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Mr. Richard Mathews  
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National Organic Standards Board  
USDA-AMS-TM-NOP  
Fax #: 202/205-7808

April 22, 2002

Dear Mr. Mathews;

I am writing to express support for organic certification of "Spinosad" for control of the olive fruit fly. This pest has the potential to devastate both the table olive and olive oil industries in California. "Acceptable" levels of olive fly damage for the table olive industry are 2% or less; for the oil industry, 5-10% is the maximum degree of damage that will permit production of a virgin olive oil. Last year, olive fly damage in parts of California exceeded 100%. Under these conditions, organic table olive production is impossible, and organic olive oil production will be severely curtailed.

There is particular urgency at this time as, in order for Spinosad to be effective against the olive fly, it must be applied to the trees at the time of pit hardening, which typically occurs in June (this year's growing season is particularly advanced, therefore pit hardening will likely commence even earlier). Without approval before this time, much of the organic olive production in California may be jeopardized.

There is currently no allowed means of controlling this fly organically. Spinosad, derived from a natural soil actinomycete, has been shown to be highly effective against the olive fly. I believe Spinosad is an excellent candidate for certification by the National Organic Program. I urge you to act promptly to approve an appropriate formulation of Spinosad and to enable California's organic olive growers to utilize this material for the 2002 season.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter of great urgency for California's organic olive industries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce".

Bruce V. Golino



## MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA, GANADERIA Y ALIMENTACION

*Silvia Dávila  
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March 18th, 2002  
Oficio No. VMAGRI-108-2002

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Sincerely,

*Silvia Dávila de la Parra*  
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# IDEAR

INSTITUTO PARA EL DESARROLLO REGIONAL, A. C.

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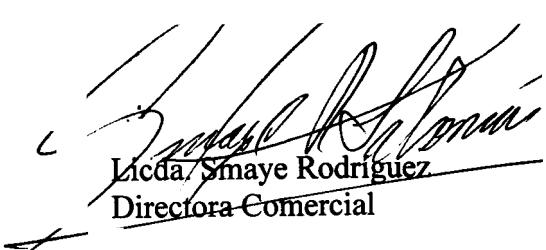
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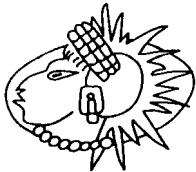
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Directora Comercial



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Panamá 18 de marzo del 2002

**NOTA S/N DCCF-CJCC**

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Estimado Sr. Mathews:

Por medio de este comunicado le expreso el apoyo del Proyecto de Moscas de la fruta de Panamá para el registro del spinosad como un producto orgánico para el control de moscas de la fruta.

En las comunicaciones frecuentes que tengo con los responsables de los proyectos de erradicación de la mosca de la fruta en Centroamérica y de México, me han señalado que el Success 0.02CB, el cual está en proceso de ser registrado como insecticida para el control de las moscas de la fruta en Panamá, muestra muy buena efectividad para el control de esta plaga.

Para Panamá, en donde el control de plagas debe estar basado primeramente en una protección del ambiente, será un apoyo definitivo en los planes para el establecimiento de zonas libres de moscas de la fruta

Con toda consideración y respeto

Atentamente,

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San José, Costa Rica March 17, 2002

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Dear Mr. Mathews:

I have worked with fruit fly control programs for 22 years, and am currently the regional manager of the IAEA project aimed at establish fruit fly-free zones in Central America. I wish to endorse the organic certification of spinosad, an active ingredient of the selective bait Success 0.02CB.

In 1999 and 2000, while I was directing the fruit fly eradication program in Mexico, we tested spinosad in the control fruit flies of the *Anastrepha* genus in mango, in the coastal region of the state of Chiapas. The results revealed that this product is very effective and considerably safe.

In my capacity as Manager of the IAEA project in Central America, I have worked with Costa Rican mango growers and the Ministry of Agriculture of Costa Rica to determine the effectiveness of the product when applied by ground in mango orchards. It proved to be highly effective and selective, and no mortality of other living organisms was observed.

For some years now, the use of the Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) as a means of controlling, suppressing or eradicating fruit flies, has been hindered by the lack of a selective bait, based on a chemical product that meets the requirements as an organic insecticide.

As a result of the appearance of spinosad, in the future there will be greater interest of international organization related to agriculture and environment protection, in funding the suppression of this type of pest over wide areas, since it will allow for the control of the pest without harming the environment.

