



# Changes to the registration of captan pesticides



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.

Captan is a fungicide used on field, greenhouse and orchard crops, greenhouse and outdoor ornamentals, and turf (golf courses and sod farms). Highlights of the re-evaluation decision of the active ingredient **captan**, published on May 10, 2018, are summarized below.

## Cancelled products

### As of March 31, 2019

**Stop using** domestic-class products.

**The sale of these products is prohibited as of March 31, 2018.**

### As of May 10, 2021

**Stop using** products in the form of wettable powder or wettable granules:

- From now on, these formulations must be offered in water-soluble packaging.

## Label changes for captan pesticides, as of May 10, 2020

### Cancelled uses

**Stop the following uses:**

- Ornamental stem dip
- Application on greenhouse cut flowers
- Flower bulbs dip by hand
- Application to tobacco seedlings
- On-farm dry treatment (hand mixing) of bean seeds
- Seed treatment for small-grain vegetables: broccoli, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower and sugar beet

### Other risk reduction measures

- Maximum spray volume of 150 L/ha on rhubarb in forcing sheds
- Reduction of maximum application rates on fruit trees, grapes and strawberries
- Limit of three applications per season on grapes
- Closed transfer systems (mixing, loading, calibration) and treatment equipment required when treating seeds in commercial facilities, including mobile units

## Other risk reduction measures (cont'd)

- Closed cab equipped with a filter preventing contact between the occupant and pesticides required for boom spray applications, except for seed treatment, when handling daily:
  - ✓ More than 42 kg of liquid formulated products
  - ✓ More than 57 kg of active ingredient in the form of wettable powder or water-soluble sachets (wetable granules).
- Updated buffer zones
- Updated personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements
- Updated restricted-entry intervals (REI)

Users must follow the instructions on the updated labels.

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

## 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.

## For more information

Re-evaluation decision [RVD2018-12](#), Captan and its associated end-use products. *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 enforcing the *Pest Control Products Act*. Visit: [canada.ca/pesticide-compliance](https://canada.ca/pesticide-compliance).