PESTICIDE DEROGATION

Pesticide derogation: Use of Fipronil in Australia
FSC reference code: FSC-DER-30-V1-0 EN Fipronil Australia 01022011

Date: 01 February 2011

FSC Board Committee decision:

Approves a derogation to use Fipronil in ground and aerial application to control grass, broad-leaved, and woody weeds in certified forest plantations in Australia, provided that:

1. Applicants to restrict Fipronil application for use against the wingless grasshopper and the European Wasp;

2. Applicants to use Fipronil only when infestations exceed thresholds stated in their derogation applications as an Applicant designated emergency;

3. In all cases, applicants to preference ground over aerial spraying of Fipronil and to establish a higher level threshold for aerial spraying than that used for ground applications;

4. Applicants to demonstrate appropriate buffers when using Fipronil in proximity to water bodies (e.g., those established in their derogation applications or as specified by APVMA at http://www.apvma.gov.au/users/spraydrift_principles.shtml);

5. Applicants to increase R&D effort to support stated investigation into alternatives; future derogation requests for Fipronil will only be considered where they are accompanied with detailed reports of efforts to investigate alternatives; these reports must include amount contributed, trials undertaken, research designs used, findings, implications and ongoing research plans;

6. Where Fipronil is used to control against the European wasp, applicants to provide evidence that their action is part of a coordinated community or local government program in the plantation region;

7. Applicants to increase efforts at community outreach to meet best practice; these include not only providing information to neighbours, affected individuals and groups,
and stakeholders, but include two-way communication to understand individual, group, community and stakeholder concerns; detailed information is required in future as to the precise nature of consultation that has occurred with regard to Fipronil, the responses received, and the alteration in practices that occurred as a result;

8. Certifying Bodies to monitor on an annual basis that increased R&D effort and best practice community consultation is occurring; when conducting recertification audits, CBs also to ensure FSC-certified operators are complying with these R&D and community consultation obligations under this derogation;

List of FSC certified forestry units covered under this Fipronil derogation:

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<td>Rewards Group Limited</td>
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Note: Failure to demonstrate compliance with the conditions included in this document may result in the termination of the derogation.