

Squash

Agrichemical Regulatory Risk Assessment

May 2026

Regulatory pressures on agrichemicals are increasing globally, with many being either restricted or withdrawn from use. For older agrichemicals, these pressures are often the result of reconsiderations involving new or refined risk assessment methodologies that require the generation of new data. A consequence of which can be that many of these agrichemicals are not meeting contemporary risk assessment standards as the necessary data is unavailable, or where data is available, the risk posed is considered unacceptable.

The use of agrichemicals can also be impacted through differences in standards between trading partners. The lack of an appropriate pesticide maximum residue limit (MRL) in an importing country can, for practical purposes, effectively prohibit use in the exporting country to ensure compliance, as MRL breach would adversely affect market access. This report provides details of CODEX MRLs as a means of highlighting risks for countries that rely on CODEX, however does not include every instance of where an importing country specific MRL is less than the relevant Australian MRL. The Australian Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry provides information directly to grower bodies when MRLs change in other countries.

The effects of the above are greater regulatory pressure placed on the use of individual agrichemicals or chemical groups. Consequently, the number of approved agrichemical options could be adversely impacted.

To assist strategic planning, with respect to future pest management options, the following tables have been developed to highlight the regulatory threats to agrichemicals currently approved for the management of the pests and diseases in Squash in Australia, as well as assisting with any current initiatives aimed at identifying and addressing pest management deficiencies.

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INSECTICIDES/MITICIDES/NEMATICIDES - Insect and other pests

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Active Constituent	MoA Group	Pest	Risks and Comments
ABAMECTIN	6	Root-knot nematodes Permit PER14722 for the control of Tomato red spider mite	Australia: APVMA nominated for reconsideration and spray drift assessment. Permit PER14722 Expiry date: 31/05/2030 Permit PER96481 Expiry date: 31/07/2028 Canada: Re-evaluation finalised. Label amendments to mitigate risks to human health and environment (July, 2025)
AFIDOPYROPEN	9D	Cabbage aphid Cotton / melon aphid Currant lettuce aphid Green peach aphid Silverleaf (Poinsettia) whitefly	Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.07 mg/Kg EU: Not approved
ALPHA-CYPERMETHRIN	3A	Permit PER80138 for the control of Cucumber fly	Australia: APVMA nominated for reconsideration after 2029. Permit PER80138 Expiry date: 31/12/2029 EU: Not approved
Bacillus thuringiensis	11A	Armyworms Cabbage white butterfly Helicoverpa Loopers	Australia: No current concerns.
BETA-CYFLUTHRIN		Cucumber moth Helicoverpa	Australia: No current concerns.
BIFENAZATE	20D	Bryobia mite Two-spotted (Red spider) mite	Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.5 mg/Kg UK: Withdrawn (2029). Canada: In re-evaluation
BIFENTHRIN	3A	Caterpillars Cucumber moth Helicoverpa Mites Moths Silverleaf (Poinsettia) whitefly Whitefly	Australia: APVMA nominated for reconsideration after 2029. EU: Not approved Canada: Cancelled
BUPROFEZIN	16	Permit PER82647 for the control of greenhouse whitefly, cotton whitefly and silverleaf whitefly	Australia: No current concerns. Permit PER82467 Expiry date: 31/03/2030 Codex MRL: 0.7 mg/Kg

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CARBARYL	1A	28-spotted potato ladybird Armyworms Cucurbit stem borer Cutworms European earwig Green vegetable bug Helicoverpa Leaf eating ladybirds Potato moth (Leafminer) Pumpkin beetle Rutherglen bug Wingless grasshopper	Australia: No current concerns. EU: Not approved Canada: In re-evaluation Codex - being considered for periodic review
CHLORANTRANILIPROLE	28	Cucumber moth Helicoverpa Lucerne leaf roller	Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.3 mg/Kg Canada: In re-evaluation
CHLORANTRANILIPROLE I THIAMETHOXAM		Corn Earworm Native Budworm Potato Moth Cluster caterpillar Green peach aphid Silverleaf Whitefly Greenhouse whitefly Western Flower Thrips	
CLITORIA TERNATEA EXTRACT	UNE	Silver whitefly	Australia: No current concerns.
CLOTHIANIDIN	4A	Permit PER95266 for the control of Cucumber Fruit Fly	Australia: APVMA: Neonicotinoids chemical review has been delayed. The proposed regulatory decision unlikely before 2027. Permit PER95266 Expiry date: 30/09/2027 Codex MRL: 0.02 mg/Kg EU: Not approved Canada: In re-evaluation
CYANTRANILIPROLE	28	Cotton / melon aphid Cucumber moth Helicoverpa Silverleaf (Poinsettia) whitefly Western flower thrips PER93849 for the control of Leaf miners PER84805 for the control of Tomato potato psyllid	Australia: No current concerns. Permit PER93849 Expiry date: 31/12/2026 Permit PER84805 Expiry date: 31/12/2027 Codex MRL: 0.3 mg/Kg

