

# NOSB NATIONAL LIST FILE CHECKLIST

## CROPS

**MATERIAL NAME:** #21 Vitamin D3



**NOSB Database Form**



**References**



**MSDS (or equivalent)**



**TAP Reviews from: Gregg Young  
(Additional TAP Review expected from: Donald  
Blakeney)**

**NOSB/NATIONAL LIST  
COMMENT FORM  
CROPS**

**Material Name: #21 Vitamin D3**

*Please use this page to write down comments, questions, and your anticipated vote(s).*

**COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:**

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1. In my opinion, this material is:  
 Synthetic  Non-synthetic.

2. This material should be placed on the proposed National List as:  
 Prohibited Natural  Allowed Synthetic.

# TAP REVIEWER COMMENT FORM for USDA/NOSB

Use this page or an equivalent to write down comments and summarize your evaluation regarding the data presented in the file of this potential National List material. Complete both sides of page. Attach additional sheets if you wish.

This file is due back to us by: September 19, 1995

Name of Material: Vitamin D3

Reviewer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this substance Synthetic or non-synthetic? Explain (if appropriate) NATURAL COMPOUND SYNTHETICALLY PRODUCED  
If synthetic, how is the material made? (please answer here if our database form is blank)

This material should be added to the National List as:  
 Synthetic Allowed       Prohibited Natural  
or,  Non-synthetic (This material does not belong on National List)

Are there any use restrictions or limitations that should be placed on this material on the National List?  
FOLLOW LABEL - USE OUT OF REACH OF NON-TARGET ORGANISMS

Please comment on the accuracy of the information in the file:  
ADD: USE ON GOPHERS PENDING (1996)

Any additional comments? (attachments welcomed)

Do you have a commercial interest in this material?  Yes;  No

Signature [Handwritten Signature] Date 9/13/95

**Please address the 7 criteria in the Organic Foods Production Act:  
(comment in those areas you feel are applicable)**

- (1) the potential of such substances for detrimental chemical interactions with other materials used in organic farming systems;

NOT LIKELY - A BAIT NOT TO  
BE MIXED

- (2) the toxicity and mode of action of the substance and of its breakdown products or any contaminants, and their persistence and areas of concentration in the environment;

LOOKS BETTER THAN ALL  
OTHER CHEMICAL RODENTICIDES + ORGANIC  
= STRYCHNINE

- (3) the probability of environmental contamination during manufacture, use, misuse or disposal of such substance;

NOT LIKELY IF FOLLOWING CARE

- (4) the effect of the substance on human health;

NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE PROBLEMS

- (5) the effects of the substance on biological and chemical interactions in the agroecosystem, including the physiological effects of the substance on soil organisms (including the salt index and solubility of the soil), crops and livestock;

IF USED IN BAIT STATIONS DESIGNED  
FOR TARGET SPECIES SHOULD BE SAFE TO NON-TARGET

- (6) the alternatives to using the substance in terms of practices or other available materials; and

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STRYCHNINE (!)

- (7) its compatibility with a system of sustainable agriculture.

LOOKS COMPATIBLE

## Identification

<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Vitamin D3</b>	<b>Chemical Name</b>	1-alpha-hydroxy ergocalciferol
<b>Other Names</b>	Cholecalciferol, Quintox		
<b>Code #: CAS</b>	54573-75-0	<b>Code #: Other</b>	
<b>N. L. Category</b>	Synthetic Allowed	<b>MSDS</b>	no

## Chemistry

**Family**  
**Composition**  
**Properties**  
**How Made**

Made from cholesterol isolated from natural sources. The cholesterol is converted chemically into 7-dehydrocholesterol, which is then irradiated with ultraviolet light to form cholecalciferol. This is the same reaction that occurs in the skin upon exposure to sunlight.

## Use/Action

**Type of Use** Crops  
**Use(s)** Rodent bait for mice and rats. *GOPHERS + MOLES REGISTRATION PENDING ≈ 9/96*

**Action** After ingestion, it induces mobilization of calcium resulting in hypercalcemia and mineralization of major organs.

**Combinations**

## Status

**OFPA**  
**N. L. Restriction** Allowed as a rodent bait  
**EPA, FDA, etc**

**Safety Guidelines**

**Directions**

**State Differences**

**Registration**

**Historical status**

**International status**

OFPA Criteria

2119(m)1: chemical interactions

2119(m)2: toxicity & persistence

Cholecalciferol breaks down readily by the same metabolic pathways as Vitamin D. While its toxicity to a variety of target species is known; there are few data on the effects of cholecalciferol on non-target species.

