

FRESH NOTES

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Implementation of pest control operator (PCO) regulations

Hortgro has addressed the issue of new PCO regulations in previous Hortgro News newsletters (October 2024 and January 2025).

For more information please read:

<https://www.hortgro.co.za/news/restricted-use-agricultural-remedies-what-does-it-mean-for-farm-owners-and-agricultural-workers/>

and

<https://www.hortgro.co.za/news/negotiating-future-food-production-safely/>

Hortgro and other commodity organizations will be submitting a dispensation request to the Registrar of Act 36 at the Department of Agriculture for the phasing in of implementation of PCO regulations regarding newly designated restricted agricultural remedies.

The commodity organizations are raising concerns regarding the immediate implementation of the PCO regulations and will be outlining the practicalities of the new regulations on the farm level.

We want to assure producers that we are doing our utmost in collaboration with other commodity organizations to achieve the best outcome for our industry.

Further communication to growers will follow as more information becomes available.