

Suspension of Label Approvals of Products Containing Carbendazim

The APVMA has suspended the label approvals of products containing carbendazim. These are listed in the following table:

Table 1: Registered products and label approvals containing carbendazim

Product No.	Product Name	Registrant	Label Approval No.
30740	Hylite Timber Preservative	Osmost Australia Pty Ltd	30740/0607; Ψ
47708	Hylite 80 Anti-Sapstain	Osmost Australia Pty Ltd	47708/0607
50528*	4Farmers Carbendazim 500 Fungicide WP	4Farmers Pty Ltd	50528/0599
51514*	Antiblu CC Concentrate Timber Fungicide	Koppers Arch Wood Protection (Aust) Pty Limited	51514/0299
52878	Farmoz Howzat SC Systemic Fungicide	Farmoz Pty Limited	52878/0507
53061*	Boomer Systemic Fungicide	Sipcam Pacific Australia Pty Ltd	53061/0505 53061/0600
53390*	Chemag Carbendazim 500 SC Fungicide	Imtrade Australia Pty Ltd	53390/0203 53390/0101
53587	Campbell Goldazim 500 SC Systemic Fungicide	Colin Campbell (Chemicals) Pty Ltd	53587/0807
54167*	Kendon Carbendazim SC Systemic Fungicide	Kendon Chemicals & MNFG Co Pty Ltd	54167/1201
56692*	Superway Carbendazim 500 Systemic Fungicide	Superway Garden Products Pty Ltd	56692/0703
56783*	Halley Carbendazim 500 Systemic Fungicide	Halley International Enterprise (Australia) Pty Ltd	56783/0103
58452* VC	Kenso Agcare Carbendazim 500 SC Systemic Fungicide	Kenso Corporation (M) SDN BHD	58452/0105
58886	Crop Care Bavistin FL Systemic Fungicide	Crop Care Australasia Pty Ltd	58886/0608 58886/0607
59434*	Shincar 500 SC Fungicide	Sinon Australia Pty Limited	59434/0905
59815	Nufarm Spin Flo Systemic Fungicide	Nufarm Australia Limited Vol	59815/0707
60942* VC	Ospray Carbendazim 500 Fungicide	Ospray Pty Ltd	60942/0906
61334	4Farmers Carbendazim 500 SC Fungicide	4 Farmers PTY LTD	61334/0907

Product No.	Product Name	Registrant	Label Approval No.
63167	Country Carbendazim 500 Fungicide	Accensi Pty Ltd	63167/0808

(Ψ) Label transitioned from the States and does not have an approval number.

(*) The APVMA is also revoking the previous suspension of May 2007 (last renewed in June 2009) of these products to apply this new suspension and the amended instructions for use.

(VC) The APVMA has recently cancelled the registration of these 2 products at the request of the registrants. This suspension applies to any existing product in the market.

The suspensions are in effect from 25 January 2010 until 25 January 2012

REASONS

The reason for this suspension is that the APVMA has determined that the instructions on currently approved labels for carbendazim products may not be adequate:

- The data provided to the APVMA as part of the review has been assessed by the OCSEH and used to re-affirm the existing Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) and to establish an Acute Reference Dose (ARfD) and a Health Value for drinking water.
- Based on application of the ARfD to modelled maximum exposure of the public to recently sprayed turf, the report recommended the removal of registered uses of carbendazim on turf.
- Additionally, comparison of the ARfD to maximum possible acute dietary exposures has led the APVMA to conclude that uses of carbendazim on certain food producing crops are not acceptable, based on the data currently available. Thus the APVMA is acting to suspend these uses.

In view of the identified health and safety concerns, the APVMA has determined that for all carbendazim products:

- label approvals be suspended; and
- new instructions be issued for the continued supply and use of carbendazim

The approvals and registrations of carbendazim remain under reconsideration on the basis of the potential for an undue hazard to human health and to those exposed to carbendazim during its handling, as well as concerns over the adequacy of labelling (APVMA April 2007 Gazette).

