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## WITHDRAWAL OF THE TETRADIFON (TEDION) MRL IN THE USA

Dear Citrus Growers and Exporters

In early January 2006, CGA became aware that the active substance Tetradifon (used in the miticide Tedion) was under review in the United States (US). This is a normal administrative process, conducted every 10 years, whereby the US authorities re-evaluate the Maximum Residue Level (MRL) and usage patterns of active substances. The last time Tetradifon had been evaluated was in 1996.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2006 CGA received further notification that the MRL had been withdrawn in the US, effective immediately. It would appear that Tetradifon is no longer used in the US and therefore the MRL has, by default, fallen away.

CGA will be submitting an objection to the revoking of this MRL immediately, with the view to maintaining the MRL as an Import Tolerance. Objections and requests for hearings must be received on or before 26<sup>th</sup> June 2006. Growers will be advised on the success of this objection in due course.

**The implication of this withdrawal is that citrus treated with Tetradifon will no longer be permitted into the US, also effective immediately. Growers are therefore advised to divert Tetradifon-treated citrus to other markets.**

Contact myself on 031 765 2514 should you have any queries.

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