**Temporary restrictions on chlorthal-dimethyl/DCPA weedkiller**

On 13 September 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced temporary restrictions on the use of weedkillers containing chlorthal-dimethyl. This weedkiller is registered under the names Dacthal, Deramot, Xtra, and Chlor-Back 75WG.

These restrictions have been introduced to avoid exposing people who might be pregnant to a chemical that could harm the unborn baby.

HortNZ along with Vegetables NZ and Onions NZ welcome the EPA's acknowledgment that there is currently no suitable pre-emergence alternative for growers of alliums (onions, shallots, and garlic) to manage wireweed.

The EPA is allowing the continued use for this purpose for 12 months, provided the restrictions on use are followed correctly. Full details about these restrictions are provided [here](https://www.epa.govt.nz/hazardous-substances/substance-approvals-and-group-standards/reassessments-and-changes-to-approvals/restrictions/chlorthal-dimethyl-dcpa-weedkiller/).

**To be clear, from Friday 13 September 2024, it is no longer permitted to use this weedkiller for any other purpose or in any way that deviates from these restrictions.**

Chlorthal-dimethyl is not widely used in our sector so these restrictions should not pose any major risks.

If you have any concerns, please email [andrew.bristol@freshvegetables.co.nz](mailto:andrew.bristol@freshvegetables.co.nz).

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