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Re: Thailand and EU Chlorpyrifos reduction 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I’m reaching out to inform you of two international regulatory developments that will impact users of Bayer’s Storcide® II insecticide in stored grain this year.

On April 30, 2020, Thailand’s National Hazardous Substance Committee (NHSC) reaffirmed its decision to ban the active ingredient Chlorpyrifos effective June 1, 2020. This ban includes Chlorpyrifos Methyl (CPM) the active ingredient in Storcide® II. The NHSC decision mandates a zero-tolerance policy for residues of these active ingredients in food ingredients and stored grain, which will affect shipments of US bulk commodities, particularly wheat.


Additionally, on January 10, 2020, the European Union (EU) formally adopted a decision to not renew approvals of Chlorpyrifos and CPM as active ingredients. This decision also reduced the Maximum Residue Level (MRL) of CPM (Storcide II) in the remaining stored grain commodities (rice, oats, and barley) to the lowest level that can be measured by analytical laboratories, effectively eliminating its future use in the United States on stored grain products destined for the EU. The new, lowered MRLs will become applicable in October 2020.

The implication of these two regulatory developments mean that, stored grain that has been treated with Chlorpyrifos-methyl may not be exported to Thailand after June 1, 2020 unless there are no detectable residues of chlorpyrphos methyl and may not be exported to the EU after October 1, 2020 unless the residue of CM is <0.01ppm.

These two decisions do not affect grain treated with chlorpyrifos-methyl destined for domestic use or for export to CODEX ALIMENTARIUS member countries outside the European Union or Thailand. Those markets remain open.

Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions regarding these regulatory developments. Additionally, please help cascade this information to any Storcide II users and customers in your network so that they are aware as well.

Bayer remains committed to grain producers who count on our products to help protect their harvests and investments. We maintain a strong portfolio of stored grain pest control solutions beyond Storcide II, including Tempo, Sensat®, Suspend® SC, and more. For more information on our portfolio, visit https://www.environmentalscience.bayer.us/pest-management-and-public-health/business-assurance/stored-grain-protection

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