



PRESS RELEASE

TreeAzin® Systemic Insecticide Registered to Help Combat Beech Leaf-Mining Weevil

Sault Ste. Marie, ON – March 14 – Health Canada’s Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) has approved an emergency registration for the management of beech leaf-mining weevil in Nova Scotia. This registration allows beech trees to be treated with TreeAzin until October 31, 2018. An application to PMRA is being prepared to subsequently have beech leaf-mining weevil permanently added to the TreeAzin label.

The invasive beech leaf-mining weevil, a native to Europe, was discovered in Nova Scotia in 2012 and is estimated to have arrived in 2007. The weevil is well established in Halifax and throughout Nova Scotia. Both the larvae and the adult weevils damage beech leaves causing tree mortality after several successive years of infestation and repeated defoliation. TreeAzin inhibits larval development and damage by the larvae either when injected in early spring, prior to bud burst, or when injected the previous fall in October or November. BioForest recommends monitoring beech leaf-mining weevil annually and, as needed, treating once per season at a dose rate of 3 mL/cm DBH (diameter at breast height) in the spring or 5 mL/cm DBH in the fall.

Research will continue with Dr. Jon Sweeney at the Canadian Forest Service, Atlantic Forestry Centre, to refine treatment frequency. BioForest would like to thank Dr. Sweeney and his team for their dedication to finding a solution for this invasive pest over the years. This emergency registration would not be possible without their help.

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About BioForest

BioForest is a Canadian company based in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario with a presence in Southern Ontario; Michigan; Missouri; Massachusetts; and Finland. In 2015, BioForest became a subsidiary of Lallemand Plant Care to oversee and develop its Forestry division.

BioForest is the registrant of TreeAzin, a systemic insecticide that provides protection against emerald ash borer and other insect pests in Canada and the United States. TreeAzin was developed for treating threatened trees in urban forests and environmentally sensitive areas. BioForest also developed an industry leading microinjection system, the EcoJect® System, used to apply TreeAzin into high value trees. BioForest distributes Rotstop® C, a biological fungicide used to prevent the introduction and spread of Heterobasidion Root Disease (root rot) in conifers, and is a Canadian distributor of Arbotect® 20-S, a preventive fungicide macroinjection treatment against Dutch elm disease.

BioForest’s purpose is to save trees from invasive pests and disease while having minimal impact on the surrounding environment. Using a science based approach, BioForest is committed to implementing effective pest management and forest health strategies. For more information visit www.bioforest.ca

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