

DPA UE Estado de la regulación

Monrovia, California - USA (Oct. 18, 2010) – El uso de Difenilamina (DPA), un importante material post-cosecha para el tratamiento del escaldado esta siendo revisado por las autoridades de la UE. Incluso con estas revisiones, envasadores fuera de la UE pueden seguir utilizando DPA.

Dentro de la UE, el DPA puede ser utilizado hasta el 31 de Mayo de 2011. Sin embargo, su uso a partir de esta fecha esta siendo defendido por una comisión formada por los principales productores, DECCO Worldwide y Pace International.

El uso de DPA en la UE, y en productos siendo exportados a la UE se ha cuestionado cuando una Comisión Europea rechazó la inclusión del ingrediente activo en el Anexo I de la Directiva de Productos para la Protección de las Plantas (91/1414/EEC). Como resultado, los productos que contengan DPA no podrán ser vendidos en la UE tras el 30 de Mayo de 2010, y los usuarios finales tendrán hasta el 30 de Mayo de 2011 para utilizar su stock.

Para productos que sean procesados en otro lugar y exportados a países de la UE, el Limite Máximo de Residuos (LMR) para el DPA se mantendrá hasta que la UE haga una revisión (un periodo legal para revisar el LMR de aquellas sustancias no incluidas en el Anexo I de hasta dos años tras la no-inclusión). Esta cuestión afecta solo a productos exportados a países miembros de la UE y no afecta al uso del DPA en otros países.

DECCO Worldwide se compromete a defender la posición del DPA como solución viable para clientes cuyos cultivos sufren el problema del escaldado. La compañía esta tomando las siguientes medidas para proteger su uso en la UE, y sobre el producto exportado a la UE:

La comisión compuesta por DECCO y Pace han tomado todos los pasos necesarios para establecer y financiar los estudios que serán necesarios para aclarar las cuestiones presentadas por parte de las autoridades evaluadoras de la UE. Esta comisión ha enviado de nuevo un dossier bajo un proceso acelerado con el fin de proveer una respuesta tan rápido como sea posible. Una comisión similar en los Estados Unidos ha logrado defender el registro una vez más del DPA por parte de la FDA.



La comisión ha tomado acciones legales contra las autoridades de la UE buscando así la suspensión y anulación de la medida de no-inclusión.

El uso del DPA en la UE tras el 30 de Mayo de 2011 puede ser permitido bajo una condición de emergencia. El uso de esta emergencia debe ser solicitado por un productor/envasador a nivel local; este no puede ser iniciado por un fabricante/proveedor. Este uso de emergencia podría permitir un suministro ininterrumpido de DPA de hasta tres temporadas hasta que se alcance un desenlace favorable en la re-evaluación.

Los productos DPA de la gama DECCO No-Scald® están disponibles para su venta fuera de la UE. A través de sus sucursales internacionales, DECCO tiene en cuenta los problemas locales para asegurar que sus clientes siempre cumplen los términos de las regulaciones. Por favor, contáctenos para sus necesidades post-cosecha.

Desde 1932, DECCO ha sido pionera en tecnología post-cosecha, y provee a envasadores y productores con una completa línea de productos post-cosecha y servicios para preservar la integridad del mercado de cítricos frescos, pomos y frutas con hueso con ceras y recubrimientos de alta calidad. La compañía además comercializa limpiadores y jabones para mejorar la seguridad alimentaria en instalaciones de procesado, y fungicidas post-cosecha para extender el tiempo de almacenaje a largo plazo.

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**MESSAGE FROM THE EU DPA TASK FORCE ON REGULATORY STATUS OF
DIPHENYLAMINE ANTI-SCALD FOR APPLES AND PEARS**

The EU Task Force formed to notify Diphenylamine (DPA) to the European authorities has been officially informed today by the European Commission of the non-inclusion of DPA (Com. Dec. 2009/859/EC of 30 November 2009 Official Journal L 314 p.79) onto Annex I of the Plant Protection Products Directive (Dir. 91/414/EEC).

This decision came as a surprise considering the Rapporteur Member State (Ireland) had issued a positive recommendation and no specific risks were highlighted to justify this outcome. The issues raised by the evaluators came at a very late stage of the process when it was no longer possible for the Task Force to address them in a timely manner that would have led to a more favorable decision.

