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**Pasteuria Bioscience Receives EPA Approval for
Pasteuria Liquid Product for Use on Turf and Strawberries**

Pasteuria usgae also receives EPA exemption from the requirement of a tolerance

July 26, 2010 – ALACHUA, Fla. – Pasteuria Bioscience (<http://www.pasteuriabio.com>) has received Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registration for *Pasteuria usgae* liquid formulation for use against sting nematodes on both turf and strawberries. EPA has also allowed an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of the biological nematicide, *Pasteuria usgae*, in or on all food commodities when applied pre-harvest and used as a nematicide in keeping with good agricultural practices. Both of these actions support the use and safety of *Pasteuria usgae* in nematode control products.

"We're extremely pleased with EPA's decision to approve the new product in strawberries and grant a tolerance exemption," said Dave Duncan, Ph.D., chief executive officer for Pasteuria Bioscience. "It represents our first approval in foods and the exemption confirms the existing safety profile of *Pasteuria usgae* opening its potential use in further food crops."

The Society of Nematology and other organizations estimate global crop losses due to nematodes at \$100 billion annually, making it agriculture's largest unmet pest control need. In strawberry production, it has been estimated that 40 percent of the United States' strawberry acreage is infested with nematodes and 70 percent of the acreage receives chemical nematicide treatment.

"The interest in *Pasteuria* technology and our first product Econem has confirmed the need for safe, sustainable and effective nematode control products," said Duncan. "We're working diligently to develop and commercialize products to fill this global need."

This registration marks the first in strawberries for a *Pasteuria*-based product. Pasteuria Bioscience's first product Econem for sting nematode control in turf grass received

EPA approval last fall. Econem is now being sold in the turf grass industry in the Southeastern United States. This new registration also grants use of the liquid product for turf.

With some nematicides being voluntarily removed from the market due to safety and environmental concerns, few nematicides exist to meet the demand. The commercialization of *Pasteuria*-based products helps address the need for environmentally safe, cost-effective and reliable nematode control products.

About Pasteuria Bioscience

Pasteuria Bioscience, Inc. was founded in 2003 in the University of Florida's Sid Martin Biotechnology Incubator. The company was developed to commercialize its revolutionary technology for production of nematode control products based on *Pasteuria* technology.

Pasteuria Bioscience is developing products based on *Pasteuria* spp. to treat major nematode pests in most agricultural crops. Econem is its first product providing sting nematode control for the golf and sports turf markets. Additional Pasteuria Bioscience products in development will offer nematode control in agronomic crops such as soybean and cotton as well as in specialty crops such as vegetables and banana

For more information, visit the Pasteuria Bioscience web site at <http://www.pasteuriabio.com>.

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