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Industry Guideline Information on Restrictions on the Use of Plant Protection Products on Deciduous fruit for 2026/27 - VERSION 1 - July 2026, 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:

- **6-benzyl adenine (BA) = 6-benzylaminopurine (BAP)** (Exilis) Local Withholding Period and Export Default Withholding Period on pears
- **Clothianidin** - EU MRL on table grapes
- **Didecyldimethylammonium chloride** - Local Withholding Period & Export Default Withholding Period on apricots, peaches & nect., plums and cherries, Export Default Withholding Period on apples and pears
- **Dithianon** - Export Default MRL and Export Default Withholding Period on apples
- **Emamectin benzoate** - GB/UK MRL on apricots, peaches & nect. and cherries, Export Default MRL and Export Default Withholding period on apricots and cherries & Local Withholding Period on table grapes
- **Ethephon** - Export Default MRL on apples
- **Fenamiphos** - GB/UK MRL on peaches & nect.
- **Fenazaquin** - Codex MRL on peaches & nect., plums and apples
- **Fluopyram** - Export Default MRL and Export Default Withholding Period on table grapes
- **Spinosad** - LUSTRE (only Peaches) - Local Withholding period & Export Default Withholding period on peach & nect., plums and pears
- **Thiamethoxam** - EU MRL on apples and table grapes & Export Default MRL on apples
- **Total copper** - EU MRL on peaches & nect., cherries, pears, apples and table grapes

- ***EU MRLs**, take note of proposed Draft EU MRLs (not applied regarding Export default MRLs since they are unpublished), which once published will impact on future EU MRLs.*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

- **1-Aminocyclopropane-1-Carboxylic acid** (Accede) on peaches & nect. and apples
- **1-naphthylacetic acid** (1-Naphthylacetic Acid 45 SL) on pears
- **Abamectin + Bifenazate** (PREVAMITE) on pears and apples
- **Calcium Phosphite** (Safe-PHITE™ SC) on apples
- **L-Phenylalanine** (Naturafend® 550 SP) on apples
- **Mancozeb** (Villa Unizeb 750 WDG) on cherries
- **Oligosaccharide complex (COS-OGA)** (fyto-11) on table grapes

Other:

- Regarding Version 1 - July 2025, Version 2 - October 2025 and Version 3 - December 2025, which included colour-coded information regarding the update on substances of concern relating to Agricultural remedies which were reclassified, awaiting reclassification or under derogation, since products have either been reclassified or cancelled/ deregistered, colour-coding has been removed for this version.

- **Note: Philippines and Brazil MRL information has been added for pears and apples.** 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 2026/27 - ALL Fruit Types, under MRL documents, to see explanatory information.

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

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