



Australian Government
**Australian Pesticides and
Veterinary Medicines Authority**

**PERMIT TO ALLOW SUPPLY AND MINOR USE OF AN UNREGISTERED AGVET
CHEMICAL PRODUCT FOR CONTROL OF VARROA MITES IN HONEYBEE COLONIES**

PERMIT NUMBER – PER95038

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 Supplier (as indicated) to possess the product for the purposes of supply and to supply the product to a person who can use the product under permit. This permit also 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, the Supplier (if not one and the same) 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 8 NOVEMBER 2024 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Permit Holder:

NSW DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
105 Prince Street
ORANGE NSW 2800

Suppliers:

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105 Prince Street
ORANGE NSW 2800

ACT ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTORATE – ENVIRONMENT
480 Northbourne Avenue
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475 Mickleham Road
ATTWOOD VIC 3049



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BIOSECURITY QUEENSLAND
Level 3C East, Ecosciences Precinct, 41 Boggo Road
DUTTON PARK QLD 4102

Commercial suppliers in all states except TAS, for supply for use in the jurisdictions where use is approved.

Note: As these products are unregistered, an import consent must be requested, and must be in place with the APVMA for each supplier importing product from any overseas country, including New Zealand. This is in addition to any other relevant import permits from other Australian Government Departments.

Persons who can use the product under this permit:

Persons generally, within the designated jurisdictions.

CONDITIONS OF USE

Products to be used:

APISTAN

AN UNREGISTERED PRODUCT

Containing: 100 g/kg TAU-FLUVALINATE (824 mg/strip) as the only active constituent.

RESTRAINT:

DO NOT make comb honey or beeswax from frames from treated hives available for human consumption or for use with food at any point.

Directions for Use:

Situation	Pest	Rate
For control of Varroa mites in managed hives of European honeybees	Varroa mite (<i>Varroa destructor</i>)	2 strips/ brood box, or 1 strip/ nuclei colony. Leave strips in place for 6 – 8 weeks, then remove from the colony.

Critical Use Comments:

- **Signal Heading:** POISON
- Where possible, rotate the use of strips with other products with different modes of action. Note that the actives in Apistan (tau-fluvalinate) and Bayvarol Strips (flumethrin) have the same mode of action.
- Do not suspend strips in honey supers.
- Suspend strips between combs in the central brood rearing area (e.g. between frames 3 and 4, and 7 and 8 in ten frame hives).
- Do not apply more frequently than every 6 – 8 weeks.
- Do not apply more than 9 times per annum.
- Treat hives before honey supers have been added (i.e. before first honey flow). If mite infestation is severe a second application can be made after honey supers have been removed (i.e. all surplus honey has been removed from the hive).
- Strips should not be used during peak honey flow as residues may result in the wax of the honeycomb.
- Any honey extracted from the brood box must be tested for residues prior to sale for human consumption.
- **Safety Directions:** Precautions: Avoid contact with skin.
Mixing or Using: When opening the container, preparing the product for use and using the product, wear gauntlet length chemical resistant gloves.
After use: Wash hands after use.
- **First Aid Instructions:** If poisoning occurs, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre. Phone Australia 13 11 26.
- **Re-entry/Rehandling Statement:** The use of gauntlet-length chemical resistant gloves is recommended any time the miticide strips are handled, including on removal of the strips from the beehives.
- A copy of the label approved for supply of this product can be found at **Attachment 1**.

Withholding Period:

Harvest:

Honey: Not required when used as directed.

Jurisdiction:

NSW, ACT, VIC and QLD only.

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 at **Attachment 1**.

Note: The permit over-rides any label statement where there appears to be a conflict in conditions or instructions.

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.

Supply

The supplier must supply the product in a container that complies with the requirements of section 18 of the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Regulations. Attached to this container must be a label which is identical in content and format to the label at **Attachment 1**. As shown in the attachment, for all product manufactured after 29 September 2023, the product label must carry the appropriate signal heading. The signal heading may be applied as an over sticker, and must be applied without obscuring any other label text. The signal heading must be applied in accordance with the APVMA Veterinary Labelling Code.

A copy of this permit must be supplied with the product.

Record keeping

Maintain records of all treatments performed under this permit. Details must include the date and locations where treatments occurred, the total amount of product used, and the names and addresses of the persons undertaking the use. These details must be maintained for a minimum period of two years from the date of expiry of this permit, and must be made available to the APVMA, or state department staff of the relevant jurisdiction, upon request.

