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Grower Requested Own Use Program

Health Canada has provided information on this program which allows growers to import chemicals from the U.S. into Canada. More detailed information regarding the program is included on pages _____. Some growers advised that they were able to obtain substantial cost savings by using the program.

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GROWERS REQUESTED OWN USE PROGRAM (GROU) – 2010

From: Wayne Roberts, November 2, 2010

The GROU Program was designed to increase Canadian growers' access to equal products at an equal price. There is a GROU Technical Committee to ensure product selection is equivalent. To date, field crop producers have been the most common commodities to access this program, especially in relation to herbicides.

The first step in the GROU Program is to access the information using your computer.

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pest/agri-commerce/import/_grou-piapda/index-eng.php

The next step is to contact an agricultural product supply group in the US. You may have to do a computer search to locate these groups.

It is important to compare costs in Canada and the US. **REMEMBER** to ask for quotes on equivalency. This means you need to know the Canadian PCP Number and the equivalent US-EPA Number.

Follow instructions regarding forms required and process as outlined in the Health Canada document on the GROU process.

- Individual Grower
 - Import Certificate.
- Must know supply is available.
- Equivalency PMRA – PCP number
 US – EPA Number
- Product, registration number, formulation.
- Pre-paid USA fee for container disposal program
 - Maintain disposal receipt
- Forms can be filed on line.
- GROU Container label
 - Must be permanently affixed to container.

Must apply as individual and fill out all forms, **BUT** a group of growers can get together with a designated driver or hire a customs broker or carrier.

PESTICIDES OF INTEREST

There are currently 27 products eligible – more may be added after CAN-US meeting on November 9, 2010. Of interest to tender fruit growers:

	<u>PCP #</u>	<u>US - EPA #</u>	<u>GROU Equivalency Certificate</u>
Oracle ® Dicamba	26722	33658-14	#032
Apollo SC Miticide	21035	66222-47	#031
Agri-Mek 1.9% EC	24551	100-898	#030
Vanguard 75WG	25509	100-828	#027
Pursuit 240	23844	241-310	#026
Pursuit	21537	241-310	#025
Dimilin 25%	13816	400-465	#024
Prowl 400EC	23439	241-337	#019
Assure II herbicide	25462	352-541	#017
Sevin XLR Plus	19531	264-333	#014
Bravo Zn	28900	50534-204-100	#013

