

Nufarm Australia Actions with Spray Drift Stickers on 2,4-D Products

Nufarm Australia have supported the actions of the APVMA by including the spray drift stickers on all 2,4-D products that have been produced or held in Nufarm production sites and regional service centres by November 30 2005.

The products which Nufarm have taken action to apply the spray drift stickers are listed below:

31209 Nufarm Estercide 800 Herbicide
42229 Nufarm LV Estercide 600 Herbicide
46314 Baton Herbicide
52904 Nufarm Amicide 625 Selective Herbicide
52999 Nufarm Surpass 300 Herbicide
56179 Nufarm Amicide 625-LOW Selective Herbicide

These products represent the Nufarm 2,4-D range of products. Each product carries a brightly coloured sticker that was approved by the APVMA in late August 2005.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE AS PART OF THE STICKERING PROCESS:

Placement of stickers:

- The decision was made to apply the stickers to the top of each container, based on APVMA advice that the stickers had to be prominent and visible.
- Pallets that held stickered containers were distinguished by placing stickers on two sides of the pallets on the outside of the stretch wrap.

Stock located on Nufarm production sites:

- All of the relevant stock of 2,4-D products held in store on Nufarm production sites was identified and stickered from September 2005.
- The Bill of Material for each relevant product had instructions included for the addition of the sticker, and product formulated from September 2005 had stickers attached.

Stock located at Nufarm regional service centres:

- Nufarm regional service centres (located at Toowoomba, Moree, Wagga Wagga, Horsham, Cummins, Adelaide, Geraldton, Merredin and Esperance) completed the task of removing stretch wrappers from pallets holding un-stickered containers, de-palletising containers, stickering containers, re-palletising containers and stretch wrapping pallets again for relevant products stored at these locations.

Stock located in distribution/with retailers:

- Nufarm involved their territory managers in the stickering task so product that was held in distribution stores around the country was stickered. Territory managers continue to monitor distribution sites/retailers on an on-going basis.

Nufarm have labelled over 110,000 production units since the APVMA issued the direction to include the spray drift stickers on all 2,4-D products.

Nufarm Australia has made every effort to comply with the APVMA requirements for the inclusion of spray drift stickers on all 2,4-D products.



Additional Nufarm Activity

Nufarm have been proactive in holding a series of Spraywise seminars in north western Victoria, NSW and Qld to advise growers and distributors on the contents of the spray drift stickers and to work with growers to minimise the likelihood of spray drift by selection of appropriate nozzles and application conditions. Nufarm, in association with Croplands, offered growers preferred pricing on a range of nozzles so that growers were able to replace existing nozzles with low drift options. Nufarm involved a range of consultants at these seminars to advise growers on the desirable conditions for spraying along with options for minimising spray drift.

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