

FRESH NOTES

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Industry Guideline Information on Restrictions on the Use of Plant Protection Products on Deciduous fruit for 2025/26 - VERSION 3 - December 2025, on HORTGRO website

For your information amendments to this version include:

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

- None
- **EU MRLs**, take note of proposed Draft EU MRLs (not applied regarding Export default MRLs since they are unpublished), which once published will impact on future EU MRLs.
- **Please note:** Given differences between GB/UK MRL's and EU MRL's, in cases where the GB/UK MRL is lower than the EU/SA MRL, the Export Default MRL is based on the strictest.

Inclusion of newly registered/additional actives:

- **Bacillus subtilis Strain BS01** (Real Bacillus) on apricots, peaches & nectarines, plums, cherries, pears, apples and table grapes

Other:

Update on substances of concern:

Regarding the Version 1 – July 2025 Fresh Notes, including information related to the above, confirmation was received relating to Agricultural remedies reclassified for mancozeb-containing products, as follows:

- AECI confirmed "reclassification" and approval of continued use for Ventum 800 WP (L8691), on Hortgro stone fruit, pome fruit & table grape lists.
- Disa BioTechnologies confirmed "reclassification" and approval of continued use for Valis® M (L10408) and Java M (L10409), on Hortgro table grape list.
- Wenkem S.A (on behalf of Wentek Chemicals) confirmed "reclassification" and approval of continued use for Penncozeb (L4655), Pennfluid (L7733), Tridex (L5323), Tozeb WP (L8526) and Tozeb Flo (L8527) on relevant Hortgro stone fruit, pome fruit & table grape lists and Cuprofix 30 Disperss® (L7893), on Hortgro table grape list.

Colour-coding for the above confirmed reclassified products has been amended to green in our Version 3 – December 2025 documents, as per the below key included in our Version 1 – July 2025 Fresh Notes.

Key relevant to the above in Hortgro lists:

	Products reclassified/classification maintained
	Products awaiting confirmation of reclassification OR under derogation. Contact relevant Ag-chem company

Note: China MRL information has been added for cherries. Refer to MRL documents and to the MRL Special Notes document for further related details.

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 2025/26 - ALL Fruit Types, under MRL documents, to see explanatory information.

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

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