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Tommy Irvin, Commissioner
Georgia Department of Agriculture
Capitol Square, Room 550
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

ATTN.: Mr. Irvin:

The Environmental Protection Agency hereby **grants** a specific exemption under the provisions of section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, as amended, to the Georgia Department of Agriculture for use of azoxystrobin on the brassica leafy vegetables (collards, kale, and mustard greens] to control leaf spot caused by *Cercospora brassicicola* and *Cercospora brassicae*. The specific exemption is subject to the conditions set forth in your request, as well as the following conditions and restrictions:

1. The Georgia Department of Agriculture is responsible for ensuring that all provisions of this specific exemption are met. It is also responsible for providing information in accordance with 40 CFR 166.32(b). This information must be submitted to EPA headquarters and the EPA regional office within six months of the expiration date of this exemption. In accordance with 40 CFR 166.32(a) these offices shall also be immediately informed of any adverse effects resulting from the use of this pesticide in connection with this exemption.

ANY FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS EXEMPTION
SHOULD REFER TO FILE SYMBOL: **01-GA-09**.

2. The product Quadris™ Flowable Fungicide (22.9% suspension concentrate), EPA Reg. No. 10182-415, containing the active ingredient azoxystrobin manufactured by Syngenta Crop Protection (formerly Zeneca Ag Products Inc.), may be applied. All applicable directions, restrictions, and precautions on the EPA product label for Quadris™ Flowable Fungicide, must be followed.

3. The section 18 labeling submitted with your request of July 24, 2001, must also be used, with the following changes:

A. Remove the black banner from the top which reads, "Product Information".

B. Remove the EPA Reg No 10182-415 from page 1. You may replace it with 01-GA-09. Place the EPA Reg. No. 10182-415 on page 2, in parentheses, following "...container label...".

C. Place "Brassica" in front of the words "leafy greens".

4. Quadris™ Flowable Fungicide may be applied by ground or air at a rate of 0.15 - 0.25 lbs. a.i. per acre (or 9.2-15.4 fluid ounces Quadris per acre) on a 5-7 day schedule for maximum of 4 applications per season. Do not apply more than 3.85 pints of product (1.0 lbs. a.i.) per acre per crop. No pre-harvest interval is required.

5. A maximum of 20,000 acres of brassica leafy vegetables (collards, kale, and mustard greens) may be treated.

6. A tolerance in connection with the FIFRA section 18 emergency exemption has been established for residues of azoxystrobin on brassica leafy vegetables (crop group 5) at 25.0 ppm. This tolerance will expire on December 31, 2001. Applications made in accordance with the provisions of the specific exemption are not expected to result in residues which exceed this tolerance.

7. This specific exemption expires December 31, 2001.

The regulations governing section 18 of FIFRA require the Agency to consider the progress which has been made toward registration in deciding whether to grant repeated emergency exemption requests. This is the third year the use of azoxystrobin on brassica leafy greens has been requested under section 18. An IR-4 pesticide petition for this use is expected to be approved this year, prior to the expiration of the currently effective time-limited tolerances. Thus, satisfactory progress towards registration has been made.

/s/

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