MS DS SHOWS VERY LOW ACUTE TOX. TO MALLARD DUCK

2119(m)3: manufacture & disposal consequences

2119(m)4: effect on human health

A NATURAL OCCURRING VITAMIN WHICH  
COULD BE TOXIC ONLY IF CONSUMED IN  
LARGE AMOUNTS

2119(m)5: agroecosystem biology

IF USED IN BAIT STATIONS DESIGNED FOR THE  
TARGET SPECIES SHOULD BE SAFE TO NON-TARGETS

2119(m)6: alternatives to substance

TRAPPING, STRICHTHINE (!)

2119(m)7: Is it compatible?

YES

References

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SO: J-Agr-Food-Chem, Mar/Apr 1972, 20 (2): 380-384. Ref.

CN: DNAL 381-J8223

# Quintox<sup>®</sup> RAT & MOUSE BAIT

## A Stop-Feed Rodenticide

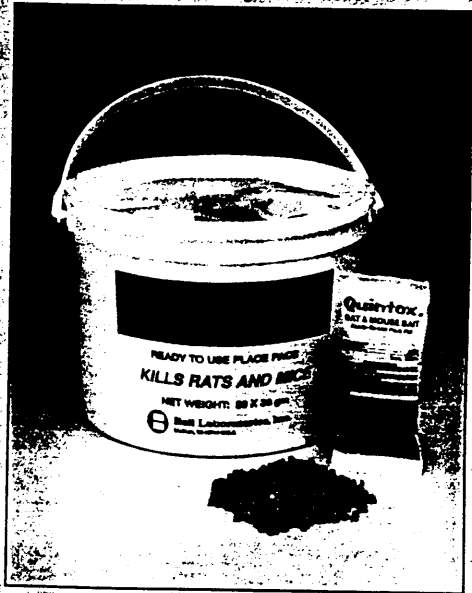
QUINTOX Rat and Mouse Bait contains the active ingredient, Cholecalciferol, better known as Vitamin D<sub>3</sub>, which takes a completely different biological pathway to killing rodents, including anticoagulant-resistant rodents.

Unlike anticoagulants, once a rodent eats a lethal dose of QUINTOX, all feeding stops. The toxicant mobilizes calcium from the rodent's bones into its bloodstream, producing hypercalcemia and heart failure. QUINTOX acts faster than anticoagulants, causing death in 2 to 4 days.

Rodents can consume a lethal dose of QUINTOX in a single day's feeding or accumulated in smaller, multiple feedings over a period of days. Just 1/10 oz. (2.8 grams) of QUINTOX can kill a mouse, while 1/4 oz. (7 grams) is a lethal dose for most rats. Bait shyness is not a problem with QUINTOX because toxic symptoms do not start until after a lethal dose is consumed.

Tests also show that no secondary hazards exist with QUINTOX. It is approved for use in and around homes, farms and commercial establishments.

**Packaging:** 5 1/2 lb. bulk plastic pails  
pails of 50 x 30 g. place pacs - EPA REG. NO. 3240-42-12455



## Specimen Label

### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

**USE RESTRICTIONS:** Treated baits must be placed in locations not accessible to children, pets, domestic animals, wildlife or placed in tamper-proof bait stations. Do not place baits in areas where there is a possibility of contaminating food or surfaces that come in direct contact with food.

For control of Norway rats, roof rats, and house mice in and around homes, industrial, commercial, agricultural, and poultry buildings, and similar manmade structures. QUINTOX may also be used inside transport vehicles (ships, trains, aircraft) and in and around related port or terminal buildings.

**SELECTION OF TREATMENT AREAS:** Determine areas where rats and/or mice will most likely find and consume the bait. Generally, these areas are along walls, by gnawed openings in or beside burrows, in corners and concealed places, between floors and walls or in locations where rodents or their signs have been observed. Protect bait from rain or snow. Remove as much food as possible.

### APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

**RATS:** Apply 2 to 8 ounces of bait (usually at intervals of 15 to 30 feet) per placement. Maintain an uninterrupted supply of fresh bait for 15 days or until signs of rat activity cease.

**HOUSE MICE:** Apply 1/4 to 1/2 ounce of bait at intervals of 8 to 12 feet per placement. Larger placements (up to 1 ounce) may be needed at points of high mouse activity. Maintain an uninterrupted supply of fresh bait for 10 days or until all signs of mouse activity cease.

