



Herbicide ingredients banned from sale

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) has cancelled the registration of 11 high volatile ester products (HVE) products and two active constituents.

The latest assessment of data from the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPAC) determined the risks of the use of 2,4-D HVE products under the suspended label instructions are unacceptable and cannot be mitigated.

The herbicide 2,4-D is used to control weeds in crops, commercial and industrial areas, turf, forestry and waterways.

There are now 220 registered 2,4-D products in Australia, with sales representing about 7–8 per cent of all herbicide sales.

The recent cancellations were made as part of the ongoing review of 2,4-D, which saw the APVMA suspend registrations and label approvals of 2,4-D products containing high volatile ester forms in 2006.

That was done on the basis of environmental concerns about off-target damage to nearby crops, vegetation and the environment due to its ability to easily evaporate and be carried long distances under certain conditions.

The latest decision means the supply of the cancelled 2,4-D HVE active constituent is to cease immediately (21 August 2013) and from 31 August the supply of product containing 2,4-D HVE manufactured up to 21 August 2013 is to cease.

People will be able to use products they have already purchased up until 31 August 2014 under the same permit instructions (PER14329) which restricts use to winter only and under strict conditions.

However the use of the products after 31 August 2014 will be illegal.

More information on the review is available from this [PS News link](#).

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