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## **Indonesia Standard Operating Procedure**

Exports of fresh fruit from South Africa to Indonesia in 2010 will be subject to the Indonesian Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). This Indonesian SOP requires among other things that exporters notify the PPECB of their intention to export to Indonesia (for each consignment) and that consignments undergo analytical testing for specific plant protection product residues. Copies of the Indonesian SOP can be found on the CGA ([www.cga.co.za](http://www.cga.co.za)) or Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry ([www.daff.gov.za](http://www.daff.gov.za)) website. Contact Paul Hardman should you have any queries.

Fruit industries are engaging with DAFF in order to apply for official recognition of the SA Food Safety Control Plan which will hopefully pave the way for the relaxation of some of the requirements and associated costs of the Interim SOP.

## **NPE-based Agricultural Remedies (Nonylphenol Ethoxylate)**

CGA/CRI fielded a number of queries from growers recently regarding the registration status of NPE-based adjuvants. In some cases growers had been informed that NPE-based adjuvants were now "banned". The Registrar of Act 36 (Fertilizers Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act 36 of 1947) was approached to provide clarity on this matter.

The Registrar indicated that NPE-based products used in the citrus industry had not been "banned" but that the European Union (EU) had requested a voluntary withdrawal of the use of the compounds due to user-safety considerations. Most pesticides in South Africa that had contained NPEs now contain alternative chemicals. However, some adjuvants that largely comprised NPEs are being voluntarily phased out and replaced with non-NPE alternatives.

The Registrar is satisfied with the direction in which the plant protection industry is voluntarily moving and on that basis will permit the sale of old stock of NPE-based adjuvants until those have been cleared out of the market. It is foreseen that in time the owners of NPE-based adjuvant registration will not

renew these registrations and the products and will no longer be available for sale.

## **Change in Spirodiclofen (Envidor) PHI**

The South African Registration of Envidor (Spirodiclofen) has been revised and reflects a shorter pre-harvest interval (14 days) and higher maximum residue level (0.1 mg/kg). CGA/CRI will therefore update the Recommended Usage Restrictions for export citrus as follows:

**All markets except where other restrictions apply:** 14d PHI as registered.

**CODEX (China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Indonesia):** Not later than mid-January

**CODEX (Middle East):** 14d PHI as registered.

**Canada:** 14d PHI as registered.

**USA:** 14d PHI as registered.

**Japan:** 14d PHI as registered.

**Korea:** 14d PHI as registered for Mandarins. Not later than mid-January for other citrus.

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