**RATS & MICE:** Replace contaminated or spoiled bait immediately. Collect and dispose of all dead animals and unconsumed bait properly. To prevent reinfestation eliminate food, water,

## Quintox<sup>®</sup> RAT & MOUSE BAIT


### KILLS RATS AND MICE

ACTIVE INGREDIENT: Cholecalciferol	0.075%
INERT INGREDIENTS	99.925%
TOTAL	100.000%

### KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN CAUTION

(See right for additional precautionary statements.)

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and harborage as much as possible. If reinfestation does occur, repeat treatment. Where a continuous source of infestation is present, establish permanent bait stations and replenish bait as needed.

### PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

**CAUTION:** Keep away from humans, domestic animals, and pets.

**STATEMENT OF PRACTICAL TREATMENT:** If swallowed, drink 1 or 2 glasses of water and induce vomiting by touching back of throat with finger. Avoid use of all oils.

**NOTICE TO PHYSICIAN:** If serum calcium levels are elevated, treatment with Calcitonin is effective in reducing calcium to normal levels. Continue monitoring serum calcium and treat as necessary for hypercalcemia (Reference, AMA Drug Evaluations, Third Edition (1977), Chapter 16, pp. 248-251).

**ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS**  
Keep out of lakes, streams or ponds.

### STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

**STORAGE:** Store only in original container, in a dry area inaccessible to children and pets.

**DISPOSAL:** Do not reuse empty container. Securely wrap original container in several layers of newspaper and discard in trash.

**WARRANTY:** Seller makes no warranty, expressed or implied, concerning the use of this product other than indicated on the label. Buyer assumes all risk of use and/or handling of this material when such use and/or handling is contrary to label instructions.

# QUINTOX®

MSDS  
Date of Issue:  
AUGUST 1992

MANUFACTURERS ADDRESS: BELL LABORATORIES, INC. 3699 KINSMAN BLVD., MADISON WI 53704		Prepared by: VJD	TELEPHONE NO.: (608) 241-0202	EMERGENCY PHONE NO.: Contact your local Poison Control Center.
PRODUCT NAME: QUINTOX®		CAS NO.: 67-97-0		
CHEMICAL FAMILY: Sterol	CHEMICAL NAME & SYNONYMS: 9,10-Secocholesta-5,7,10(19)-triene-3 betaol, activated 7-delta, dihydrocholesterol			
CHEMICAL FORMULA: C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>46</sub> O	TRADE NAME & SYNONYMS: Cholecalciferol (Vitamin D <sub>3</sub> )			
SECTION I. HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS				
ACTIVE INGREDIENTS: Cholecalciferol	% .075	CURRENT TLY N.E.		
SECTION II. PHYSICAL DATA OF ACTIVE INGREDIENT				
APPEARANCE & ODOR: Odorless Crystal	MOLECULAR WEIGHT: 384.62	MELT POINT: 84-85° C	SPECIFIC GRAVITY: NA	
VAPOR DENSITY (AIR=1): NA	COLOR: White	BULK DENSITY (Finished Product): 43 lbs./ft. <sup>3</sup>	BOILING POINT: NA	
VAPOR PRESSURE: NA	SOLUBILITY: Insoluble in water.	WATER REACTIVE: NA	EVAPORATION RATE: NA	
SECTION III. FIRE & EXPLOSION DATA OF PRODUCT				
FLASH POINT (METHOD USED): NA	FLAMMABLE LIMIT: NA		AUTOIGNITION TEMP.: NA	
EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Extinguish with water, foam or inert gas.				
SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES: None				
UNUSUAL FIRE OR EXPLOSION HAZARDS: None				
SECTION IV. REACTIVITY HAZARD DATA OF ACTIVE INGREDIENT				
STABILITY: Stable.	CONDITIONS TO AVOID: None			
POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur.	CONDITIONS TO AVOID: None			
INCOMPATIBILITY (MATERIALS TO AVOID): None		HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: None		
SECTION V. TOXICITY DATA				
LD50, ORAL (INGESTION): (100% AI) [Rat] 43.6 mg/kg	LD50, DERMAL (SKIN CONTACT): (100% AI) [Rabbit] greater than 2000 mg/kg	LD50, ORAL (INGESTION): (100% AI) [Mice] 42.5 mg/kg	LD50, ORAL (INGESTION): (100% AI) [Rat] 3.0 mg/kg	
FISH, L50 (LETHAL CONCENTRATION): NE	LD50, ORAL: (30% AI) [Mallard Duck] 2000 mg/kg	LD50, DERMAL (SKIN CONTACT): (2% AI) [Rabbit] > 1.8 g/kg	LD50, DERMAL (SKIN CONTACT): (2% AI) [Rabbit] > 5.13 mg/liter	LD50, DERMAL (SKIN CONTACT): (2% AI) [Rabbit] > 5.13 mg/liter
		LD50, ORAL (INGESTION): (30% AI) [Mallard Duck] 4000 ppm [Bobwhite Quail] 2000 ppm	LD50, ORAL (INGESTION): (30% AI) [Rabbit] Not considered to be an irritant.	LD50, ORAL (INGESTION): (30% AI) [Rabbit] Practically non irritating.

