

CHEMICALS UPDATE

The Strategic Agrichemical Review Process (SARP) is a structured process that provides a view of current priorities and gaps regarding pest, disease and weed control in Australian horticulture industries. A SARP report was initially completed in 2016 for each horticulture crop with a levy fund, and these have just been updated in late 2020.

The SARP process involved industry consultation and desktop studies to:

- Assess the importance of the diseases, insects and weeds that can affect each horticulture crop
- Evaluate the availability and effectiveness of fungicides, insecticides, herbicides and pesticides in the control of these plant pests and diseases
- Determine any gaps in the current pest and disease control strategy
- Identify suitable new or alternative treatments to address the gaps.

Alternative treatments (e.g. pesticides) should ideally be selected for benefits of:

- Integrated Pest Management (IPM) compatibility
- Improved scope for resistance management
- Sound biological profile
- Residue and trade acceptance domestically and for export.

You can download the full Passionfruit SARP report at bit.ly/2020-SARP

TWO NEW PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED

PERMIT ID	DESCRIPTION	DATE ISSUED	EXPIRY DATE	PERMIT HOLDER
PER88379	Etoazole / Passionfruit / Passionvine Mite & Two-spotted Mite	22-Feb-21	28-Feb-24	Hort Innovation
PER89943*	Trivor Insecticide (acetamiprid + pyriproxyfen)/ Custard Apples, Lychee, Papaya, Passionfruit, Persimmons & Olives / Various pests including; Fruit	29-Jan-21	31-Jan-24	Hort Innovation

***Interim Permit - ADAMA will be seeking a label registration in the future for the crops covered under this permit as part of the AgVet Grant funded project (ST16006).**

All efforts have been made to provide the most current, complete and accurate information on these permits, however we recommend that you confirm the details of these permits at the following APVMA website: <https://portal.apvma.gov.au/permits>

Please report any 'non-performance' by completing the Non-Performance Reporting Form for Horticultural Pesticides found at <http://bit.ly/non-perf> and sending it to: jodie.pedrana@horticulture.com.au

A 'non-performance' is an unintended or unexpected effect on plants, plant products, animals, human beings or the environment, including injury, sensitivity reactions or lack of efficacy associated with the use of an agricultural chemical product(s) when used according to label (or permit) directions.

Users are advised that while the pesticide can be applied legally under the APVMA minor use permit, there can be a significant delay until the MRL gazetted by the APVMA is adopted in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.

Until this occurs the MRL may not be recognised and a zero tolerance may be imposed for residues of the pesticide resulting from its use according to the APVMA permit.

Please be aware that in the absence of an MRL in the Food Standards Code, the use of the pesticide according to the permit may result in the suspension of the produce in the marketplace.

Please check the FSANZ website or the Australian Government ComLaw website: www.legislation.gov.au/Series/F2015L00468 to confirm if there are MRL established by the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.