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CYROMAZINE	17	Permit PER81867 for the control of vegetable leafminer	Australia: No current concerns. Permit PER81867 Expiry date: 30/09/2026 Codex MRL: 2 mg/Kg EU: Not approved
DIAFENTHIURON I CYANTRANILIPROLE		Cluster caterpillar Cotton / melon aphid Cucumber moth Green peach aphid Helicoverpa Plague thrips Silverleaf whitefly Tomato thrips Two-spotted (Red spider) mite Western flower thrips	
DIMPROPYRIDAZ	36	Cotton/melon aphid Greenhouse whitefly Silverleaf whitefly	Australia: No current concerns. EU: Pending
EMAMECTIN	6	Cluster caterpillar Cucumber moth Helicoverpa Tomato grub	Australia: Nominated for targeted spray drift reconsideration EU: Approved, candidate for substitution
ETOXAZOLE	10B	Permit PER82460 for the control of Tomato red spider mite and two-spotted mite	Australia: No current concerns. Permit PER82460 Expiry date: 31/05/2028 EU: Approved, candidate for substitution
FLONICAMID	29	Cotton / melon aphid Green peach aphid Silverleaf (Poinsettia) whitefly	Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.2 mg/Kg
FLUAZAINDOLIZINE	N-UN	Root-knot nematodes	Australia: No current concerns. EU: Pending
FLUBENDIAMIDE	28	Cluster caterpillar Helicoverpa	Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.2 mg/Kg EU: Not approved
FLUENSULFONE	5	Root-knot nematode	Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.7 mg/Kg
FLUPYRADIFURONE	4D	Cotton / melon aphid Green peach aphid Greenhouse whitefly Silverleaf (Poinsettia) whitefly	Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.2 mg/Kg

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HEXYTHIAZOX	10A	Permit PER95394 for the control of Tomato spider mite, Twospotted mite, Broad mite, Tomato russet mite	Australia: No current concerns. Permit PER95394 Expiry date: 30/09/2029 Codex MRL: 0.05 mg/Kg
HYDROGEN PEROXIDE		Permit PER93702 for the control of Hairy root or crazy root	Permit PER93702 Expiry date: 28/02/2027
IMIDACLOPRID	4A	Green peach aphid Pear and cherry slug Silverleaf (Poinsettia) whitefly	Australia: APVMA: Neonicotinoids chemical review has been delayed. The proposed regulatory decision unlikely before 2027. Codex MRL: 1 mg/Kg EU: Not approved Canada: Very few uses allowed in greenhouses and seed treatment.
IRON EDTA COMPLEX	--	Snails and slugs	Australia: No current concerns
MALATHION	1B	28-spotted potato ladybird Aphids Green vegetable bug Jassids Leafhoppers Pumpkin beetle Redlegged earth mite Rutherglen bug	Australia: Spodoptera frugiperda Canada: In re-evaluation
METALDEHYDE	--	Snails and slugs	Australia: No current concerns Canada: In re-evaluation
METHOMYL	1A	Permit PER82428 for the control of Cluster caterpillar Cucumber moth Helicoverpa Loopers Rutherglen bug Thrips Webworms Western flower thrips	Australia: APVMA reconsideration. Was to start 2026. APVMA to publish a new Chemical Review priority list by mid 2026. Permit PER82428 Expiry date: 31/01/2029 Codex MRL: 0.1 mg/Kg EU: Not approved Canada: In re-evaluation
ORANGE OIL		Silverleaf whitefly Two-spotted mite	Australia: No current concerns.
PARAFFINIC OIL	UNM	Aphids Leafhoppers Greenhouse whitefly Mites Silverleaf (Poinsettia) whitefly Thrips	Australia: No current concerns.

