



CANADIAN OILSEED PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION

COPA members to not accept canola treated with quinclorac in 2016

April 15, 2016 – The member companies of the Canadian Oilseed Processors Association (COPA), as well as the member companies of the Western Grain Elevator Association (WGEA), have individually advised they will **not** accept delivery of canola grown and harvested in 2016 that has been treated with quinclorac. The Canola Council of Canada has advised against using quinclorac because of ongoing concerns about residue limits in one of our largest export markets.

Data from the 2015 growing season confirmed that quinclorac leaves residues – not just in canola seed, but also in the processed oil and meal. One of the most important markets for canola is China. The lack of formal acceptance in China or an international standard creates risk that shipments with quinclorac residues will be rejected by this market.

Because of this commercial risk and the impracticality associated with segregation, the member companies will require growers to declare that all deliveries of canola have not been treated with any crop protection product containing quinclorac. In the event of noncompliance with this declaration, member companies will refuse to accept delivery.

We encourage growers to speak with their processor or local elevator for additional detail.

Responsible commercialization of crop protection products that respect the standards of our export markets is essential to the long-term profitability and success of our industry. Processors and grain companies will be communicating this message to their grower customers.

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The Canadian Oilseed Processors Association (COPA) is a federally incorporated non-profit industry association that represents the major oilseed processors in Canada. COPA's members are members of the Canola Council of Canada that advocates for improved market access by eliminating tariffs and non-tariff barriers for canola.

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