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## **Torac® Insecticide Granted Section 18 for Thrips Control on Fruiting Vegetables in Florida**

Wilmington, DE (January 16, 2017) – Torac® Insecticide from Nichino America, Inc. has been granted a Section 18 Emergency Use Exemption in the state of Florida to control thrips in fruit and vegetable crop group 8-10, the company announced today. This Section 18 follows the emergency use exemption for Torac granted last year which expires on February 28, 2017. This new Section 18 is effective March 1, 2017 and is valid through March 2018.

Torac provides fast knockdown and control of all stages of thrips including Melon thrips (*Thrips palmi*), Common blossom thrips (*Frankliniella schultzei*), and Western flower thrips (*F. occidentalis*).

The active ingredient in Torac, *tolfenpyrad*, works by blocking cellular respiration and is extremely effective on all stages of thrips: eggs, larvae, nymphs, and adults. Torac causes rapid feeding cessation and control of thrips usually within 24 to 48 hours. Torac belongs to the METI (Mitochondrial Electron Transport Inhibitor) class of compounds, IRAC Group 21A Insecticide. For effective resistance management, Torac should be used in rotation with insecticides of different modes of action.

Torac is a contact, foliar insecticide which means that sufficient spray coverage is essential. Based on the label, growers can make two applications per year at a 21 fl oz/acre rate. The label also states a 12-hour reentry interval (REI) and a 1-day preharvest interval (PHI).

Torac has been tested in University trials for several years with very successful results in the control of thrips in fruiting vegetables. Please refer to your local Nichino America sales or product development representative for more information.

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Nichino America, Inc. manufactures and sells several proprietary crop protection products known for their targeted performance, flexibility and ease of application, and fit with today's environment. Among the company's products are Applaud, Apta, Bexar, Centaur, Courier, FujiMite, Miteus, and Portal insecticides, ET and Venue herbicides, and Elegia, Convoy, Moncut, and Moncoat fungicides.

For more information on Torac and other Nichino products, call 888-740-7700 (toll-free) or visit [www.nichino.net](http://www.nichino.net).  
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