

IMPORTANT

ENDOSULFAN USERS' NOTICE 2005

From 1 October 2005 Endosulfan products must be used according to the new approved label. All previous labels have been cancelled.

New label instructions are now in force regulating the way endosulfan products can be used and who can use them. The changes are required as a result of the Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority's (APVMA) review of endosulfan and the APVMA's consideration of endosulfan residues in beef. All products manufactured and supplied after 30 September 2005 are required to bear new labels which incorporate new instructions for use.

All supply and use of endosulfan must be as directed on currently approved product labels including:

1. Endosulfan **MUST NOT** be used on leafy vegetables, berry fruits, bananas, sorghum & maize, peanuts, legume vegetables, bulb vegetables, sweet corn, or cole vegetables (except cabbage (head) broccoli and cauliflower).
2. Endosulfan products must only be purchased and used by "Authorised Persons" who:
 - conduct the business of selling or supplying agricultural chemical products; or
 - are current State licensed pesticide applicators; or
 - hold a current Spray Safe Certificate issued by the AAAA; or
 - hold a current Certificate (AQF level 3 or above) or statements of attainment issued by a Registered Training Organisation for the following 2 competency units:
RTC3705A Transport, handle and store chemicals
RTC3704A Prepare and apply chemicals.

NOTE: The requirements for use of endosulfan may differ in each State or Territory. Users must ensure that State and Territory Control of Use legislation is adhered to.

For further details of specific state requirements and certification which have been found acceptable to the APVMA for the purposes of supply and use of endosulfan please go to:

http://www.apvma.gov.au/users/restricted_chemicals.shtml

3. The following limits on the number of applications of endosulfan must be observed:
 - for all crops except orchard crops, the limit is two full coverage sprays of endosulfan per crop per growth season unless irrigation and storm runoff water (25 mm) is captured on farm;
 - for cotton only, there is an absolute maximum limit is three full coverage sprays of endosulfan product per crop per growth season.
4. The withholding periods for certain crops treated with endosulfan have also changed, and growers must observe the withholding period (WHP) set out on the new endosulfan product label.

5. All users of endosulfan products must keep records according to instructions found on the new approved label. These records must be kept for 2 years.

NOTE: Pesticide users should also ensure they keep spray records in accordance with their state/territory regulatory requirements

6. Before endosulfan is used on cotton, users must notify occupiers of neighbouring properties and occupiers of neighbouring residences of certain particulars of the spray operation as instructed on the new label.
7. When endosulfan is used on cotton, users must observe downwind no-spray-zones according to specifications found on the new label.
8. Endosulfan products must only be used on cotton in the periods of time designated on the label of the particular product being used. This time period may vary with the formulation type and application method used and the geographical region in which the product is used.
9. Endosulfan users who are also cattle producers, and those cattle producers that are neighbours to endosulfan users, must pay particular attention to Question 8 on the National Vendor Declaration (NVD), Question 7 on the European Union Vendor Declaration (EUVD).
10. Endosulfan must only be applied to cotton according to techniques specified on the new label.

For more information visit the Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority's website:

www.apvma.gov.au

