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Inclusion of spinosad, copper octanoate and potassium bicarbonate in Annex 2, Table 2

COMMENTS AT STEP 3

COMMENTS FROM:

BRAZIL
NIGERIA
THAILAND

BRAZIL

(i) General Comments:

We would like to thank for the opportunity to comment on CX/FL 12/40/9. Brazil supports the inclusion of spinosad with the proposed condition, copper octanoate and potassium bicarbonate in Annex 2, Table 2.

NIGERIA

Inclusion of spinosad

Nigeria has no objection to the use of spinosad in the labeling standard, however, we would recommend that it should be accompanied by the conditions for use and specific warning of its negative effects on bees, oyster and other marine mollusks, for example applications to areas where the farming of these products are done should be avoided.

Justification:

This is necessary to prevent unintended adverse effect of Spinosad on bees, oysters and marine molluscs.

Inclusion of copper octanoate

Nigeria recommends the use of copper octanoate as a fungicide in organic farming.

Justification:

The label rates for copper octanoate (in terms of pure copper ion) are lower than for other copper compounds, both per application and over a season.

Inclusion of potassium bicarbonate

Nigeria recommends the use of potassium bicarbonate as a fungicide in organic farming,

Justification:

Nigeria believes that since it has been permitted as a food additive and it cannot be harmful when used as a fungicide.

THAILAND

Thailand supports the addition of spinosad, potassium bicarbonate and copperoctanoate in annex 1, table 2 under the application conditions proposed by the working group to be new substances.