# **CARBOPHENOTHION**

# **Overview**

Carbophenothion is an organophospate insecticide and an acaricide classified by the Environmental Protection Agency as a Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP)

### Just the facts

Physical Information
Name: Carbophenathion
Use: insecticide and acaricide
Source: synthetic chemistry
Recommended daily intake: none
Absorption: ingestion
Sensitive individuals: workers and homeowners who employ bensulide
Toxicity/symptoms: slightly toxic
Regulatory facts: General Use Pesticide
Environmental: toxic to aquatic organisms, bees, and slightly toxic to birds
Recommendations: use sparingly

### **Chemical Structure**

$$P \longrightarrow F_1 a \longrightarrow F_2 b \longrightarrow F_3 a$$

Structure received from Pesticideinfo.org

# **Chemical Description**

Pure carbophenthion is a yellow-brown liquid with a "mild mercaptan-like odor" and is stable, but soluble in most industrial solvents

### **Uses and Benefits**

It is applied on citrus fruits and cotton to control aphids and spider mites and is often combined with petroleum to neutralize numerous other pests as well

### **Health Effects**

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"Carbophenothion affects the nervous system by inhibiting chlolinesterase. Symptoms of poisoning include headache, blurred vision, weakness, nausea, discomfort in the chest, abdominal cramps, vomiting, diarrhea, salivation, sweating and pinpoint pupils (12, 16). It is highly toxic when eaten and nearly as toxic when absorbed through the skin."

There is no evidence of its chronic health effects.

#### **Environmental Effects**

Carbophenthion is highly toxic to birds, aquatic organisms, bees, and even certain citrus fruits including grapefruits

It is not terribly persistent in the environment, leaving residues in soil for up to six months after application.

Source : http://www.toxipedia.org/display/toxipedia/Carbophenothion