

Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority

# PERMIT TO ALLOW MINOR USE OF A REGISTERED AGVET CHEMICAL

## PRODUCT FOR CONTROL OF RED IMPORTED FIRE ANTS IN MARKET AND DOMESTIC VEGETABLE GARDENS

# **PERMIT NUMBER – PER14770**

This permit is issued to the Permit Holder in response to an application granted by the APVMA under section 112 of the Agvet Codes of the jurisdictions set out below. This permit allows a person, as stipulated below, to use the product in the manner specified in this permit in the designated jurisdictions. This permit also allows the Permit Holder and any person stipulated below to claim that the product can be used in the manner specified in this permit.

# THIS PERMIT IS IN FORCE FROM 1 OCTOBER 2014 TO 31 OCTOBER 2025

### **Permit Holder:** DAF – BIOSECURITY QLD CONTROL CENTRE 145 Wayne Goss Drive BERRINBA, QLD 4117

### Persons who can use the product under this permit:

**In QLD**: Employees, contractors and persons under the direction of National Fire Ant Eradication Program, or any person that holds level 3 competencies in the Australian Qualifications Framework that relate to the safe use of agricultural chemicals.

In NSW: Any person who has been authorised by the Chief Plant Health Officer (or equivalent) in their state, and who:

- holds level 3 competencies in the Australian Qualifications Framework that relate to the safe use of agricultural chemicals, and
- has been provided with training in the proper handling and application of fipronil-based treatments for the control of Fire Ants.

### **CONDITIONS OF USE**

## **Products to be used:** TERMIDOR RESIDUAL TERMITICIDE AND INSECTICIDE (APVMA No. 54624) PLUS OTHER REGISTERED PRODUCTS Containing: 100 g/L FIPRONIL as the only active constituent.

## MAESTRO 200SC INSECTICIDE (APVMA No. 70280) PLUS OTHER REGISTERED PRODUCTS Containing: 200 g/L FIPRONIL as the only active constituent.

#### **Directions for Use:**

Сгор	Pest	Rate
Market gardens/intensive backyard horticultural and vegetable gardens	Red Imported Fire Ant (Solenopsis invicta)	Products containing 100 g/L Fipronil: 25 mL / 100 L water Products containing 200 g/L Fipronil: 12.5 mL / 100 L water Apply between 1 and 10 L of prepared product by injection, depending on the nest size.

#### **Critical Use Comments:**

- Application by pressure injection using a termiticide spear or equivalent into the nest proper. The dose MUST be properly injected into the ground and care MUST be taken to minimise the amount of injection rising to the surface.
- Apply up to approximately 500 mL by sprayer or watering can on the surrounding soil surface up to one (1) metre radius from the nest. This method should be minimised to the extent possible.
- DO NOT contaminate streams, rivers or waterways. Potential for spray drift and run-off to aquatic areas should be avoided by spraying under suitable weather conditions and not applying when heavy rain is forecast.

#### Withholding Period:

Refer to additional conditions.

# Jurisdiction:

QLD and NSW only.

#### **Safety Directions:**

When opening the container, preparing product for use and using the product, wear chemical resistant clothing buttoned to the neck and wrist, impervious footwear and a washable hat, half facepiece respirator with organic vapour/gas cartridge or canister and elbow-length PVC or nitril gloves. Wash hands after use. After each day's use, wash gloves, contaminated clothing and respirator and if rubber wash with detergent and warm water.

#### **Additional Conditions:**

This permit allows for the use of a product in a manner specified on the permit. Persons who wish to prepare for use and/or use products for the purposes specified in this permit must read, or have read to them, the details and conditions of this permit. Unless otherwise stated, the use of the product must be in accordance with the product label.

The holder of the permit must notify the APVMA of new information, including relevant information in accordance with section 161 of the Schedule to the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994*, in accordance with the obligation imposed by that section.

The User must consult with the land and or business owner to advise of the requirement that an area of crop surrounding each nest will be destroyed using a knockdown herbicide **or removed by hand or machine** prior to use under this permit.

Horticultural crops (non-tree and vine crops)

- DO NOT harvest crop from treated areas. Crop within a one (1) metre radius of the nest, or that has come into contact with the drench, must be destroyed using a registered knockdown herbicide.
- The state department responsible for the use must undertake a soil testing program at treated sites prior to crop re-establishment. Crops must not be established in treated areas until soil fipronil residues are <0.01 mg/kg.

#### Tree and vine crops

- Fruit from crops treated less than six (6) months after application must be destroyed if the nest or treated area is within 1m of any tree or vine.
- Do not use fipronil to treat more than 15 nests/100m<sup>2</sup> in tree and vine crops. Alternative control measures should be used to treat additional nests.
- Do not graze treated area or use treated produce for stock food.

### Other Matters

Continued issuance of this permit is subject to the outcomes of the current APVMA review of FIPRONIL. This permit may be impacted by the outcomes of this review.

#### Issued by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority

Note: Permit amended 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016, to replace the phrase, 'Persons authorised by Biosecurity Queensland Control Centre, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry' with the new phrase, 'Licensed Pest Management Technicians operating within the National Red Imported Fire Ant Program' under 'Persons who can use the product under this permit' (Permit Version 3).

27/03/2019 - Permit holder address updated. Expiry date extended to 30 September 2024. Permit issued as Version 4.

29/10/2024 – Permit updated to include NSW as a jurisdiction for use and update the Persons who can use the product under this permit. Permit expiry extended to 31/10/2025. Permit issued as Version 5.