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PETROLEUM OIL	UN	Aphids Leafhoppers Greenhouse whitefly Mites Silverleaf (Poinsettia) whitefly Thrips	Australia: No current concerns. Permit PER12221 Expiry date: 30/09/2027 EU: Not approved
PIPERONYL BUTOXIDE PYRIPROXYFEN	7C	Silverleaf whitefly	PIPERONYL BUTOXIDE Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 1 mg/Kg PYRIPROXYFEN Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.04 mg/Kg
PIRIMICARB	1A	Aphids	Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 1 mg/Kg EU: Approved, candidate for substitution Canada: Cancelled
PYMETROZINE	9B	Cotton / melon aphid Cowpea aphid Green peach aphid Greenhouse whitefly Potato aphid Silverleaf (Poinsettia) whitefly	Australia: APVMA nominated for reconsideration and spray drift assessment. EU: Not approved Canada: Cancelled
PYRETHRINS	3A	Ants Aphids Cabbage white butterfly Caterpillars Diamondback (Cabbage) moth Earwig Leafhoppers Mealybugs Scale insects Thrips Whitefly	Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.05 mg/Kg
PYRIPROXYFEN	7C	Silverleaf (Poinsettia) whitefly	Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.04 mg/Kg
SPINETORAM	5	Caterpillars Cucumber moth Helicoverpa Western flower thrips	Australia: No current concerns. Permit PER94451 Expiry date: 31/07/2027 EU: Not approved Canada: In re-evaluation

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SPINOSAD	5	Leaf thrips Cucumber moth Helicoverpa Western flower thrips Permit PER89870 for the control of Fall armyworm	Permit PER96806 Expiry date: 30/05/2031 Australia: No current concerns. Permit PER89870 Expiry date: 31/10/2030 Codex MRL: 0.2 mg/Kg Canada: In re-evaluation
SPIROTETRAMAT	23	Cotton / melon aphid Green peach aphid Silverleaf (Poinsettia) whitefly	Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.2 mg/Kg EU: Not approved Canada: In re-evaluation
SULFOXAFLOR	4C	Cotton / melon aphid Green peach aphid Greenhouse whitefly	Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.5 mg/Kg
TRICHLORFON	1B	Cutworms	Australia: APVMA nominated for reconsideration after 2029. EU: Not approved Canada: Cancelled

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FUNGICIDES – Disease Control

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AMETOCTRADIN I DIMETHOMORPH		Downy mildew	
AUREOBASIDIUM PULLULANS	--	Botrytis Grey Mould Suppression of Sclerotinia	Australia: No current concerns.
AZOXYSTROBIN	11	Downy mildew Gummy stem blight PER93402 for the control of Powdery mildew	Australia: No current concerns. Permit PER93402 Expiry date: 31/05/2027 Codex MRL: 1 mg/Kg UK: Withdrawn (2029). Canada: In re-evaluation
AZOXYSTROBIN I OXATHIPIPROLIN		Gummy stem blight Sclerotinia rot	
BENLAXYL		Alternaria leaf blight Downy mildew Gummy stem blight	Australia: No current concerns. EU: Not approved
BOSCALID KRESOXIM- METHYL	7 + 11	Powdery mildew	BOSCALID Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 3 mg/Kg Canada: In re-evaluation KRESOXIM-METHYL Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.5 mg/Kg
BUPIRIMATE	8	Powdery mildew	Australia: No current concerns. UK: (2029).
CHLOROTHALONIL	M5	Alternaria leaf blight Anthracnose Downy mildew Gummy stem blight Powdery mildew Rhizoctonia ground rot Target leafspot	Australia: APVMA reconsideration. Prioritised to be commenced by 2028. Codex MRL: 3 mg/Kg EU: Not approved Canada: In re-evaluation USA: Under Registration Review (scheduled)

