

Derogations for deciduous fruit crops

Updates for 2015-16 now available on the HORTGRO website

During December 2012, fresh Notes (73) December 2012 notified industry regarding a decision taken that the Fruitgro Science Crop Protection Advisory Group (CPAG), now HORTGRO Science CPAG, would play a role to compile derogations for relevant chemical actives, based on established “guiding principles”. The process initiated as an initial pilot/trial period was continued from 2012 to date.

This further fresh Notes notification relating to derogations, serves to inform industry regarding a decision taken by the CPAG, to place updated available stone and pome derogations for 2015-16 on the HORTGRO website - <http://www.hortgro.co.za/production-technical-information/technical-information/derogations/updated-20152016-derogation/>.

Derogations compiled to date and reviewed and updated for 2015-16 are as follows:

Acetamiprid on apples and pears
 Benomyl on apricots, peaches and plums
 Cadusafos on apples and pears
 Cadusafos on stone fruit
 Captan on apples and pears
 Carbaryl on apples
 Chlorfenapyr on nectarines
 Chlorfenapyr on apples
 Chlorpyrifos on apples and pears
 Cyanamide on apples and pears
 Cyanamide on apricots, plums and cherries
 Cyprodinil on apples
 Fenamiphos on peaches and nectarines
 Furfural on stone fruit
 Imidacloprid on apples
 Mercaptothion 500 EC on apples and pears
 Methoxyfenocide on apples and pears
 Novaluron on apples and pears
 Paraquat on apples, pears and stone fruit
 Prothiofos on apples and pears
 Prothiofos on apricots, peaches and plums
 Pyraclostrobin/ Dithianon (Maccani) on apples and pears
 Pymethanil on apples and pears
 Thiacloprid on apples and pears

As a reminder, as previously indicated, it is important to note that derogations will only be compiled and issued by the CPAG based on the following established “guiding principles”:

- Derogations can only be done on registered products.

- Derogations need to be issued in advance for the use of a specific product.
- The CPAG cannot compile a derogation to address misuse of a product.
- Derogations can be done in the case of “**essential use**” (defined as: actives with an absence of an efficient alternative), eg. Tokothion (Prothiofos), which can be justified.
- Derogations approved/issued by the CPAG will be in the standard HORTGRO Science derogation template format. It is not the responsibility of the CPAG to tailor derogations to the specific format/market requirement of the client.
- Derogations issued by the CPAG should be dated reflecting an **annual review** ensuring that any updates regarding a specific active have been considered (aligned to relevant use/availability of alternate products/other), **with derogations issued for this season dated 2015-16**.
- An active registered in South Africa that does not leave a residue and also meets the EU maximum default MRL of 0.01 ppm, is a typical example of an active requiring a derogation.
- Principles of IPM/resistance management cannot be ignored and must be followed in compiling derogations.
- Derogations will be based on the general use pattern of actives in SA, relevant to all parties (retailers/ other).

Industry parties (producers and exporters) requiring additional derogations to be compiled by the CPAG based on the above principles, should forward their requests to suzette@hortgro.co.za.

For any further enquiries, please contact Lindi Benić or Suzette Poole at telephone: 021 870 2900.

Please note:

Decisions related to which derogations will be compiled and to whom derogations will be issued remains at the discretion of the HORTGRO Science CPAG.

