

INFORMATION & NEWS

Metaldehyde Stewardship Campaign

Metaldehyde is the most commonly used pesticide in the control of slugs. The Metaldehyde Stewardship Campaign (MSC) was formed in response to traces of the active ingredient metaldehyde being found in river water. Whilst posing no hazard to health it was deemed that in order for the continued approval, a campaign was started to promote and encourage responsible use of the pellets. Following a high profile campaign in 2009 the MSC have announced that initial results show that there has been a decline the levels of metaldehyde entering watercourses. Whilst it is too early to determine the exact reasons behind this drop, the MSC believe it is a combination of better stewardship and reduced pellet use due to the drier weather seen in 2009.

Guideline for pellet use as promoted by the MSC is as follows:-

- 5m no pellet buffer around all water courses and ditches
- Keep pellets out of field margins; switch off when turning & treat headland last
- Don't pellet if heavy rain is forecast to avoid 'leaching'
- Use trapping methods to treat accordingly

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) – Modification of MRL for Dimethoate on Cauliflower, Broccoli & Brussels Sprouts

The EFSA have published details of the changes to the MRL allowed on Dimethoate on Cauliflower, Broccoli and Brussels Sprouts coming into force from 7th June 2010 under EU Regulation 1097/2009 (previously 91/414).

Product	Current MRL	New MRL as from 7 th June 2010
Cauliflower	0.2	0.02*
Broccoli	0.02*	0.02*
Brussels Sprouts	0.3	0.02*

Dimethoate is an insecticide and under our Proposed Pesticide Usage Forms is listed as 3rd preference. We feel that the best cause of action ahead of these changes is to contact the relevant suppliers to gauge their thoughts or actions required and we will update you in the next edition.

Further details can be found on www.pesticides.gov.uk or www.fera.defra.gov.uk or Nigel.Allam@agrimarc.co.uk or Ellie.Webb@agrimarc.co.uk

Potential and Agreed Changes to Maximum Residue Levels (MRL's)

There have been no amendments to MRL's for January 2010

Additional Updates re: On and off-label approval data for specified crops

ADDED

Crop	Product	Marketing Company	Active Ingredient
Potatoes	Cleancrop Mandrake Euro Lambda 100 CS	United Agri Products Euro Chemicals	Mancozeb Lambda-cyhalothrin
Broccoli	Mezzanine Euro Lambda 100 CS Signum	Agriguard Ltd Euro Chemicals BASF plc	Metazachlor Lambda-cyhalothrin Boscalid/pyraclostrobin
Calabrese	Signum	BASF plc	Boscalid/pyraclostrobin
Cauliflower			
Brussels Sprouts	Mezzanine Euro Lambda 100 CS	Agriguard Ltd Euro Chemicals	Metazachlor Lambda-cyhalothrin
Cabbage	Mezzanine Euro Lambda 100 CS	Agriguard Ltd Euro Chemicals	Metazachlor Lambda-cyhalothrin
Carrot	Stomp Aqua	BASF plc	Pendimethalin (SOLA 3526/09)
Parsnip	Stomp Aqua Euro Lambda 100 CS Skater	BASF plc Euro Chemicals Makhteshim-Agan	Pendimethalin (SOLA 3526/09) Lambda-cyhalothrin Metamitron (SOLA 3524/09)
Beetroot	Major	Makhteshim-Agan	Lambda-cyhalothrin (SOLA 3488/09)
Kohlrabi			
Swede	Mezzanine Glyphofit 36 SL	Agriguard Ltd GAT Microencapsulation	Metazachlor Glyphosate
Turnip	Mezzanine Glyphofit 36 SL	Agriguard Ltd GAT Microencapsulation	Metazachlor Glyphosate

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EXPIRED

Crop	Product	Marketing Company	Active Ingredient
Potatoes			
Broccoli	Centium 360 CS	Belchim	Clomazone (SOLA 0087/08)
Calabrese	Centium 360 CS	Belchim	Clomazone (SOLA 0087/08)
Cauliflower			
Brussels Sprouts	Centium 360 CS	Belchim	Clomazone (SOLA 0087/08)
Cabbage	Centium 360 CS	Belchim	Clomazone (SOLA 0087/08)
Carrot			
Parsnip			
Beetroot			
Kohlrabi			
Swede			
Turnip			