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COPPER	M1	Angular leaf spot Anthracnose Bacterial spot Downy mildew Gummy stem blight Leaf diseases/spots Powdery mildew	Australia: No current concerns.
CYFLUFENAMID	U6	Powdery mildew	Australia: No current concerns.
DIFENOCONAZOLE	3	PER93402 for the control of Powdery mildew	Australia: APVMA nominated for reconsideration after 2029. Permit PER93402 Expiry date: 31/05/2027 Codex MRL: 0.2 mg/Kg EU: Approved, candidate for substitution Canada: In re-evaluation
DIMETHOMORPH	40	Alternaria leaf blight Anthracnose Downy mildew Gummy stem blight Septoria spot	Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.5 mg/Kg EU: Not approved Canada: In re-evaluation
FLORYLPICOXAMID	21	Powdery mildew	Australia: No current concerns. EU: Pending
FLUOPICOLIDE I PROPAMOCARB HCL		Downy mildew	
HYDROGEN PEROXIDE PEROXYACETIC ACID	M	Powdery mildew	HYDROGEN PEROXIDE Australia: No current concerns. PEROXYACETIC ACID Australia: No current concerns.
IODINE	M	Bacteria and Fungi	Australia: No current concerns. Canada: Cancelled
MANCOZEB	M3	Angular leaf spot Anthracnose Downy mildew Gummy stem blight Septoria spot Alternaria leaf blight Powdery mildew	Australia: APVMA reconsideration. Prioritised to be commenced by 2027. EU: Not approved USA: Under Registration Review (scheduled)

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MANCOZEB DIMETHOMORPH	M3 + 40	Downy mildew Anthracnose Gummy stem blight Alternaria leaf spot Septoria spot	<p>MANCOZEB Australia: APVMA reconsideration. Prioritised to be commenced by 2027. EU: Not approved USA: Under Registration Review (scheduled)</p> <p>DIMETHOMORPH Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.5 mg/Kg EU: Not approved Canada: In re-evaluation</p>
MANCOZEB METALAXYL	M3 + 4	Downy mildew Anthracnose Gummy stem blight Alternaria leaf spot Septoria spot	<p>MANCOZEB Australia: APVMA reconsideration. Prioritised to be commenced by 2027. EU: Not approved USA: Under Registration Review (scheduled)</p> <p>METALAXYL Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.2 mg/Kg EU: Approved, candidate for substitution Canada: In re-evaluation</p>
MANCOZEB METALAXYL-M	M3 + 4	Downy mildew Anthracnose Gummy stem blight Alternaria leaf spot Septoria spot	<p>MANCOZEB Australia: APVMA reconsideration. Prioritised to be commenced by 2027. EU: Not approved USA: Under Registration Review (scheduled)</p> <p>METALAXYL-M Australia: No current concerns.</p>
MANCOZEB SULFUR (S) AS WETTABLE SULFUR	M3	Downy mildew Anthracnose Gummy stem blight Septoria spot	<p>MANCOZEB Australia: APVMA reconsideration. Prioritised to be commenced by 2027. EU: Not approved USA: Under Registration Review (scheduled)</p> <p>SULFUR (S) AS WETTABLE SULFUR Australia: No current concerns.</p>
MELALEUCA OIL		Powdery mildew	Australia: No current concerns
METALAXYL	4	Damping off	Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.2 mg/Kg EU: Approved, candidate for substitution Canada: In re-evaluation
METALAXYL-M	4	Damping off	Australia: No current concerns.

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METIRAM	M3	Downy mildew Gummy stem blight	Australia: APVMA reconsideration. Prioritised to be commenced by 2027. EU: Not approved Canada: Only approved for foliar applications in potato crops.
METRAFENONE	50	Powdery mildew	Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.5 mg/Kg
OXADIXYL	4	Downy mildew Gummy stem blight	Australia: No current concerns. EU: Not approved
OXATHIPIPROLIN	49	Downy mildew	Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.2 mg/Kg
PENTHIOPYRAD	7	Grey mould Gummy stem blight Powdery mildew	Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.5 mg/Kg EU: Not approved
PHOSPHOROUS (PHOSPHONIC) ACID	P07 (33)	Downy mildew	Australia: No current concerns.
PROPAMOCARB HYDROCHLORIDE FLUOPICOLIDE	43	Downy mildew	PROPAMOCARB HYDROCHLORIDE Australia: No current concerns. FLUOPICOLIDE Australia: No current concerns Codex MRL: 0.5 mg/Kg EU: Approved, candidate for substitution
PROPINEB	M3	Anthraxnose Downy mildew Gummy stem blight	Australia: APVMA reconsideration. Prioritised to be commenced by 2027. EU: Not approved
PROPINEB OXADIXYL	M3 + 4	Downy mildew Anthraxnose Gummy stem blight	PROPINEB Australia: APVMA reconsideration. Prioritised to be commenced by 2027. EU: Not approved OXADIXYL Australia: No current concerns. EU: Not approved
PROQUINAZID	13	Powdery mildew	Australia: No current concerns.