The APVMA has issued the following instructions that allow for the continued supply and use of carbendazim during the period of suspension. These instructions **replace** those issued in May 2007.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR POSSESSING, HAVING CUSTODY OF, USING OR DEALING WITH PRODUCT CONTAINING THE SUSPENDED LABEL

These instructions apply to all products containing carbendazim until either the suspension ends, is revoked OR the APVMA issues new instructions for products containing carbendazim.

For product supplied from the manufacturer AFTER 25 January 2010

Possession and custody

A person may possess, have custody of, use or otherwise deal with the product containing a suspended label only in accordance with these instructions.

Supply

Product may only be supplied if a copy of the instructions contained in this notice are securely affixed to the container.

Use

Product can only be used in accordance with the instructions contained in this notice during the period of suspension.

For product supplied from the manufacturer BEFORE 25 January 2010

Possession and custody

A person may possess, have custody of, use or otherwise deal with the product containing a suspended label only in accordance with these instructions.

Use

Product may be used according to the instructions on the existing suspended label for a period of 6 months only ending on 25 July 2010.

After 25 July 2010 the product can only be used in accordance with the instructions contained in this notice during the period of suspension.

Other than as specified above, the products must be used in accordance with the instructions on the label attached to the container. Where the above instructions are inconsistent with the label instructions, the instructions in this notice must be followed.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS before using or otherwise handling the product.

When using or otherwise handling the product, follow these instructions.

Other than as specified below, the products must be used in accordance with the instructions on the label attached to the container. Where the instructions below are inconsistent with the label instructions, the instructions on this notice (below) must be followed.

In all States and Territories the following are new instructions for products containing carbendazim. All other label instructions continue to apply unless otherwise specified below.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR TIMBER PROTECTION PRODUCTS

Signal heading (amended)

**DANGEROUS POISON
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
READ SAFETY DIRECTIONS BEFORE OPENING OR USING**

Storage statement (additional statement for S7)

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL: Store in a locked room or place away from children, animals, food, feedstuffs, seed and fertilisers.

Warning statement (amended)

WARNING: Contains carbendazim which causes birth defects and irreversible male infertility in laboratory animals. Avoid contact with carbendazim.

Warning:

These labels are not approved during the period of the suspension. A person must not possess with the intent to supply or deal with any of these products during this period except in accordance with the instructions contained in this notice. A failure to comply with them will result in an offence against the Agvet Codes and the APVMA will take appropriate compliance action.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL OTHER PRODUCTS

Signal heading (amended)

**DANGEROUS POISON
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
READ SAFETY DIRECTIONS BEFORE OPENING OR USING**

Prohibited Crop uses

DO NOT apply to turf, grapes, cucurbits (including melons), citrus fruit, custard apple, mango, pome fruit (apples or pears) or stone fruit (including cherries).

Storage statement (amended)

Storage statement (additional statement for S7)

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL: Store in a locked room or place away from children, animals, food, feedstuffs, seed and fertilisers.

Warning statement (amended)

WARNING: Contains carbendazim which causes birth defects and irreversible male infertility in laboratory animals. Avoid contact with carbendazim.

SAFETY DIRECTIONS (wettable powder formulations (all strengths) and soluble concentrates 500 g/L or less, greater than 80 g/L only) ²

Harmful if inhaled or swallowed. Will irritate the eyes and skin. Do not inhale vapour or spray mist. When opening the container, preparing spray and using the prepared spray wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist, a washable hat, elbow-length PVC gloves and a half facepiece respirator. After use and before eating, drinking or smoking, wash hands, arms and face thoroughly with soap and water. After each day's use, wash gloves and contaminated clothing

Warning:

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Subsections 45A(5) and 55(3) cease to apply in respect of the above products. After 25 July 2010 the product can only be used in accordance with the instructions contained in this notice during the period of suspension.

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² These safety directions are unchanged from those issued in May 2007. Some product labels already include these safety directions.