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Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods

Use of ethylene as a flowering agent for pineapples and for degreening of citrus for the purpose of fruit fly prevention

COMMENTS AT STEP 3

COMMENTS FROM: USA

USA

Other uses of ethylene

- Use of ethylene as a sprouting inhibitor for onions and potatoes.
- Use of ethylene as a flowering agent for pineapples and for degreening of citrus for the purpose of fruit fly prevention

The U.S. supports the inclusion of ethylene as a flowering agent for pineapples and for degreening of citrus for the purpose of fruit fly prevention.

The inclusion of ethylene as a flowering agent for pineapples and for degreening of citrus was recommended by the electronic working group based on the criteria established in Section 5.1 – Requirements for Inclusion of Substances to Annex 2 and Criteria for the Development of Lists of Substances.

The U.S. agrees with the recommendation of the working group that the uses of ethylene as a flowering agent for pineapples and for degreening of citrus are eligible for inclusion in Annex 2 according to the established criteria. Further, we agree with the Committee decision at the 39th session “to place these applications in Annex 2, Table 2, under ‘Other’, with the justification that both applications could be seen as plant protection measures”.