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**TRANSFLUTHRIN**

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**Document III-A  
Section 5 Efficacy  
Study Summaries  
Active Substance**

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CA-report and Proposed Decision of The Netherlands in the context of the  
Possible inclusion of Transfluthrin in Annex I of Council Directive 98/8/EC

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## 1 SECTION A5 Effectiveness against target organisms and intended uses

### Subsection (Annex Point)

Official  
use only

5.1 **Function (IIA5.1)** Insecticide (PT 18)

5.2 **Organism(s) to be controlled and products, organisms or objects to be protected (IIA5.2)**

5.2.1 **Organism(s) to be controlled (IIA5.2)**

- Mosquitoes (e.g. *Aedes aegypti*; *Culex quinquefasciatus*; *Anopheles stephensi*)
- House flies
- Cockroaches (e.g. *Blattella germanica*)
- Moths (e.g. *Tineola bisselliella*; *Anthrenus fasciatus*; *Attagenus piceus*)

5.2.2 **Products, organisms or objects to be protected (IIA5.2)** Household use only.

Pest	Object protected	Application aim
Mosquitoes	Home	Prevent and control
House flies	Home	Prevent and control
Cockroaches	Home	Prevent and control
Moths	Clothes Carpet Fur	Prevent and control

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### 5.3 Effects on target organisms, and likely concentration at which the active substance will be used (IIA5.3)

5.3.1 Effects on target organisms (IIA5.3) See table below – page 6

5.3.2 Likely concentrations at which the A.S. will be used (IIA5.3)

- PT18
- Mosquito coil – 1 mg a.s./m<sup>3</sup>
  - Vaporiser – 1 mg a.s./m<sup>3</sup>
  - Moth paper – 0.4 mg a.s./m<sup>2</sup> paper

### 5.4 Mode of action (including time delay) (IIA5.4)

5.4.1 Mode of action

Sodium channel modulator

Transfluthrin is a synthetic pyrethroid which acts on harmful organisms by contact and ingestion. It expresses a strong knock-down effect.

Pyrethroids impair ion transport through the membrane of nerve axons, causing muscular paralysis in the insect; death seems to follow a nervous system impairment that occurs a few minutes after pesticide absorption (Reigart & Roberts, 1999).

The primary site of activity of transfluthrin is the voltage sensitive sodium channel in nerve membrane. Transfluthrin prolongs the opening of the sodium channels (i.e. the channels directly responsible for generating nerve action potentials) leading to neuronal hyperexcitability.

5.4.2 Time delay

Knock-down effect (i.e. immediate).

<b>5.5</b>	<b>Field of use envisaged (IIA5.5)</b>	
	MG03: Pest control	Product type PT18 only
<b>5.6</b>	<b>User (IIA5.6)</b>	
	<b>Industrial</b>	The active substance is now manufactured in [REDACTED]. The highest standards of worker protection are implemented in the factory to international Bayer safety standards.  Wherever possible, human exposure is eliminated by provision of engineering controls – e.g. closed systems with negative pressure, automatic filling and packing, Local Extraction Ventilation (LEV), etc
	<b>Professional</b>	Not applicable – not approved for Professional uses
	<b>General public</b>	The labels clearly provide easy to follow instructions for users.
<b>5.7</b>	<b>Information on the occurrence or possible occurrence of the development of resistance and appropriate management strategies (IIA5.7)</b>	
<b>5.7.1</b>	<b>Development of resistance</b>	No known resistance in the target species has been observed to-date for this chemistry
<b>5.7.2</b>	<b>Management strategies</b>	Bayer is an active participant in the Insecticides Resistance Action Committee (IRAC). IRAC monitor scientific journals and other publications for reports of resistance and pro-actively recommend resistance measures to protect the efficacy of the pyrethroid group. In addition SC Johnson monitors the scientific literature and consumer reports. It will respond in the appropriate way to evidence of resistance to the target species.
<b>5.8</b>	<b>Likely tonnage to be placed on the market per year (IIA5.8)</b>	Please refer to IIIA Confidential data, section A5.8

<b>Evaluation by Competent Authorities</b>	
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<b>EVALUATION BY RAPPORTEUR MEMBER STATE</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<i>14 February 2008</i>
<b>Materials and methods</b>	<i>5.2.1. Organisms to be controlled: Moths: Tineolea bisselliella is a moth, Anthrenus fasciatus and Attagenus piceus are beetles.</i>
<b>Conclusion</b>	<i>The a.s. transfluthrin at the proposed concentration of 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (mosquito coil and vaporiser) and at 0,4 mg a.s./m<sup>2</sup> paper (mothpaper) has been shown to give an immediate knockdown effect for the target organisms. In these tests the following species have been used: Mosquitoes (Aedes aegypti, Culex quinquefasciatus), house flies (Musca domestica), cockroaches (Blattella germanica) and moth (Tineola bisselliella).</i>
<b>Reliability</b>	<i>Reliability is 1.</i>
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Section 5.3: Summary table of experimental data on the effectiveness of the active substance against target organisms at different fields of use envisaged, where applicable

Function	Field of use envisaged	Test substance	Test organism(s)	Test method	Test conditions	Test results: effects, mode of action, resistance	Reference*)			
Insecticide	PT 18	No deviation from specification	Yellow fever mosquitoes <i>Aedes aegypti</i> Male and female	Aerosol studies on <i>Aedes aegypti</i> in 1 m <sup>3</sup> chambers	Active ingredient was dissolved in 2 ml acetone and sprayed under air pressure through a glass nozzle. The exposure time was 60 minutes.	50 % and 95 % knock-down times in minutes (or % knock-down after one hour %) and mortality after 24 h	Pflanzenschutz Nachrichten Bayer, special edition Bayothrin Transfluthrin Chapter 4.1.2			
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						<b>0.01</b>		1.5'	3'	93
						<b>0.005</b>		12'	28'	90
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