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Dear Growers

Herewith a brief update on MRL related matters.

Dichlorprop (Corasil E) update

CGA continues to engage with the Act 36 Registrar, the manufacturer and distributor of Dichlorprop (Corasil E) with the view to ensure growers have access to Dichlorprop for the next production cycle.

At present the Registrar is evaluating data submitted for a new registration (new formulation) of Dichlorprop which is hopefully to be approved by July 2009, presuming no further delays.

Ethephon (Ethrel) update

A change to the citrus Ethephon EU MRL (now 0.05 mg/kg) and a revised Ethephon residue testing methodology are recent developments producers using Ethephon (Ethrel) should note.

Despite Ethephon being used in extremely limited volumes on citrus in South Africa it is not clear whether the current practices are suitable to achieve the new EU tolerance.

Research now needs to be conducted to determine whether these current uses result in residues below this lower EU MRL.

Ethephon will be added to the Recommended Usage Restrictions document based on indications that a few packhouses are in fact using Ethephon in small quantities. Until the research is concluded and more data is available the recommended restrictions that apply are as follows:

All markets except where other restrictions apply: Not permitted.

Canada, Japan, Middle East and Indonesia: Applied in the line before waxing as a total loss spray over a set of brushes. 156 ml Ethrel/25 litres water for lemons, grapefruit and Clementines. 210 ml Ethrel/25 litres water for oranges.

Malathion (Mercaptothion) reminder

Based on queries fielded at the CGA office, growers are reminded that the prevailing restrictions for Malathion/Mercaptothion (fruit fly bait) are as follows:

All markets except where other restrictions apply: 28d PHI. Only dilute concentration; do not use higher concentrations. Korea: 14d PHI for oranges and 28d PHI on other citrus.

CODEX: 7d PHI

Canada: 14d PHI for oranges and 28d PHI on other citrus.

USA: 7d PHI

Japan: 7d PHI

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