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MAINE BOARD OF PESTICIDES POLICY ON BOARD REVIEW OF PLANT INCORPORATED PROTECTANTS

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BACKGROUND

In 1994, following review of the *Bt* potato, the Board adopted a verbal policy calling for Board review of new Plant Incorporated Protectant (PIP) registration requests prior to approval. Between July of 2007 and March of 2010, the Board reviewed and approved registration requests for nineteen different *Bt*-corn products. All nineteen posed substantively identical public health and environmental risks. Consequently, the Board determined it was illogical to continue reviewing *Bt*-corn registration requests that are essentially identical to those already approved.

POLICY

When new registration requests are received for PIPs, the staff will evaluate the protein, label requirements, and other pertinent information. The Board will defer to the staff approval of applications that are substantively identical to PIP products already registered. If the PIP is not substantively identical to previously registered products, prior to approving registration, the Board will review the product for public health or environmental risks, as necessary.