Pesticide Use On Industrial Hemp

What Makes A Product A Pesticide?

- (1) Any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest (2) any substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant, and (3) any nitrogen stabilizers. This includes insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, herbicides, and miticides.

What Is A Pest?

- (1) Any insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, weed, or (2) any other form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life or virus, bacteria, or other micro-organism (except viruses, bacteria, or other micro-organisms on or in living man or other animals).

What Pesticides Are Approved For Use On Industrial Hemp?

- There are currently NO FEDERALLY REGISTERED PESTICIDES approved for use on hemp or cannabis.

What Is A “Minimum Risk Pesticide” (25b Exemption)?

- A pesticide exempted from regulation under FIFRA because it has been determined to be (1) adequately regulated by another Federal agency or (2) of a character which is unnecessary to be subject to FIFRA.

What “Minimum Risk Pesticides” (25b Exemptions) Can Be Used On Industrial Hemp?

- There are currently NO MINIMUM RISK PESTICIDES approved for use on hemp or cannabis.

What Is A Pesticide Tolerance?

- A tolerance is the maximum residue level of a pesticide (usually measured in parts per million, or ppm) that legally can be present in food or feed.

Are There Any Established Tolerances For Pesticides On Industrial Hemp?

- Presently, there are NO FEDERALLY ESTABLISHED TOLERANCES for cannabis or hemp.

It is up to YOU, the GROWER, to read and understand the state and federal regulation regarding the industrial hemp program, or the restrictions placed upon you by the buyers/processors of hemp products.

Visit "What Is A Pesticide" for the EPA definition of what is classified as a pesticide and what is not.

Visit Minimum Risk Pesticide Info for more information on 25b products.