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Proposal to allow labelling of human pathogens on products regulated under the *Pest Control Products Act*

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Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to inform the Canadian public and stakeholders of Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) intention to allow the labelling of human pathogens on products regulated under the *Pest Control Products Act*. Labelling of human pathogens, by their scientific name, will be permitted on pest control product labels, if there is sufficient scientific evidence demonstrating the efficacy of the product against these microorganisms. This approach would align with current labelling practices for certain products (for example, hard surface disinfectants) regulated under the *Food and Drugs Act*.

Background

Historically, names of human pathogens have not been permitted to appear on the label of a pest control product registered in Canada under the *Pest Control Products Act*. Products used to reduce the number of pathogens were only allowed generic claims such as "kills 99.9% of bacteria on hard surfaces". However, with the publication of the Interim Order regulating certain UV radiation-emitting and ozone-generating devices to control, destroy, make inactive, or reduce the levels of bacteria, viruses and other micro-organisms that are human pathogens, and the increased interest in aligning policy positions with other regulators, this position has been reassessed.

It is Health Canada's intent to allow the scientific names of human pathogens to appear on the labels of registered pest control products after a scientific review has confirmed the efficacy of the product against these pathogens. This will apply to any relevant registered pest control product, not to just those devices within the scope of the Interim Order. In order for a specific claim against a human pathogen to appear on the label, information must be provided that demonstrates the ability of the product to provide a meaningful level of control against the specific pathogen (in other words, minimum 3-log reduction). Registrants are encouraged to request a pre-submission consultation to confirm the data requirements for the specific labelling sought for their product.

With the above in mind, the following types of label statements will be permitted if substantiated by scientifically sound efficacy data:

- Kills 99.9% of bacteria/viruses.
- Kills 99.9% of bacteria/viruses, including [list of specific human pathogens by name].
- When used as directed, this pest control product/device kills 99.9% of [virus name], the virus that causes [disease name].

Next steps

The PMRA will consider written comments on this notice up to 30 days from the date of publication of this document.

Please direct all comments to:

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