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PYDIFLUMETOFEN DIFENOCONAZOLE	7 + 3	Alternaria leaf spot Gummy stem blight Powdery mildew	<p>PYDIFLUMETOFEN Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.4 mg/Kg EU: Pending Canada: In re-evaluation</p> <p>DIFENOCONAZOLE Australia: APVMA nominated for reconsideration after 2029. Permit PER93402 Expiry date: 31/05/2027 Codex MRL: 0.2 mg/Kg EU: Approved, candidate for substitution Canada: In re-evaluation</p>
PYRIOFENONE	50	Powdery mildew	Australia: No current concerns. Codex MRL: 0.2 mg/Kg
STREPTOMYCES LYDICUS STRAIN WYEC 108		Powdery mildew	Australia: No current concerns.
SULFUR		Powdery mildew Rust Black Spot	Australia: No current concerns.
TEA TREE OIL	BM01	Powdery mildew	Australia: No current concerns.
TRIADIMEFON	3	Powdery mildew	Australia: APVMA nominated for reconsideration after 2029. Codex MRL: 0.2 mg/Kg EU: Not approved Canada: Restricted use
TRIADIMENOL	3	Powdery mildew	Australia: APVMA nominated for reconsideration after 2029. Codex MRL: 0.2 mg/Kg EU: Not approved Canada: Cancelled
ZINEB	M3	Downy mildew Anthracnose	Australia: APVMA reconsideration. Prioritised to be commenced by 2027. EU: Not approved Canada: Cancelled

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HERBICIDES – Weed Control

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Active Constituent	MoA Group	Risks and Comments
CLOMAZONE	13	Australia: No current concerns. Canada: In re-evaluation
DIMETHENAMID-P	15	Australia: No current concerns. Canada: In re-evaluation
DIQUAT	22	Australia: APVMA: Currently under review . Publication of the final regulatory decision is expected in Mid 2026. EU: Not approved
FLUAZIFOP-P PRESENT AS THE BUTYL ESTER	1	Australia: Nominated for targeted spray drift reconsideration Canada: Cancelled
PARAQUAT	22	Australia: APVMA: Currently under review . Publication of the final regulatory decision is expected in Mid 2026. Candidate chemical recommended to be listed to Rotterdam Convention. Codex MRL: 0.02 mg/Kg EU: Not approved Canada: Cancelled USA: Restricted use

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FUMIGANTS

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1,3-DICHLOROPROPENE	Control of soil borne diseases, plant parasitic Nematodes, Symphylans and Wireworms	Australia: No current concerns. EU: Pending Canada: Cancelled
CHLOROPICRIN	Control of soil borne diseases, plant parasitic Nematodes, Symphylans and Wireworms	Australia: No current concerns. EU: Not approved USA: Restricted use
CHLOROPICRIN + 1,3-DICHLOROPROPENE	Control of soil borne diseases, plant parasitic Nematodes, Symphylans and Wireworms	CHLOROPICRIN Australia: No current concerns. EU: Not approved USA: Restricted use 1,3-DICHLOROPROPENE Australia: No current concerns. EU: Pending Canada: Cancelled
ETHANEDINITRILE	Soil borne pathogens, nematodes and weeds	Australia: No current concerns.
METHAM PRESENT AS SODIUM SALT	Germinating weeds and soil-borne fungus diseases	Australia: No current concerns.
METHYL BROMIDE	Disinfestation treatment of commodities to meet interstate and intrastate quarantine requirements	Australia: APVMA nominated for reconsideration after 2029. EU: Not approved Canada: Remaining pre-plant soil fumigation uses were cancelled (June 2025) USA: Restricted use

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