

HARVEST ALERT



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Important Reminder On Chemical Use

As part of broader industry initiative, GrainCorp would like to remind growers of their obligations to ensure chemicals are used within prescribed guidelines.

This is important as violations of maximum residue limits (MRLs) can have significant impacts on the marketability of Australian grain.

Only registered products should be used while observing all label recommendations, to ensure all grain is supplied within the acceptable MRLs.

To ensure the integrity of our export product, GrainCorp (and other industry participants) conducts random testing of grain samples for residues. At all times, it is important that we do not detect MRL violations.

This year, testing will be focused on:

- Haloxyfop in canola
- Imazapic in Scope barley
- Imazapyr in Scope barley
- Glyphosate in barley & canola.

Consequences if MRL breaches were to occur may include:

- Loss of markets;
- Penalties imposed against the party delivering the affected grain;
- If repeated violations are detected, the use of the relevant chemical may be reviewed by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority; and
- Liability, in respect of claim or lost sustained in respect of your deliveries.

Any of the following scenarios could lead to unacceptable residue levels:

- Not observing label directions, (including the application rate, frequency, withholding period, or growth stage application window);
- Not observing specific "DO NOT" statements that appear on product labels;
- Cross-contamination in a spray vat, or other contamination event.

Use only registered products and observe all label recommendations, including label rates, timing of applications and harvest withholding periods.

Please note that the application of glyphosate and paraquat to barley prior to harvest is in contravention of permitted labels and may constitute an offence under chemical registration regulations.

Scope barley treated with products containing imazapic, or Scope barley treated with imazapyr outside of the label recommendations, will NOT be accepted into either Malt or Feed grades by GrainCorp.

Further information on this topic is available through the GRDC Fact Sheet: "Grain Marketing and Pesticide Residues," available at <http://www.grdc.com.au/Resources/Factsheets/2014/07/Grain-marketing-and-pesticide-residues>

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