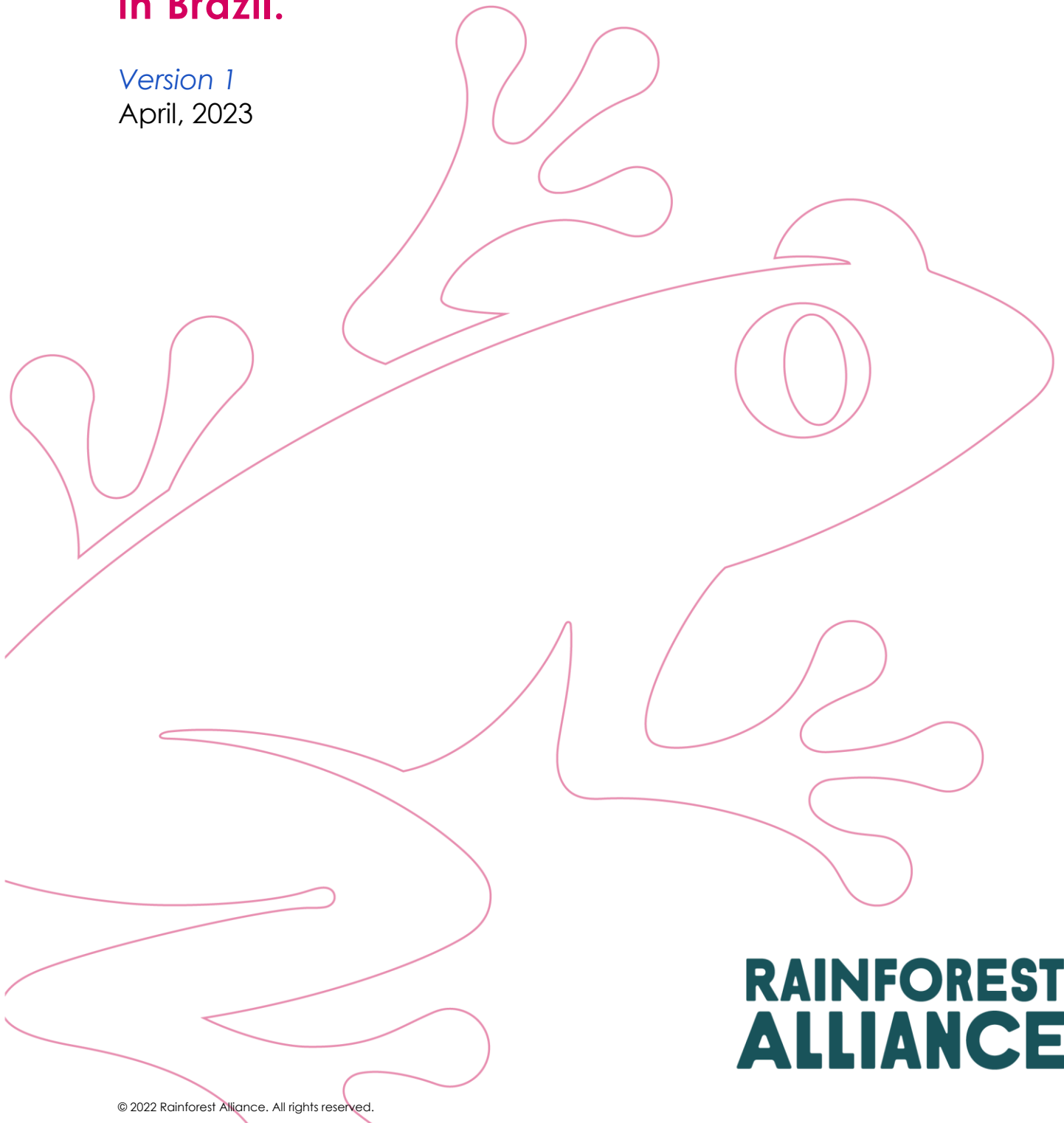


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Exception to use Fipronil, Imidacloprid, Thiamethoxan, Spirodiclofen and Glufosinate Ammonium for the Citrus Sector in Brazil.

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EXCEPTION TO USE FIPRONIL, IMIDACLOPRID, THIAMETHOXAN, SPIRODICLOFEN AND GLUFOSINATE AMMONIUM.

Fipronil is used to control leaf cutting ants (several species), while Imidacloprid and Thiamethoxan are used to control Asian citrus psyllid (*Diaphorina citri*). These three molecules are insecticides classified as Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs) due to their negative effects on pollinators.

Spirodiclofen is an acaricide used to control citrus leprosis mite (*Brevipalpus yothersi*) and Glufosinate-Ammonium is an herbicide used to control sourgrass (*Digitaria insularis*), both prohibited because its HPP classification as chronic toxicity according to the FAO/WHO definition.

Due to these classifications, Rainforest Alliance has included them in its list of prohibited pesticides; however, we have granted temporary authorization to the Brazil citrus sector to use these substances, while viable alternatives are identified. These authorizations are conditioned to be used within the strategy of Integrated Pest Management, in an efficient way and only with the complete implementation of the respective risk mitigation measures.

Rainforest Alliance has decided to extend the current pesticide authorizations and further support producers to phase-out the use of these products. For doing this, the Rainforest Alliance will undertake the following initiatives:

- Extend the current authorization to use the substances Fipronil, Imidacloprid, Thiamethoxan, Spirodiclofen and Glufosinate Ammonium until December 31st, 2024.
- Study the feasibility of using other products with lower toxicity and employ integrated pest management practices.
- Support the progressive elimination of all molecules included in this policy through workshops and training on the use of alternatives.

The specific conditions regarding this exception are presented below:

- a. This exception does not set a precedent and Rainforest Alliance is under no obligation to extend the exception period beyond the original deadlines, or to authorize the exceptional use of additional molecules.
- b. Non-compliance with any of the provisions in this policy will result in a non-conformity with requirement 4.6.1 of the Standard.
- c. The authorization will only be valid if the conditions and risk mitigation measures specified in the Exceptional Usage Policy are implemented.
- d. New purchases of inputs must consider that the application of this product will not be authorized after the established date in this exception policy (December 31st, 2024), and the remaining inventory needs to be used or disposed of before that date.
- e. The CH must inform CB regarding the application of this exception.
- f. Rainforest Alliance reserves the right to shorten or extend the period of this exception if the study reveals new aspects to be considered.



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