

PESTICIDES USED IN FOREST NURSERY MANAGEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE IMPACT OF THE FOOD QUALITY PROTECTION ACT AND OTHER REGULATORY ACTIONS

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The Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996 has placed new standards on the registration and regulation of pesticides intended to protect children. The most significant changes mandated by FQPA relate to the registration process and the establishment of a risk determination process termed the “Risk Cup.” This approach to risk analysis has resulted in greater restrictions on the application of pesticides used in forestry and in

the loss of uses critical to natural resources management. This paper will discuss the current status of pesticides available for use in forest nurseries in the United States. The paper will also cover the potential future for new and currently registered chemical alternatives to methyl bromide.