

FRESH NOTES

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Industry Guideline Information on Restrictions on the Use of Plant Protection Products on Deciduous fruit for 2024/25 – VERSION 3 - December 2024, on HORTGRO website

For your information amendments to this version include:

SA/EU/Export default MRL and/or export default withholding period information/ Codex MRL information:

- **Deltamethrin** - EU MRL on plums and pears
- **Dithianon** - EU MRL on pears and apples
- **Mancozeb** - Export Default MRL and Export Default Withholding Period – Version 2 - October 2024, note added on apricots, peaches & nect., plums, pears, apples and table grapes, **now indicating *VOTE POSTPONED.**
- **Maneb** - Export Default MRL and Export Default Withholding Period – Version 2 - October 2024, - note added on apricots, peaches & nect., plums, pears, apples and table grapes, **now indicating *VOTE POSTPONED.**
- **Metalaxyl-M (Mefenoxam)** - EU MRL on table grapes
- **Potassium phosphite** - EU and Export Default MRL change on apples
- **Spinetoram** - Export Default Withholding Period on table grapes
- **Thiacloprid** - Export Default MRL and Export Default Withholding Period on peaches & nect., pears and apples

Regarding the above, for noting:

In the EU, in the case of mancozeb and maneb, the group of dithiocarbamates needs to be reviewed as a whole, with the process underway and ongoing and being closely monitored by Hortgro. A draft EU Dithiocarbamates regulation was put forward for voting at the EU Standing Committee (SC) – Pesticides Residues (PR) Meeting in September 2024, with the vote postponed and a note added to the Version 2 – October 2024 MRL information, anticipating a vote at the November EU SC PR Meeting. With the November vote once again postponed, the vote is now foreseen in February 2025 (with a proposed reduced EU MRL for mancozeb/maneb likely not to affect the 2024-25 season).

- **EU MRLs**, take note of proposed Draft EU MRLs (not applied regarding Export default MRLs since they are unpublished), which once published will impact on future EU MRLs.

Inclusion of newly registered/additional actives:

- **Azadirachtin** (BIONEEM) on apricots, peaches & nect., plums, cherries and table grapes
- **Ethephon** (FARMAG ETHEPHON) on apples
- **Potassium phosphite** (EMPOWER 400 SL) on table grapes
- **Potassium salts of fatty acids** (NEUDOSAN) on apricots, peaches & nect., plums, cherries, pears, apples and table grapes
- **Trichoderma asperellum strain TRC900** (REAL TRICHODERMA) on apricots, peaches & nect., plums and cherries

Please review trade names to confirm further verified/ newly registered trade names provided by agro-chemical companies for this version.

As previously indicated, agrochemical labels constitute the legal entity and must always be consulted to confirm registration of products/trade names on relevant deciduous fruit crops, prior to use. It is strongly recommended that producers request product labels as reference to confirm registration of given trade names on relevant deciduous fruit crops, prior to purchase/use of the product.

Regarding MRL information per country:

Amendments to the previous version are not highlighted, however, as previously indicated, the **MRL Notes** column flags actives which have no MRL (indicated as -) or MRL's lower than the export default MRL, based on specific country MRL's or Codex MRL's, in cases where Codex is/may be applied (ie. MRL values in square brackets, under MRL Notes). **It is recommended that these are reviewed in conjunction with MRL information per country, as required.**

Please review information per fruit type, as required, for further details.

Also refer to MRL Special Notes 2024/25 - ALL Fruit Types, under MRL documents, to see explanatory information.

Refer to: <https://www.hortgro.co.za/markets/market-access/>

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