

Official Information Act Request

Requester's details

Date: 9 February 2022

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Reference number: ENQ-43276-Q1R3Z2

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request received on 13 January in relation to a spraying activity conducted by Tasman Pine Forests Limited, for the following information:

“What chemicals were used; if these chemicals required approval by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), and if EPA approval was given.”

In the response you have received from Nelson City Council, several chemicals are noted. The table below lists these chemicals along with their active ingredients and lists the EPA approvals for those substances. The column ‘EPA record’ is a link to our website page listing the controls that apply to these approvals.

Name given (OIA)	Active ingredient(s)	EPA Approval	EPA record	External links
AGPRO Glyphosate 510	510 g/L glyphosate as isopropylamine salt	HSR100400	https://www.epa.govt.nz/database-search/approved-hazardous-substances-with-controls/view/3F22EF21-ED20-49CE-A80A-29F3FD5A3580	Similar product: https://agpro.co.nz/product/agpro-forestry-weedkiller-510
CORTEVA Grazon	600 g/L triclopyr as butoxyethyl ester	HSR000829	https://www.epa.govt.nz/database-search/approved-hazardous-substances-with-controls/view/FA2799E2-7BF9-42B4-8A30-A4EBFD53B4CE	https://www.corteva.co.nz/products-and-solutions/crop-protection/grazon.html
AGPRO Organosilicone	NA	HSR002503 (Group standard approval)	Additives-Process-Chemicals-and-Raw-Materials-Subsidiary-Hazard-Group-Standard-2020-HSR002503.docx (epa.govt.nz)	https://agpro.co.nz/product/organosilicone
AGPRO Anti-Foam	NA	NA (non-hazardous)		https://agpro.co.nz/product/anti-foam-1410

AGPRO Meturon	600 g/kg metsulfuron-methyl	HSR000242	https://www.epa.govt.nz/database-search/approved-hazardous-substances-with-controls/view/5845EBAB-DAE0-4256-97E2-9E80CD4080E6	https://agpro.co.nz/product/agpro-meturon
AGPRO Trichloram Brush Killer	300 g/L triclopyr as butoxyethyl ester and 100 g/L picloram as amine salt	HSR000553	https://www.epa.govt.nz/database-search/approved-hazardous-substances-with-controls/view/BA03D82B-8F0A-4DAC-B4AE-BF68B2D4AD54	Safety data sheet: https://agpro.co.nz/downloads/sds-agpro-trichloram-brushkiller-inka9.pdf
Horticultural oil (AGPRO Agricultural Oil or a similar product)	NA	HSR002503 (Group standard approval)	Additives-Process-Chemicals-and-Raw-Materials-Subsidiary-Hazard-Group-Standard-2020-HSR002503.docx (epa.govt.nz)	

The HSNO approvals for all these substances are for import into or manufacture in New Zealand. There are not, on any of these substances, any restrictions or conditions that would require permission to be sought from the EPA before application of the substance.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via ministerials@epa.govt.nz

We may publish your request and our response on our website, www.epa.govt.nz. We make OIA responses available so others can read more about the work we do and the questions we are asked. Any information that might identify you will be removed to protect your privacy.

Yours sincerely



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