



## CHEMICAL ADVISORY

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The California Citrus Quality Council (CCQC) is providing you with an update on the regulatory status of **spirotetramat (Movento®)**. Last April the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) cancelled the Movento® registration after a court ruled that the EPA made an administrative error in the registration process. EPA has been reviewing data and conducting reviews that would ultimately result in a new registration for Movento®.

In the course of conducting the new review, EPA is proposing to change the citrus label from **“Do not apply this product within 10 days prior to bloom, during bloom, or until petal fall is complete”** to **“Do not apply until after petal-fall.”**

CCQC in consultation with Beth Grafton-Cardwell advised Bayer CropScience that the California citrus industry would need the Movento® use as close to bloom as possible including during bloom to control Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) in the event that ACP moves to commercial groves and to accommodate use on lemons. We also advised Bayer that the proposed language would create confusion regarding enforcement because the language is too vague to provide adequate direction on applications near bloom.

EPA has reopened the comment period for Movento® until Aug. 25 to receive comments on the proposed label language and new bee data submitted by Bayer. CCQC plans to consult with Citrus Mutual to provide comments before the Aug. 25 deadline.

Additionally, Bayer expects the Japan MRL for Movento® to be approved in August or September.

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