Re-evaluation Decision RVD2025-06

German Cockroach Extract and Its Associated End-use Products

Final decision

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Re-evaluation decision for German Cockroach Extract and associated end-use products

Under the authority of the *Pest Control Products Act*, all registered pesticides must be re-evaluated by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) to ensure that they meet current health and environmental standards and have value. The re-evaluation considers information from various sources such as data and information from pesticide manufacturers and other regulatory agencies, as well as comments directly related to the proposed re-evaluation decision, such as comments directed to the science evaluation, received during public consultations. Health Canada applies internationally accepted risk assessment methods as well as risk management approaches and policies.

This document presents the final re-evaluation decision[1] for the re-evaluation of German Cockroach Extract, including the label amendments required to bring labels to current standards. All products containing German Cockroach Extract regulated under the *Pest Control Products Act* in Canada are subject to this re-evaluation decision.

German Cockroach Extract is a naturally occurring chemical extract that contains many different chemical compounds and is derived from feces-contaminated substrates in German cockroach colonies (Canada, 2008). German Cockroach Extract is registered as a German cockroach attractant in cockroach traps for indoor use only.

Currently registered products containing German Cockroach Extract can be found in the Pesticide Product Information Database and in Appendix I. The Proposed Re-evaluation Decision PRVD2025-02, *German Cockroach Extract and its Associated End-use Products*[2] containing the evaluation of German Cockroach Extract and proposed decision, underwent a 90 day consultation period ending on 15 May 2025. PRVD2025-02 proposed continued registration of German Cockroach Extract products in Canada, with updates to label directions and precautions to reflect the current labelling standards and to improve clarity (Appendix II).

Two comments were received from the public expressing concerns about animal testing and indicating that pesticides, in general, harm human health and or the environment. No comments specific to the assessment and proposed risk mitigation measures presented in PRVD2025-02 were received. Therefore, this decision is consistent with the proposed re-evaluation decision stated in PRVD2025-02, which lists all information used as the basis for the re-evaluation decision.

Re-evaluation decision for German Cockroach Extract

Health Canada has completed the re-evaluation of German Cockroach Extract. Under the authority of the *Pest Control Products Act*, Health Canada has completed all required evaluations and consultations and has determined that the registration of products containing German Cockroach Extract is required to be amended, in accordance with paragraph 21(2)(a) of the *Pest*

[1] "Decision statement" as required by subsection 28(5) of the *Pest Control Products Act*.

[2] "Consultation statement" as required by subsection 28(2) of the *Pest Control Products Act*.

Control Products Act. An evaluation of available scientific information found that all uses of German Cockroach Extract products meet current standards for protection of human health and the environment and have acceptable value when used with label updates.

Risk mitigation measures

Registered pesticide product labels include specific directions for use. Directions include risk mitigation measures to protect human health and the environment and must be followed by law. The required amendments, including any revised/updated label statements, as a result of the re-evaluation of German Cockroach Extract, are summarized below. Refer to Appendix II for details.

Label improvements to meet current standards:

Human health

Update first aid and precaution statements to current standards (for example, to keep out of reach of children and pets, and to avoid contact with food preparation items/surfaces).

Value

Update general statements for clarity (for example, replace the general term “roach” with “German cockroach”).

Implementation of the re-evaluation decision

Regulatory Directive DIR2018-01, *Policy on Cancellations and Amendments Following Re-evaluation and Special Review* provides information and general timelines regarding the implementation of post-market decisions, (for example, up to 24-month timeline for label amendments). The post-market decision considers potential health and environmental risks regarding the use of the pest control product, and its value, when establishing the implementation timelines.

Amendment timeframe

The implementation timeline of 24 months for the required amendments (label updates) for pest control products containing German Cockroach Extract is considered acceptable. These required amendments must be implemented within 24 months after the publication date of this decision document.

Next steps

To comply with this decision, the required amendments (label updates) must be implemented on all product labels no later than 24 months after the publication date of this decision document. Accordingly, both registrants and retailers will have up to 24 months from the date of this decision document to transition to selling the product with the newly amended labels. Similarly, users will also have the same 24-month period from the date of this decision document to transition to using the newly amended labels, which will be available on the Public Registry.

Other information

Any person may file a notice of objection[3] regarding this decision on German Cockroach Extract and its associated end-use products within 60 days from the date of publication of this Re-evaluation Decision. For more information regarding the basis for objecting (which must be based on scientific grounds), please refer to the Pesticides and Pest Management Section of the Canada.ca website (Public Engagement Portal - Public Engagement Forms - Notice of Objection) or contact PMRA's Pest Management Information Service.

The relevant confidential test data on which the decision is based (as referenced in PRVD2025-02) are available for public inspection, upon application, in PMRA's Reading Room. For more information, please contact the PMRA's Pest Management Information Service.

[3] As per subsection 35(1) of the *Pest Control Products Act*.

Appendix I Registered products containing German Cockroach Extract in Canada

Table 1 Products containing German Cockroach Extract requiring (label) amendments[1]

Registration number	Marketing class[2]	Registrant	Product name	Formulation type	Guarantee (%)
28721	T	Woodstream Canada Corporation	German Cockroach Extract Technical	Liquid	100
28722	D	Woodstream Canada Corporation	Victor Roach Magnet	Device	0.03
28723	C	Woodstream Canada Corporation	Victor Roach Trap	Device	0.03
28724	C	Woodstream Canada Corporation	Victor Roach Trap and Monitor	Device	0.03

1 As of 15 May 2025, excluding discontinued products or products with a submission for discontinuation.

2 T = Technical Grade Active Ingredient, C = Commercial, D = Domestic

Appendix II Label amendments for products containing German Cockroach Extract

Information on labels of currently registered products should not be removed unless it contradicts the label statements provided below.

All products:

On the principal display panel, replace the term “guarantee” with “active ingredient”.

Update the “FIRST AID” section as per the PMRA Guidance Document, First Aid Labelling Statements, March 2022.

Domestic class end-use product:

Replace the general term “roach” with “German cockroach”.

Add the following statements to the “PRECAUTIONS” section:

> “DO NOT place in areas accessible to children and pets. DO NOT remove bait from the station. DO NOT place on food preparation items/surfaces or directly over food.”

Commercial class end-use products:

Add the following statements to the “PRECAUTIONS” section:

> “DO NOT place in areas accessible to children and pets and livestock. DO NOT remove bait from the station. DO NOT place on food preparation items/surfaces or directly over food.”