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Cranberry News

CODEX ESTABLISHES 15 PPM CHLOROTHALONIL (BRAVO) MRL

This spring, Codex, the international food safety standard setting body, established a maximum residue level (MRL) for chlorothalonil (Bravo) on cranberries at 15 ppm, which is less restrictive than the U.S. MRL of 5 ppm.

In April 2011, at the Codex pesticide meeting in Beijing, a proposal was put forward to eliminate the 5 ppm Bravo cranberry MRL. A CMC representative provided specific information on the compound's use and purpose in the domestic industry. The U.S. delegation asked to speak at the meeting and requested the current 5 ppm MRL be maintained for 4 years to gather the needed data. This request was granted. The CMC then obtained a \$186,000 Technical Assistance for Specialty Crop (TASC) grant from USDA to conduct the needed studies.

Once completed, the studies were submitted to Codex reviewers, who unexpectedly sought more information. A second TASC grant was obtained in 2016 for an additional \$110,000 to address these new concerns. The U.S. Codex delegation sought to maintain the temporary 5 ppm MRL for another 4 years as the information

was gathered. Although unprecedented, Codex granted this request. The new studies were completed and deemed acceptable, although the UK raised questions in 2021, which further delayed the final approval. The Codex MRL is set at 15 ppm as opposed to 5 ppm because Codex conducts independent reviews of information and the data supports the higher MRL.

The consequence of this change is that countries that use Codex MRLs, such as New Zealand, South Africa, Israel, and much of Latin America and Southeast Asia will now apply a 15 ppm MRL. Other countries, such as China and India, who consider Codex MRLs when setting their own MRLs, may also adjust their standards. For markets such as Europe, Australia, Canada, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan, who maintain national MRL lists, the MRL will not change but could be considered in future reviews.

The U.S. cranberry industry has worked on this issue for 12 years, providing crucial technical data and updating stakeholders along the way. CMC is pleased to share the success of this new international Codex MRL being established.



In February, CMC traveled to Dubai, United Arab Emirates, to attend Gulfood - the world's largest annual F&B sourcing event, uniting food and beverage communities from more than 120 countries.



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EU PUBLISHES ASSESSMENT OF MANCOZEB MRL REVIEW

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has published its scientific assessment of the MRL review for mancozeb. While a MRL for cranberries may be derived from Codex, EFSA raised health concerns with a metabolite which may result in the European Commission restricting the EU MRL. A formal proposal is likely to be made available for consideration in September or November 2023.

Mancozeb was reviewed together with other dithiocarbamate substances, such as metiram, ziram, and maneb as they share the same residue definition. For this reason, the publication of this assessment has been delayed multiple times.

In the current assessment, EFSA lists a possible MRL for cranberries at 5 ppm or 2 ppm, based on different residue definitions. However, a footnote highlights that this tentative MRL is based on a Codex MRL, which is not fully supported by data and that the Codex MRLs were not recently reviewed. In addition, EFSA also highlights that the metabolite “ETU” is classified as toxic for reproduction category 1B and meets the endocrine disruptor criteria for humans. Therefore, EFSA suggests further consideration by the EU Commission.

In short, while the scientific assessment was able to derive a MRL based on Codex, it suggests that the European Commission takes into consideration the potential health concerns identified with a metabolite when drafting a new MRL regulation. The EU Commission will present a draft regulation for discussion in the SCoPAFF committee. The next meeting is scheduled for September 18-19.

At this time, it is unknown whether the EU Commission will propose a MRL for cranberries based on the levels derived from the Codex MRL or whether they will continue to restrict MRLs for substances that have identified health concerns. More information will be communicated when a draft proposal is made available.



CHINA DECREE 248 REGULATION JUNE 30 DEADLINE

On January 1, 2022, China implemented ‘Decree 248’ – requiring final production facilities and cold storage sites supplying the Chinese market to be registered and for product to be labeled with the assigned registration number on the inner and outer packaging. In February 2022 China expanded the scope of the regulation to include a wide range of new products, including dried cranberries, cranberry concentrate, frozen cranberries, and cranberry juice drinks.

Of particular importance, ***China has set a deadline of June 30, 2023, for companies to submit the required facility registration information to ensure full compliance with Decree 248.***

This deadline is important as many companies that registered via China’s online system over the past year and a half may not have submitted all the necessary facility information. Additional information required by Chinese authorities may include floor plans and other detailed, technical information that might take time to source. This information must be submitted to complete the registration process.

Notably, despite attempts to seek clarification from China, it is unclear if this additional information needs to be submitted by June 30 or if Chinese authorities must review and approval the registration by this date. Where relevant, it is strongly advised that industry members review the registration status in the online system and ensure all required information is submitted to Chinese authorities well in advance of the June 30 deadline.

FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON REPORT: SECOND QUARTER NUMBERS INCLUDING CY2022

CY2022 second quarter summary reports, as well as several comparison reports, can be found by clicking “Data and Reports” under the “Industry” menu on www.uscranberries.com. The chart below represents data from September 1 to April 30 of each year. A few general observations comparing the 2021 vs. 2022 data are as follows:

- Foreign acquired fruit increased 15.39%
- Domestic sales decreased -1.46%
- Foreign sales decreased -5.8%
- Shrinkage decreased -123.77%
- Total ending inventory increased 9.88%

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Beginning Inventory					
Barrels Unfrozen:	0	0	0	0	0
Barrels in Freezers:	2,281,453	2,484,365	1,726,311	1,797,297	1,350,307
Barrels in Process Form:	2,016,816	1,671,832	1,020,448	957,262	688,093
Barrels in Concentrate Form:	2,586,624	1,780,092	2,017,370	1,608,651	1,064,869
Inventory Before Adjustments:	6,884,893	5,936,289	4,764,129	4,363,210	3,103,269
Adjustments:	-267	5,821	1,203	33,699	108,770
Adjusted Beginning Inventory:	6,884,626	5,942,110	4,765,332	4,396,909	3,212,039
Sources					
Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut:	2,237,243	2,015,713	1,876,891	1,586,555	1,989,251
New Jersey:	447,592	447,723	513,801	570,315	544,048
Oregon:	544,464	515,038	546,251	488,030	386,231
Washington:	180,778	141,863	185,686	157,499	161,196
Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota:	5,271,545	4,485,133	4,609,882	3,901,659	4,797,703
Other states:	0	0	0	0	0
Total Domestic Acquired:	8,681,622	7,605,470	7,732,511	6,704,058	7,878,429
Foreign Acquired - Fresh:	76,013	75,156	41,704	53,470	167,583
Foreign Acquired - Processed:	1,837,957	1,252,032	1,693,047	1,464,128	1,558,776
Foreign Acquired - Concentrate:	11,835	47,742	6,070	61,794	96,089
Total Barrels Acquired:	10,607,427	8,980,400	9,473,332	8,283,450	9,700,877
Barrels in Transit:	87,959	98,216	104,330	76,918	44,630
Sales					
Domestic Sales - Fresh:	281,317	281,392	285,814	220,222	247,916
Domestic Sales - Processed:	3,612,966	4,015,257	4,040,580	3,781,795	3,902,969
Domestic Sales - Concentrate:	712,680	713,585	706,403	757,691	550,865
Sold to Government:	45,847	37,588	18,719	28,905	16,920
Total Domestic Sales:	4,652,810	5,047,822	5,051,516	4,788,613	4,718,670
Foreign Sales Fresh:	47,304	49,572	42,788	28,931	37,545
Foreign Sales Processed:	2,139,613	1,747,439	1,183,922	1,332,034	1,467,000
Foreign Sales Concentrate:	269,413	457,738	608,413	708,831	444,996
Total Sales:	7,109,140	7,302,571	6,886,639	6,858,409	6,668,211
Shrinkage:	924,495	85,587	114,268	144,239	-34,298
Total Sales & Shrinkage:	8,033,635	7,388,158	7,000,907	7,002,648	6,633,913
Ending Inventory					
Barrels Unfrozen:	0	0	0	0	11,673
Barrels in Freezers:	5,696,057	4,241,704	4,484,945	3,834,113	4,315,102
Barrels in Process Form:	1,434,689	984,605	1,097,793	624,784	661,286
Barrels in Concentrate Form:	2,415,631	2,406,259	1,759,349	1,295,732	1,335,572
Total Barrels in Inventory:	9,546,377	7,632,568	7,342,087	5,754,629	6,323,633



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CMC CONTINUANCE REFERENDUM TAKING PLACE JUNE 2023

The Cranberry Marketing Committee Continuance Referendum will be conducted from June 9 through June 30, 2023. Ballots and voting instructions will be sent from USDA's Southeast Region Branch to all producers of record. ***Ballots returned via express mail or electronic mail must show proof of delivery by no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on June 30, 2023, to be counted.***

USDA has determined that continuance referenda are an effective means for determining whether producers favor the continuation of marketing order programs. USDA would consider termination of the Order if a majority of producers voting in the referendum representing more than 50 percent of the volume of cranberries represented in the referendum favor termination of the program.

The previous referendum in 2019 passed with 79 percent of all the producers voting – representing 82 percent of the volume of production by those voting – favoring continuance.

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