
From: Wheals Ian CHBS
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 1:45 PM
To: Robert Georges CHDI
Cc: Baker Simon GBGU
Subject: RE: Paraquat specs

Georges,

Three new FAO specifications for paraquat were established in 2003

- PARAQUAT DICHLORIDE TECHNICAL CONCENTRATES FAO Specification 56/TK/S/F (2003)
- PARAQUAT DICHLORIDE SOLUBLE CONCENTRATES FAO Specification 56/SL/S/F (2003)
- PARAQUAT DICHLORIDE WATER SOLUBLE GRANULES FAO Specification 56/SG/S/F (2003)

All specifications have been approved, this was confirmed at the FAO meeting in 2004. The TK specification was published on the FAO website in March 2004 but the publication of the specifications for formulations awaits the receipt by FAO and the reviewer Alan Hanks of the peer review report for analysis of emetic and terpyridines in these formulations. Unfortunately there is still work to be done to ring test the terpyridine method.

I attach the unpublished but approved specs for your information.



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The independent lab CSL is able to analyse formulated product against these specs.

My proposal would be to explain this situation to the authorities in Mauritius and provide these unpublished but approved specs to them and recommend these are the appropriate specs against which to analyse Syngenta's and the generic products and recommend this work is done at CSL.

The alternative is that the authorities revert to the old specification which does not mention terpyridines and talks about the need for an effective emetic but does not name PP796 or set a minimum level for PP796. This old specification is also no longer published, but I attach it for your information.



FAO spec.doc

I await your comments,

Ian

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Georges CHDI
Sent: 20 May 2005 14:26
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Ian,

Where do you take this info about formulated product and the 0.23, this is not in the 2003 specs, there are no specs for formulated products....?

- The **formulated product shall consist** essentially of an aqueous solution of technical paraquat dichloride, together with wetting and safening agents which must include an effective emetic, and blue/green colourants, and may include other safeners including olefactory alerting agents and thickeners
- PP796, must be incorporated into paraquat technical material at not less than 0.8 g/l, and in the formulated product **at not less than 0.23% of the paraquat** ion content.

Thanks and best regards. georges