation has been established with end users, regulatory authorities, technical specialists, the academic community, and environmental activists. In the United States, spinosad products have been registered under a "reduced risk" pesticide program and also received the Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award in 1999.

Additionally, several spinosad products have been approved for use in organic agriculture by numerous governmental and non-governmental certification organizations around the world. Interest in spinosad products has been strong within the organic agriculture community, as these products deliver a new standard of highly effective insect control.

Entrust 80W and GF-120 NF have been available in the Canadian market over the past couple of years as a natural choice for vegetable growers to control insect pests and are certified by the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) to be used for the protection of certified organic grown crops.