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## **Report Name:** Canada Proposes Revocation of Chlorothalonil MRLs

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### **Report Highlights:**

Following a special review decision of chlorothalonil, Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) has proposed to cancel the use of chlorothalonil on food crops and other outdoor uses as well as the revocation of all chlorothalonil maximum residue limits (MRLs). The PMRA has opened a consultation on this proposed decision and will be accepting comments until May 11, 2022. A 2018 re-evaluation of chlorothalonil by PMRA had previously resulted in retention of most uses of the product.

In February 2022, Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) published a proposed special review decision for chlorothalonil. This special review was triggered by the 2016 European Food Safety Authority report information on chlorothalonil. The European Union ultimately determined that uses of chlorothalonil would be prohibited as a result of human health and environmental concerns. PMRA had previously addressed some human health and environmental concerns in a 2018 re-evaluation decision which resulted in most uses of chlorothalonil being maintained with additional mitigation measures. However, upon consideration of the additional concerns resulting from the 2019 decision by the European Commission, PMRA has now [proposed](#) to cancel all outdoor uses of chlorothalonil as a result of environmental and human health concerns. Uses on ornamentals grown in greenhouses with additional risk mitigation measures relating to environmental concerns are proposed to be retained.

As a result of the concerns raised for human health risks from dietary exposure, all food uses of chlorothalonil are proposed to be canceled with maximum residue limits (MRLs) also proposed for revocation. Canada maintains a general MRL of 0.1 ppm which is applicable whenever an MRL has not been established by PMRA for a particular pesticide and crop. Given the human health concerns, it is not clear if PMRA will simply revoke chlorothalonil MRLs resulting in the general MRL being applicable or if PMRA would establish lower MRLs as a result of these concerns.

PMRA has not requested additional scientific data as a part of this consultation but indicates that registrants and stakeholders may provide additional data should it address any uncertainties in the information database PMRA has established through the special review. Stakeholders are also invited to provide comments to PMRA regarding the proposed decision prior to May 11, 2022. Comments or relevant additional information can be provided to PMRA by citing *Proposed Special Review Decision PSRD2022-01 Special review of chlorothalonil and its associated end-use products* on the PMRA consultation comment webpage:

<http://pest-control.canada.ca/en/public-engagement-portal/forms/consultation-comment>

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