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Re-application for derogation for the restricted use of an agricultural remedy identified as a substance of concern and addressing previous comments.

This notice is to inform the public of an administrative action being taken in relation to the approval of an agricultural remedy under the Fertilizer, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act (Act No. 36 of 1947). AECl[®] Limited, with registration details below, hereby inform the public of their intention to re-submit an application for derogation for the registered agricultural remedy containing Glufosinate-ammonium 200 g/L. The re-application for derogation meets the criteria as per the Regulation 8(6), as outlined in the Derogation Guideline, 2024.

REGISTRATION HOLDER	Trade name and registration number	Website
AECl [®] Limited Co. Reg. No. 1924/002590/06	Knersus 200 SL (Reg. No. L10631, Act No. 36 of 1947)	www.aeciph.com

The active ingredient, Glufosinate-ammonium was identified as a substance of concern due to its classification as a Reproductive Toxicity Category 1B according to the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals; and the Derogation re-application is applied for the following restricted uses, and for a specific period only, in South Africa. Approval is sought as indicated, to provide a solution to farmers, since no suitable registered alternative product is currently available.

- Restricted use as indicated on the label to control weeds in **Vineyards** and **Citrus**, by ground application only
- A minimum period of 2 years to continue sales and its use, **or** until an alternative product has been registered
- In a survey involving Crop Advisers and Crop Producers, it became evident that no suitable alternative product is currently available, to combat resistance
- The Risk Assessment Version 8.0 for **Knersus 200 SL**, focusses on the earlier comments received

The following “Warnings” have been included to the **Knersus 200 SL** label, if the derogation is granted to ensure maximum safety during the use of **Knersus 200 SL**:

- Not for sale to or use by residential gardeners.
- **THIS REMEDY IS RESTRICTED DUE TO ITS CMR CLASSIFICATION 1B. THIS REMEDY MAY ONLY BE SOLD TO AND USED BY A REGISTERED PEST CONTROL OPERATOR, OR BY SOMEONE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A REGISTERED PEST CONTROL OPERATOR, AND ONLY FOR THOSE USES COVERED BY THE PEST CONTROL OPERATOR’S SCOPE OF REGISTRATION, AND ONLY AS DIRECTED ON THIS LABEL.**
- Mixing of the treatment solution in accordance with the “mixing instructions” on the **Knersus 200 SL** label.
- Personal protection instructions on the Safety Data Sheet must be followed, including washing hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling **Knersus 200 SL**.
- The baseline Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be worn when applying **Knersus 200 SL**, including single layered clothing covering the arms and legs, closed shoes and chemical-resistant gloves as well as eye protection, viz., safety goggles.
- **RESTRICTED-ENTRY INTERVAL (REI)**
The recommended 12 hours post application for all activities, with the exception of:
2-days to move irrigation pipes in irrigated crops.

As per the requirements of the “Regulations relating to agricultural remedies” of August 2023, the Toxicological Risk Assessment has been conducted for the restricted end-uses during a specific time period only, and the public is hereby invited to review the Toxicological Risk Assessment Version 8.0 and submit comments in relation to the proposed re-application. This report can be accessed online available through our www.aeciph.com website or in hard copy at the Department of Agriculture (20 Steve Biko Street, Agriculture Building, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0002) during office hours (08:00 to 16:00 on Mondays to Fridays, excluding public holidays).

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Interested parties must submit comments or objections in relation to this re-application within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Comments received after this date need not be considered.