Export of treated produce

Temporary Maximum Residue Limits (TMRLs) have been established to allow treated produce to be used for human consumption. A TMRL has been established for tau-fluvalinate in honey. MRLs can be found in the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Instrument No. 4 (MRL Standard)*. MRLs apply only to produce marketed and consumed in Australia. If treated produce is to be exported, residues must not exceed the limits/tolerances of the importing country.

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10 x 10 APISTAN® STRIPS



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POISON

HARMFUL: Keep out of reach of children
ECOTOXIC



For the diagnosis and control of Varroa mites in beehives

Active ingredient: Contains 100g/kg tau-fluvalinate in the form of an impregnated polymer strip. (Each strip contains 824mg tau-fluvalinate).

	TOXIC/IRRITANT		CHRONIC		ECOTOXIC
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DANGER – Harmful if swallowed. Causes serious eye irritation. May damage fertility or the unborn child. May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Precautions
Keep out of reach of children. Read label before use. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Keep strips in original, unopened packaging, away from foodstuffs. Avoid inhalation of product vapour and oral exposure when opening the sealed packet of strips. Avoid contact with skin and eyes and wear latex gloves when handling the strips. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after use. Do not eat, drink or smoke whilst using. If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand. Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth. Collect spillage. IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER (0800 764 766) or doctor/physician if you feel unwell. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

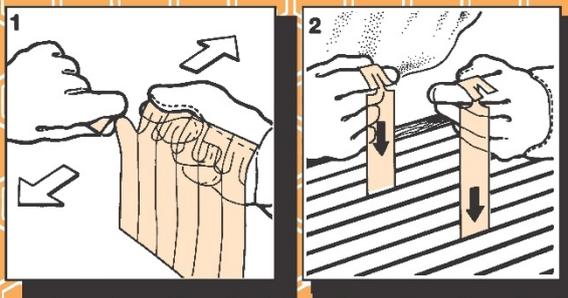
Storage and disposal: Store locked up. Store below 25°C, out of direct sunlight, and away from other pesticides that may contaminate the strips. Dispose of according to Local Regulations or Authorities. Burn used strips if circumstances, especially wind direction, permit; otherwise bury with empty packaging in a suitable landfill.

Very toxic to fish and aquatic organisms. With long lasting effects.
Avoid contamination of any water supply with strips or empty container.

Hazardous to terrestrial invertebrates.

General: Apistan is a slow release impregnated polymer strip designed for use in beehives to control the parasitic mite (Varroa destructor) on honey bees.

Resistance Management: Intensive use of Apistan could result in the development of resistant strains of mites. To minimise this risk use Apistan strictly in accordance with the label directions. It is recommended to alternate the use of Apistan with products from other chemical groups.



By law this product must only be used as specified in the label content.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Wear latex gloves when handling strips.

Removing strips: The strips are bonded together in one sheet. To separate strips, hold firmly at corner near tab (see illustration), and pull along the scored line from top to bottom. Unused strips should remain in the original package.

Control of Varroa mite

Dosage rate: Use 2 Apistan strips per brood chamber. Hang each strip within two comb frames of the edge of the bee cluster, i.e. between frames 3 and 4 and between frames 7 and 8. Apistan strips are suspended in the brood chamber in such a way that the bees can walk on both sides of the strips. To suspend the strips between the frames, twist out the wings of each strip (see illustration).
Do not place strips in the honey supers.

Duration: The strips should not be removed from the hive for at least 6 weeks, but to minimise the development of mite resistance, the strips should not be left longer than 8 weeks. Do not reuse strips.

Timing: Treat hives in the spring before honey supers have been added (i.e. before the first honey flow). If the mite infestation is severe a second application can be made in the autumn after honey supers have been removed (i.e. all surplus honey has been removed from the hive).

Diagnosis of Varroa mites (surveillance method)

The strips are inserted into the colony for 24 hours only. Before inserting the strips, cover the floor tray with a clean sheet of paper. This is checked for the presence of dead varroa mites 24 hours later.

Withholding period: Not for use when honey supers are present in hive.

Disposal: Ensure strips are disposed of in an appropriate manner as stated in the Precautions box.

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NZ Agent: CeraCell Beekeeping Supplies (NZ) Ltd, 23 Ra Ora Drive, East Tamaki, AKL 2013;

Freephone: 0800 237223

Batch No. and Expiry date: see side of carton.

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