

Iodomethane (MIDAS[®]) SOIL FUMIGANT UPDATE – 2010

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Global development, registration and product stewardship efforts of iodomethane as a soil fumigant continue successfully, and will be reviewed. As of September, 2010 iodomethane, to be marketed under the tradenames Midas[®], Wapiti[®], Ripper[®] and Yokafume[®], has been registered in (4) countries: USA, Turkey, New Zealand and Japan. Registrations are pending or planned in several additional countries including Mexico, Australia, Morocco, Guatemala, South Africa, Israel and Chile. Field development trials continue to demonstrate the effectiveness of iodomethane formulations applied as either a broadcast, raised bed shank or drip-applied product.

In the United States, the California Department of Pesticide Regulation published its proposed decision to register iodomethane on April 30, 2010 after an extensive review. Label approval and launch are expected in late 2010/early 2011. Availability of iodomethane will provide an important alternative to methyl bromide for California growers.

At the national level, state-of-the-art product stewardship, training programs and labels which were introduced at the initial launch of Midas have been updated to comply with new EPA regulations and timelines for release for all soil fumigants.

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