



Consultation on Strychnine and Its Associated End-use Products (Ground Squirrel Use), Proposed Re evaluation Decision PRVD2018-13

Strychnine is a registered pesticide used by growers to control ground squirrels. Products containing strychnine for ground squirrel control include Maxim 2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate and S.A.R.M Gopher Poison R.T.U.

Following a scheduled re-evaluation under the Re-evaluation Program, Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) is consulting Canadians on the proposal to cancel the use of strychnine for ground squirrel control due to effects on non-target animals.

This review identified environmental concerns in the potential poisoning of non-target animals, including species at risk such as the swift fox and burrowing owl. There is concern mitigation measures would not be practical.

As such, Health Canada is proposing to cancel the registration of Maxim 2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate, and to require removal of ground squirrel use from the label of S.A.R.M Gopher Poison R.T.U.

Find the full list of pesticides containing Strychnine in the [Label Search Database](#).

For more information on the proposed decision open the "[Proposed Re-evaluation Decision](#)".

How to Get Involved

This consultation is open for comment from 29 June 2018 to 27 September 2018 (90 calendar days).

To comment on PRVD2018-13:

Step 1 [Request the full consultation document](#) to read the Science Evaluation that is the basis of this proposed regulatory decision.

Step 2 Submit comments to the PMRA [Publications Section](#).

All comments received will be considered. A final re-evaluation decision will consider additional scientific information provided during the public comment period.

Please refer to the document title – for example: PRVD2018-13, Strychnine and Its Associated End-use Products (Ground Squirrel Use) – when providing comments.

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Health Canada will make the results of this consultation available on this website. Once the decision is finalized, the PMRA will post a Re-evaluation Decision on the Pesticides and Pest Management [Reports and Publications](#) portion of Canada.ca.

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