With DPA already safely re-registered in many other regions of the world such as the United States, the Task Force has immediately taken all necessary steps to commission the studies that will address the issues that have been raised by the evaluating authorities. Working closely with representatives of the Rapporteur Member State (Ireland), the Task Force intends to re-submit a dossier under the accelerated procedure according to Commission Regulation (EC) No 33/2008 in order to address the Commission's concern as soon as possible. The Task Force is also envisaging lodging a legal action, seeking the suspension (interim relief) and the annulment of the non-inclusion measure to secure the continued and uninterrupted availability of DPA.

Meanwhile, pending the re-evaluation of the Task Force's dossier, DPA and DPA containing products will remain available from their basic manufacturers Decco and Pace, who are the registered sources in Europe, until 30 May 2010. DPA will be allowed for application by end-users until 30 May 2011. Continuity of supply is therefore assured for another 18 months.

The Task Force is committed to the future of DPA as the one viable solution for its customers and has initiated a series of measures to limit any disruption in supply and use, with the hope that the net effect of the non-inclusion decision will be minimal.

DPA represents the only meaningful solution available to apple and pear growers and packers in key producing, marketing and exporting areas of EU affected by scald, especially in Southern Europe (France, Italy, Spain, and Greece) as well as U.K. & Ireland.

With DPA users under severe financial pressure, the availability of this efficient and very economical treatment is key to the future of growers and packers affected by scald as they fight to protect the value of their apples and pears production (conservatively evaluated above € 1 billion).

The DPA Task Force and its members will keep all stakeholders informed of upcoming developments via regular updates.

The DPA European task force is comprised of Decco Iberica (on behalf of all Decco operations) and Pace (the latter supporting its marketing partner Xeda, which assumes commercial responsibility in Europe).

Decco and Pace are also part of a similar task force in North America, which has successfully achieved re-registration in the United States...

Decco Worldwide (www.deccopostharvest.com) regroups the postharvest activities of United Phosphorus Limited, a diversified Agrochemicals group headquartered in Mumbai, India.

Decco is the worldwide leader in its segment, with operations on all continents.

In Europe, dedicated teams serve key apple and pear markets in Spain & Portugal (Decco Iberica), France, UK and Ireland (Decco France), Italy, Greece and other countries (Decco Italia).

Pace International collaborates with growers, packers and agricultural organizations to develop innovative solutions to enhance, protect, and preserve fruit and vegetable quality. Pace is the leading provider of packinghouse and orchard technologies, equipment and technical services to maximize efficiencies in operations and increase the value of crops being processed. Pace International, LLC, is headquartered in Seattle, Washington, USA, with R&D, Manufacturing and Administration in Wapato, WA, and Sales and Technical Service Offices around the world. For more information, visit <http://www.paceint.com>

XEDA International Group with Headquarters in Saint-Andiol -South of France, is the leading company in Europe for classical post-harvest chemical for pome fruit and potatoes with the widest innovative range of natural and organic products and application machines.

XEDA frequently proposes new approaches through contacts with customer, a powerful research organisation and a highly skilled team.

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With DPA already safely re-registered in many other regions of the world, DECCO through the Task Force consortium has immediately taken all necessary steps to commission the studies that will address the issues that have been raised by the evaluating authorities. Working closely with representatives of the Rapporteur Member State (Ireland), the Task Force intends to re-submit a dossier under the accelerated procedure in order to provide answers as soon as possible. The Task Force is also envisaging to lodge a legal action seeking the suspension (interim relief) and the annulment of the non-inclusion measure to secure the continued and uninterrupted availability of DPA.

Meanwhile, pending the re-evaluation of the Task Force's dossier, DPA will be available in Europe until 30TH MAY 2010 then will be allowed for application by end-users until 30th MAY 2011. Continuity of supply is therefore assured for the short term.

DECCO is committed to the future of DPA as the one viable solution for its customers and has initiated a series of measures to limit any disruption in supply and use, with the hope that the net effect of the non-inclusion decision will be minimal. DECCO and its members will keep all stakeholders informed of upcoming developments via regular updates.

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