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Dear Hazelnut Grower

Re: Chemicals permitted for Australian Plague Locust Control – in a Tree Nut Crop.

As you know unprecedented numbers of Australian Plague Locusts (APL) are hatching, and the chance exists that first or second generation adults and/or nymphs may require control in areas not traditionally affected by APL.

Through the Partnership arrangement of Hazelnut Growers of Australia with the Australian Nut Industry Council and Horticulture Australia Ltd, the emergency use permit attached has been issued by Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority (part of the Department of Health).

WARNING

Please read the conditions for use on Hazelnuts of the approved chemicals, and note that these are toxic to humans so appropriate protective measures should be taken.

Use of chemicals for APL control and in a manner not prescribed by the Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) could result in chemical residues being detected in your crop and prejudice successful marketing. (In Victoria – landowners may use chemicals providing crop residues are not detected.)

If you expect to harvest nuts from your trees this year, it is important that you understand the implications of using APL control chemicals OTHER than those described in this permit (except in Victoria).

Vanessa Cox

Secretary and HGA representative on ANIC.

The following permit has been issued by APVMA:

PER12332 – Chlorpyrifos & malidison / tree nuts (almonds, chestnuts, hazelnuts, macadamias, pecans, pistachio, walnuts / Australian Plague Locusts.

Valid 24/9/10 to 31/08/11.

Valid for all states (other than Vic).

Full details of all permits are available on the APVMA website,

<http://www.apvma.gov.au/permits/permits.shtml>

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 at:

<http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/thecode/foodstandardscode/standard142maximumre4244.cfm> to confirm if there are MRL established by the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.

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