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Amendment to the Chlorfenapyr (Hunter) Recommended Usage Restriction

The recent registration of Chlorfenapyr (Hunter) as a bait spray for Citrus Thrips control means the CGA/CRI can make the appropriate changes to the Recommended Usage Restrictions documents to accommodate this new use.

The relaxing of the Recommended Usage Restriction is based entirely on the fact that the bait spray results in less active ingredient on the fruit than the medium cover film spray application. **Growers that continue to use Hunter as a medium cover film spray are therefore cautioned to continue to apply Hunter not later than +/- 3 weeks after petal fall (before calyx closure).** Only bait spray use permits a shorter withholding period.

The following Recommended Usage Restrictions will therefore be applicable:

- **General Export Tolerance:** Medium Cover Film Spray: Before calyx closure (\pm 3 weeks after petal fall) as registered.
Bait Spray (20 ml /100 l water): 140d PHI and not later than mid-December as registered.
- **CODEX:** -
- **Canada:** -
- **USA:** -
- **Japan:** -

Notes:

- The EU countries apply the "General Export Tolerance" MRLs and the "All Markets" column of the Recommended Usage Restrictions table.
- "-" means the restrictions are the same as for the "General Export Tolerance")

Integrated Pest Management Implications

While three bait sprays per production cycle are permitted (all before mid-December), three applications will likely cause repercussions from red mite, mealybug and soft scales (if present). Until appropriate research or field experience shows that this is not the case, growers might consider it better from an IPM perspective to use a single bait spray per season, the advantage being that it can be applied later than the film wet spray and the lower volumes allow for quicker application in an emergency.

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