# LIQUA-TOX II®

MSDS  
Date of Issue:  
NOVEMBER 1992

MANUFACTURERS ADDRESS: BELL LABORATORIES, INC. 3699 KINSMAN BLVD., MADISON WI 53704		Prepared by: VJD	TELEPHONE NO.: (608) 241-0202	EMERGENCY PHONE NO.: Contact your local Poison Control Center.
PRODUCT NAME: LIQUA-TOX II®		CAS NO.: 82-66-6		
CHEMICAL FAMILY: Indandione	CHEMICAL NAME & SYNONYMS: 2-Diphenylacetyl -1, 3-Indandione, Sodium Salt			
CHEMICAL FORMULA: C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Na	TRADE NAME & SYNONYMS: Sodium Salt of Diphacinone			
SECTION I. HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS				
ACTIVE INGREDIENTS: Sodium Salt of Diphacinone	% .106	CURRENT TLY N.E.		
SECTION II. PHYSICAL DATA OF ACTIVE INGREDIENT				
APPEARANCE & ODOR: Odorless liquid.	MOLECULAR WEIGHT: 340.36	MELT POINT: 146-147° C	SPECIFIC GRAVITY: NA	
VAPOR DENSITY (AIR=1): NA	COLOR: Yellow	BULK DENSITY (Finished Product): 1.6 gm/ml	BOILING POINT: NA	
VAPOR PRESSURE: NA	SOLUBILITY: Soluble in water.	WATER REACTIVE: No reaction	EVAPORATION RATE: NA	
SECTION III. FIRE & EXPLOSION DATA OF PRODUCT				
FLASH POINT (METHOD USED): NA	FLAMMABLE LIMIT: NA		AUTOIGNITION TEMP.: NA	
EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Extinguish with water, foam or inert gas.				
SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES: None				
UNUSUAL FIRE OR EXPLOSION HAZARDS: None				
SECTION IV. REACTIVITY HAZARD DATA OF ACTIVE INGREDIENT				
STABILITY: Stable.	CONDITIONS TO AVOID: NA			
POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur.	CONDITIONS TO AVOID: NA			
INCOMPATIBILITY (MATERIALS TO AVOID): None		HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: None		
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SECTION VI. HEALTH HAZARD DATA OF PRODUCT		
PRIMARY ROUTE OF ENTRY: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ingestion <input type="checkbox"/> Inhalation <input type="checkbox"/> Skin absorption	MEDICAL CONDITIONS GENERALLY AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE: None	SIGNAL WORD: Caution
HEALTH HAZARDS: 1 - Caution	SIGNS & SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE: Hypercalcemia if ingested.	
EMERGENCY FIRST AID PROCEDURES: Eyes: Flush with water. Skin: Wash with soap & water. Inhalation: Non-hazardous. Ingestion: Drink 1 or 2 glasses of water and induce vomiting by touching back of throat with finger. Avoid use of all oils.		
SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION: If serum levels are elevated treatment with calcitonin is effective in reducing calcium to normal levels. continue monitoring serum calcium and treat as necessary for hypercalcemia. (Reference, AMA Drug Evaluations, Third Edition (1977), Chapter 16, pp. 248-251).		
SECTION VII. CONTROL & PROTECTIVE MEASURES OF PRODUCT		
RESPIRATOR TYPE: None	GLOVES: Rubber gloves	VENTILATION: None
OTHER PROTECTIVE MEASURES: Wash hands after use.		
SECTION VIII. SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURE OF PRODUCT		
STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN CASE MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED: General clean-up.		
WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD: Wastes resulting from use may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility.		
SECTION IX. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS & STORAGE DATA OF PRODUCT		
STORAGE TEMPERATURE: Room temperature	AVERAGE SHELF LIFE: Bait is stable for more than 1 year when stored properly.	
SPECIAL SENSITIVITY (HEAT, LIGHT, MOISTURE): Keep out of direct sunlight and away from high heat and moist conditions.		
PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING AND STORAGE: For best results store in a cool, dark, dry location. Store away from offensive odors.		
SECTION X. SHIPPING DATA OF PRODUCT		
D.O.T. SHIPPING NAME: QUINTOX	TECHNICAL SHIPPING NAME: Rodenticide containing Cholecalciferol (Vitamin D <sub>3</sub> ).	
D.O.T. HAZARD CLASSIFICATION: Non-hazardous	D.O.T. LABELS REQUIRED: None	
FREIGHT CLASSIFICATION: Class 60		
WARRANTY: The information provided in this Material Safety Data Sheet has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable. Bell Labs provides no warranties, either expressed or implied and assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the data contained herein. This information is offered for your consideration and investigation. You should satisfy yourself that you have all current data relevant to your particular use.		

