

## Derogations for deciduous fruit crops

During the 2011-12 deciduous fruit export season, a number of requests were received from industry parties, requiring assistance to develop derogations for specific chemical actives, related to UK/EU market related requirements.

Following a decision taken that the Fruitgro Science Crop Protection Advisory Group (CPAG) would play a role to compile derogations for relevant chemical actives, based on established "guiding principles" the process was initiated as an initial pilot/trial period during the past season.

This fresh Notes Notification serves to inform industry regarding the above derogation process which is being extended to the South African Deciduous fruit industry from the 2012-13 season, following the initial trial period.

As 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 Fruitgro<sup>science</sup> 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 2012-13.**

- 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).

Derogations compiled to date and updated for 2012-13 are as follows:

Acetamiprid on apples and pears  
Azinphos-methyl on apples and pears  
Cadusafos on apples and pears  
Captan on apples and pears  
Chlorfenapyr on apples  
Chlorpyrifos on apples and pears  
Cyhalothrin (Lambda/Gamma) on apples and pears  
Cyprodinil on apples  
Fenarimol on apples and pears  
Methidathion on peaches  
Methoxyfenocid on apples and pears  
Paraquat on apples and pears  
Propargite on apples  
Prothiofos on apples and pears  
Pyrimethanil on apples and pears  
Pyraclostrobin / Ditanon (Maccani) on apples and pears  
Thiacloprid on apples and pears

Industry parties requiring above updated derogations or requiring additional derogations to be compiled by the CPAG based on the above principles, should forward their requests to [Suzette@fruitgro.co.za](mailto:Suzette@fruitgro.co.za).

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### Please note:

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

