

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**NOTICE 2871 OF 2024****Application for derogation for the restricted use of an agricultural remedy identified as substances of concern**

This notice is to inform the public of administrative action being taken in relation to the approval of agricultural remedies under the Fertilizer, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, 1947 (Act No. 36 of 1947). Wentek Chemicals (Pty) Ltd. hereby inform the public of their intention to submit an application for derogation for their registered agricultural remedy, Silent (L9545), containing 200 g/L of the active ingredient Glufosinate ammonium.

The Active ingredient, Glufosinate ammonium has been identified as a substance of concern due to its classification as a reproductive toxin Category 1B according to the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, for the following uses in South Africa: A herbicide used for the control of weeds in crops or situations such as vineyards, orchards, plantations, sugarcane, unplanted or industrial land and/or for the defoliation of potato plants.

As per the requirements of the "Regulations relating to agricultural remedies" of August 2023, a toxicological risk assessment was conducted for the proposed end uses of Silent (L9545), available at <https://wenkensa.co.za/wentek-chemicals/>. The risk assessment, conducted by Infotox (Pty) Ltd., recommended that the following instructions be added to the product label, if derogation is granted and to ensure maximum safety during use of the product:

- Herbicide not for sale to or use by residential gardeners.
- Preparation of the treatment solution in accordance with the instructions on the product label.
- Personal protection instructions on the SDS must be followed, that is, washing hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products.
- At least baseline PPE must be worn when applying the product, that is, clothing covering the arms and legs, closed shoes and chemical-resistant gloves.
- The recommended 1-day post-application restricted-entry interval ("REI") must lapse before crop re-entry.

Members of the public are invited to submit comments regarding the proposed administrative action before 5 January 2025 (30 from the date of publication for this notice). Comments submitted after 5 January 2025 may be discarded.

Comments can be addressed to:

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Further information concerning the proposed administrative action can be obtained at <https://wenkems.co.za/wentek-chemicals/> or by contacting Mr. Petrus Roets during office hours (Mon – Fri: 08:00 – 16:30).

Members of the public can also contact the relevant government department:

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