SECTION VI. HEALTH HAZARD DATA OF PRODUCT		
PRIMARY ROUTE OF ENTRY: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ingestion <input type="checkbox"/> Inhalation <input type="checkbox"/> Skin absorption	MEDICAL CONDITIONS GENERALLY AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE: None	SIGNAL WORD: Caution
HEALTH HAZARDS: 1 - Caution: May be irritating.	SIGNS & SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE: May reduce clotting ability of the blood and cause bleeding.	
EMERGENCY FIRST AID PROCEDURES: Eyes: Flush with plenty of water. Skin: Wash with soap & water. Inhalation: None Ingestion: Administer Vitamin K <sub>1</sub> intramuscularly or orally as indicated in bishydroxycoumamm overdoses. Repeat as necessary based on monitoring of prothrombin times.		
SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION: None.		
SECTION VII. CONTROL & PROTECTIVE MEASURES OF PRODUCT		
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OTHER PROTECTIVE MEASURES: None		
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STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN CASE MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED: General clean-up.		
WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD: Wastes resulting from use may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility.		
SECTION IX. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS & STORAGE DATA OF PRODUCT		
STORAGE TEMPERATURE: Room temperature	AVERAGE SHELF LIFE: Bait is stable for a minimum of 1 year when stored properly.	
SPECIAL SENSITIVITY (HEAT, LIGHT, MOISTURE): None		
PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING AND STORAGE: None		
SECTION X. SHIPPING DATA OF PRODUCT		
D.O.T. SHIPPING NAME: Liqua-Tox II	TECHNICAL SHIPPING NAME: Rodenticide containing Diphacinone	
D.O.T. HAZARD CLASSIFICATION: Non-hazardous	D.O.T. LABELS REQUIRED: None	
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**Identification**

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<b>Other Names</b>	Cholecalciferol, Quintox		
<b>Code #: CAS</b>	54573-75-0	<b>Code #: Other</b>	
<b>N. L. Category</b>	Synthetic Allowed	<b>MSDS</b>	no

**Chemistry**

**Family**  
**Composition**  
**Properties**  
**How Made**

Made from cholesterol isolated from natural sources. The cholesterol is converted chemically into 7-dehydrocholesterol, which is then irradiated with ultraviolet light to form cholecalciferol. This is the same reaction that occurs in the skin upon exposure to sunlight.

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**Combinations**

**Status**

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**2119(m)3: manufacture & disposal consequences**

**2119(m)4: effect on human health**

**2119(m)5: agroecosystem biology**

**2119(m)6: alternatives to substance**

**2119(m)7: Is it compatible?**

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SO: J-Agr-Food-Chem, Mar/Apr 1972, 20 (2): 380-384. Ref.

CN: DNAL 381-J8223



# Pesticide Fact Sheet

PB87-115622

Name of Chemical: VITAMIN D<sub>3</sub>  
Reason for Issuance:  
Date Issued: December 1, 1984  
Fact Sheet Number: 42

## 1. Description of chemical:

Generic name: Cholecalciferol, Activated 7-dehydrocholesterol,  
oleovitamin D<sub>3</sub>, 9,10-seccholesta-5,7,10(19)-  
trien-3B-ol [NEW CHEMICAL]

Common name:

Trade name: Vitamin D<sub>3</sub>

EPA Shaughnessy code: 208700

Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) number: 434-16-2

Year of initial registration: 1984

Pesticide type: rodenticide

Chemical family: sterol

U.S. and foreign producers: Phillips-Duphar (Netherlands)