Given the importance of having an effective alternative for control of these pests and taking into account the extensive laboratory testing and field validation of the product spinosad for fruit fly control, I support the petition submitted by Dow AgroSciences for organic certification of the active ingredient spinosad to the USDA offices of the National Organic Standard Board

Sincerely,

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**Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería**

**Dirección de Servicios de Protección Fitosanitaria**

Departamento Fitosanitario Exportación



19 de marzo, 2002

**DFE.054/2002**

Señor

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USDA-AMS-TM-NOP

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Estimado señor:

Por este medio le expreso el apoyo de la Gerencia de Exportación del Servicio Fitosanitario del Estado de Costa Rica, para el registro del spinosad como producto orgánico para el control de moscas de la fruta.

Este tipo de producto se encuentra como insecticida registrado en nuestro país y en la actualidad se están efectuando pruebas en el cultivo de mango para determinar el equipo más apropiado de aplicación terrestre.

En un país como el nuestro, donde la protección del medio ambiente es de alta prioridad, el contar con productos amigables con éste y que a la vez sean eficientes en el combate de las plagas en este caso, las moscas de las frutas, es sumamente importante.

En espera que estos comentarios tengan una acogida favorable,

Atentamente,

Ing. Magda González A.  
Jefe Departamento

C.      *Ing. Sergio Abarca M.*      DIRECTOR

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*Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería*  
*Dirección de Servicios de Protección Fitosanitaria*  
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19 de marzo 2002  
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Estimado Sr. Mathews:

Por medio de este comunicado le expreso el apoyo del área técnica del Programa Nacional Moscas de la Fruta del Servicio Fitosanitario de Costa Rica , para el registro del spinosad como un producto orgánico para el control de moscas de la fruta.

Este tipo de producto, el cual ya ha recibido su registro como insecticida en Costa Rica, y actualmente, en coordinación con productores de mango se realizan las pruebas de campo para determinar el procedimiento y el equipo idóneo para aplicarse por vía terrestre.

En un país como el nuestro donde entre los objetivos de la Ley de Protección Fitosanitaria está el fomentar el manejo integrado de plagas dentro del desarrollo sostenible, así como otras metodologías agrícolas productivas que permitan el control de plagas sin deterioro del ambiente, será de gran ayuda contar con un producto de este tipo y que a la vez coadyuve en los Programas para el establecimiento de áreas ó sitios de producción libres de moscas de la fruta.

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Ing. Xenia Carro Abad  
Jefe



C: Ing. Sergio Abarca Monge. Director General

Managua, 18 de marzo de 2002

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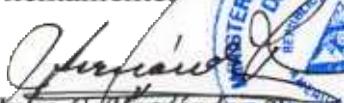
Por medio de este comunicado le expreso el apoyo del Proyecto de Moscas de la fruta de Nicaragua para la certificación del Spinosad como un producto orgánico para el control de moscas de la fruta.

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Para el caso de Nicaragua el uso de este tipo de plaguicidas orgánicos permitirá explotar la ventana de mercadeo de productos frutícolas orgánicos y a su vez será un apoyo definitivo en los planes para el establecimiento de zonas libres de moscas de la fruta en aquellas zonas donde es necesario suprimir las poblaciones de esta plaga y estén delimitadas por reservas ecológicas o turísticas como es el caso de la Isla de Ometepe y el Departamento de Rivas.

Sin más que agregar al respecto y esperando una respuesta positiva al registro del Spinosad, aprovecho para saludarlo.

Atentamente

  
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19-03/2002

Estimado Sr. Mathews:

Por medio de este comunicado le expreso el apoyo del la empresa Manga Rica, productora de mango de exportación y concentradora del 80% de la producción de mango de Costa Rica para exportarse a Europa y los EUA para registrar el spinosad como un producto orgánico para el control de moscas de la fruta.

En nuestra empresa hemos hecho pruebas con Success 0.02 CB, el cual contiene como base spinosad, el cual ha mostrado muy buenos resultados para el control de las moscas de la fruta. Nuestra empresa, líder en la búsqueda de la metodologías para incrementar la producción y la productividad en los cultivares de mango, es por lo tanto participe de la búsqueda de nuevas formas de aplicación de controles de plagas que no causen daño al medio ambiente.

Como costarricense, estoy convencido de que la producción agrícola debe de ir de la mano con la protección ambiental por tal motivo reitero nuestro apoyo en el registro de spinosad como ingrediente activo orgánico, el cual permitirà incursionar en el mercado del mango orgánico.

De usted atentamente.

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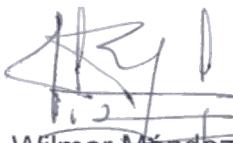
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