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UPDATE: Quinclorac (Clever) receives global MRL approval

To date, Clever (active quinclorac) has been labelled for grains and canola for Canada. However, some grain handlers and processors have refused to handle canola specifically if Clever was used on it; going as far as to add it to grain declarations stating that China has no established Maximum Residue Limit “MRL” and is too large of a market to risk. All this occurred despite the fact that quinclorac has been used for over a decade on canola under other brand names; further that the grain commission tests showed no trace of quinclorac in the collective grain handling system; and despite that the majority of pesticides used on Canola have traditionally not had an established MRL in China or the world recognized Codex registration. China has furthered conveyed the message that it does not test for MRL’s that it has no established MRL for.

Now for the exciting news: Clever (quinclorac) is set to have its MRLs (including use on canola) added to the world recognized Codex in early July of this year removing the last barrier put up by some grain handlers and processors. That quinclorac (Clever) has been reviewed and recommended for Codex by the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues.

What this means to you as a farmer is that you now have full access to the best cleaver control on the market and with the removal of the MRL barrier in July, grain handlers and processors will be handling canola seed sprayed with Clever. With that said, we would like to acknowledge that some of the grain companies and processors that had put out what we see as an unwarranted resistance will not lift their action until after the MRL is added to Codex in early July. Let’s remember that on our past releases we established how, on any given year, an additional 100+ million can be profited by giving farmers dockage and grade reductions due to cleavers while selling the same cleavers as canola number 1 grade on the world market. We must further acknowledge that the latest Canadian Canola Council “CCC” messaging suggests contacting your local grain handlers regarding this issue who will likely be unaware of the details regarding the latest developments.

Given the late recommendation to add quinclorac to Codex we have limited supply of Clever available. To order yours or if you have any questions regarding this announcement please contact our office or a GNG Dealer near you.

Best regards,

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Quinclorac Receives Global MRL Approval!

On April 14 2018, Quinclorac received a recommendation by the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR). This was the final step required to obtain a 0.15 ppm maximum residue limit (MRL) for Quinclorac's global approval for use on canola and other crops. The Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) will post this on their Website in early July.

According to our sources at Health Canada, the posting by CAC in early July is routine and represents the final part of the process. In the last 10 years, all herbicide MRL recommendations by CCPR have resulted in the same "rubber stamp" by the CAC group in early July.

In discussion with some of the grain and oilseed companies, it is expected they will remove Quinclorac off their declaration in early July. This opens up the use of Quinclorac on canola for spring 2018.

Some local grain elevator or oilseed processors may not be in a position to accept delivery until their head office removes Quinclorac from the declaration in early July. On behalf of the industry, we apologize for this delay and confusion it may create. Some grain and oilseed companies require "0 risk" before they will make the necessary changes for 2018. Based on the 10 year history, the CAC will adopt the recommendation by CCPR.

Productierra has limited supplies of Clever herbicide available in Canada through their distributor Great Northern Growers Inc. Please call them to secure the supplies for this upcoming season.

For more information or if you have any questions re this exiting news, please feel free to call Productierra's representative Craig Rath at 1-306-227-2822.

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