Active ingredient

Bell Laboratories (Madison, WI)

Formulated product

## 2. Use patterns and formulations:

Application sites: in and around buildings, inside of  
transport vehicles

Pest species: norway rats, roof rats, and house mice

Type of formulations: granular (0.075% bait)

Type and method of application: topical, hand application

Application rates: 2-8 oz./15-30 ft. (rats)

1/4-1 oz./8-12ft. (mice)

Usual carriers: Confidential Business Information

## 3. Science findings:

Summary science statement:

Adequate studies are available to assess the acute toxicological hazards of technical and formulated Vitamin D<sub>3</sub>.

No toxicological hazards of concern were identified.

Available studies indicate that Vitamin D<sub>3</sub> is of low toxicity to birds; studies on fish are inapplicable because Vitamin D<sub>3</sub> is virtually insoluble in water. The registration of this new active ingredient is conditioned on submittal of additional efficacy data by January 1976.

Chemical characteristics:

Technical Vitamin D<sub>3</sub> is a solid resin. The empirical formula is C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O, and the molecular weight is 384.62. The melting point is 84-87°C. Vitamin D<sub>3</sub> is practically soluble in water, soluble in the usual organic solvents, and slightly soluble in vegetable oils.

Toxicological characteristics:

Currently available toxicology studies on Vitamin D<sub>3</sub> are as follows:

- Oral LD<sub>50</sub> in rats: 352 mg/kg and 42 mg/kg for males and 619 mg/kg for females.
- Dermal LD<sub>50</sub> in rabbits: >2000 mg/kg.
- Primary dermal irritation: not required because technical is a solid resin.
- Primary eye irritation: not required because technical is a solid resin.
- Inhalation LC<sub>50</sub>: not required because technical is a solid resin.
- Acute, 60-day, Delayed Toxicity Study in rats: Acute dose, equal to accidental exposure, produced no elevated serum calcium levels and no abnormal long bone growth in young rats.
- Teratology in rats: not required because technical is a solid resin and Vitamin D<sub>3</sub>, is a dietary supplement in the adult female diet.

Adequate studies are available to assess the acute toxicological effects of Vitamin D<sub>3</sub>. No toxicological hazards of concern have been identified in the studies reviewed for this new pesticide.

Physiological and biochemical behavioral characteristics:

The registrant submitted a volume on the metabolism and function of Vitamin D<sub>3</sub>. However, because Vitamin D<sub>3</sub> is a non-food use, is applied topically, and in small amounts, we did not review this submission of such information.

Environmental characteristics:

Because of the use pattern of this chemical (in and around buildings and inside of transport vehicles, we did not request any environmental fate data.

Ecological characteristics:

Based on studies available to assess hazards to wildlife and aquatic organisms, Vitamin D<sub>3</sub> is characterized as being of low toxicity to birds. Because the chemical is virtually insoluble in water, we requested no aquatic toxicity data.

Results of currently available studies are as follows:

- avian oral LD<sub>50</sub>: >2000 mg/kg (mallard duck)
- avian dietary LC<sub>50</sub>: 4000 ppm (mallard duck)  
2000 ppm (bobwhite quail)
- fish LC<sub>50</sub>: not required because technical is virtually insoluble in water.
- aquatic invertebrate LC<sub>50</sub>: not required because technical is virtually insoluble in water.

Product Performance characteristics:

Because the Agency had suspended the efficacy requirements for this type of product, the company did not complete all the pre-suspension data. Subsequently, the Agency notified the company that it had re-instituted these data. The company will have a reasonable period of time (until January 1, 1986) to supply the missing laboratory and field data.

4. Summary of regulatory position and rationale:

The Agency has placed the one registered formulation in Toxicity Category III (CAUTION) and has classified this use pattern (in and around buildings and inside of transport vehicles for norway rats, roofs rats, and house mice) as "Unclassified". Such a product can be sold over-the-counter. The Agency has not identified a potential for adverse effects for man or the environment, based on the submitted toxicology and fish and wildlife data. Because of re-institution of the efficacy data requirements, the registration will be conditioned on the submittal of additional, acceptable laboratory and field efficacy data within fourteen months.

5. Summary of major data gaps:

- LD-50 tests on target species
- Laboratory, choice-test, efficacy data for target species
- Field efficacy data

All studies are to be submitted to the Agency by January 1, 1986.

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