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Subject: Section 18 for Thiophanate-Methyl on Tomatoes

Information courtesy of Thomas Kaczoroski, Emergency Exemption Coordinator for the New Jersey Pesticide Control Program (NJDEP):

Action: March 22, 2007. EPA has granted a specific exemption under Section 18 of FIFRA to the NJDEP for the use of thiophanate-methyl, formulated as Topsin M WSB, to control Timber Rot or White Mold (*Sclerotinia sclerotiorum*) on tomatoes. The registered product, registration numbers 4581-408, 73545-16, or 73545-16-82659, is manufactured by Cerexagri, Inc. This specific exemption expires on October 31, 2007.

The exemption is subject to the conditions of NJDEP's request for exemption, as well as conditions and exemptions specifically listed in the exemption letter from EPA.

Background: This is the second year that the EPA has issued this exemption to the NJDEP. In 2006, the situation was non-routine and urgent since benomyl (the material historically used to control this disease) had been cancelled.

The NJDEP has re-certified that this emergency condition still exists for 2007. As stipulated by EPA in its 2006 exemption, IR-4 has developed data to support this use and an application for registration has been submitted. EPA considers this adequate progress toward registration.

For this and other Section 18's for NJ, see www.pestmanagement.rutgers.edu/NJinPAS/PesticideRegistration/NJ18s.htm.

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