

Changes to folpet pesticides registration (agricultural uses)



All pesticides used in Canada must be registered under the *Pest Control Products Act*. Pesticides are re-evaluated to ensure that they continue to meet health and environmental requirements. Re-evaluation may result in the revocation of a product or product uses. Health Canada may also request changes to a product's label, including mitigation measures, use sites and application methods.

Folpet is a fungicide used on many ornamentals and food crops. Highlights of the re-evaluation decision for the agricultural uses of the active ingredient **folpet**, published on January 23, 2020, are summarized below.

Label changes for folpet pesticides, as of January 23, 2022

Cancelled uses due to health risk

- Stop stem soaking for azalea (all products)
- Stop using on apples, crab apples and cranberries (wetable powder products)

Other measures to reduce health risk

- Updated restricted-entry intervals (REI) and pre-harvest intervals (PHI)
- Reduction to the maximum number of applications for:
 - ✓ Greenhouses
 - ✓ Outdoor ornamentals grown for cut flower production
 - ✓ Tomatoes not grown for processing
- Updated maximum application rates
- Updated minimum re-treatment intervals
- Rotational plant-back interval of 12 months required for crops not listed for use on the label
- Added personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements, by type of application
- Added statement to use only on those ornamentals (greenhouse or outdoors) specified on the label
- Added statements to protect bystanders from spray drift
- For wettable powder products:
 - ✓ A closed cabin equipped with an adequate air filter preventing any contact between the occupant and the pesticides is required for airblast application
 - ✓ Limit of 40 kg product handled per person per day when using groundboom application equipment

Measures to reduce environmental risk

- Aerial application prohibited
- Added statements to prevent contamination of aquatic habitats or irrigation and drinking water supplies, including the recommendation to add a vegetative filter strip
- Added risk mitigation statements for field sprayer and airblast application to prevent spray drift
- Updated buffer zones

Read the label

All pesticides registered in Canada have a Health Canada-approved label with a registration number. Read the pesticide label carefully, as it contains specific information on how to use it.

To find the most up-to-date label, use our online [label search tool](#) or search for “Health Canada pesticide labels” using your favourite search engine.

Users must follow the instructions on the updated labels.

Using a product contrary to label directions is a violation of the *Pest Control Products Act*.

For more information

Re-evaluation decision [RVD2020-02](#), Folpet and its associated end-use products for agricultural uses. *The Health Canada-approved label is the official document for enforcement purposes. In the event of any discrepancy with the contents of this factsheet, the information on the label shall prevail.*

Health Canada's Pesticide Compliance Program (PCP) is responsible for the enforcement of the *Pest Control Products Act*. Visit: canada.ca/pesticide-compliance