



Guidance on Submitting an Application for a Section 24c Special Local Need Registration to Allow the Use of a Pesticide on Marijuana in Washington

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The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) has developed the following guidance for the marijuana industry on submitting an application for a Section 24c Special Local Need (SLN) registration to allow the use of a pesticide on marijuana in Washington.

1. The SLN application must be submitted by either the registrant, or by a third party authorized by the registrant. If the SLN application is submitted by a third party, they are responsible for submitting a complete application to the WSDA.
2. The SLN application must demonstrate that there is a “special local need” in Washington by describing:
 - o The pest problem (e.g. spider mites, powdery mildew).
 - o The available pesticides that are currently allowed for use on marijuana, and why they will not adequately control the pest problem.
 - o Whether the pest problem is known to occur on indoor grown marijuana, outdoor grown marijuana, or both.
3. The SLN application must include a letter of support from an organization that represents the marijuana industry in Washington (such as the Coalition for Cannabis Standards & Ethics, the Washington CannaBusiness Association, or the Washington Marijuana Association), and a letter of support from an unaffiliated expert who is capable of verifying the special local need.
4. The SLN application must identify a federally registered pesticide with adequate data to support the following uses:
 - o On food crops (including hops and/or mint).
 - o On tobacco.
 - o With the same application method(s) as the SLN application.
 - o On crops that have agronomic characteristics and worker handling exposures that are similar to marijuana.
 - o In an enclosed structure (such as a greenhouse), for marijuana grown indoors.
 - o On a field grown crop, for marijuana grown outdoors.

For More Information:

- WSDA Section 24c Special Local Need (SLN) registration guidance document
agr.wa.gov/PestFert/Pesticides/docs/SLNGuide.pdf
- WSDA Criteria for Pesticides Used for the Production of Marijuana in Washington
agr.wa.gov/FP/Pubs/docs/398-WSDACriteriaForPesticideUseOnMarijuana.pdf
- Washington State University Pesticide Information Center Online (PICOL) database
cru66.cahe.wsu.edu/LabelTolerance.html

Contact Information:

Please contact the WSDA before submitting a SLN Application, so that we can discuss the candidate active ingredient with the EPA to determine if there are any regulatory issues. The contact for submitting a SLN application is Erik Johansen (Policy Assistant, Registration and Licensing Services Program). Phone: 360-902-2078 Email: ejohansen@agr.wa.gov