

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION**NOTICE 2900 OF 2024****Public Notice Draft****Notification in the Government Gazette**

Application for derogation for the restricted use of an agricultural remedy identified as a substance of concern.

This notice is to inform the public of an administrative action being taken in relation to the approval of an agricultural remedy under the Fertilizer, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act (Act No. 36 of 1947). AECI® Limited, with registration details below, hereby inform the public of their intention to submit an application for derogation for the registered agricultural remedy containing Glufosinate-ammonium 200 g/L .

REGISTRATION HOLDER	Trade name and registration number	Website
AECI® Limited Co. Reg. No. 1924/002590/06	Knersus 200 SL (Reg. No. L10631, Act No. 36 of 1947)	www.aeciph.com

The active ingredient, Glufosinate-ammonium was identified as a substance of concern due to its classification as a Reproductive Toxicity Category 1B according to the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals; for the following uses in South Africa:

To control weeds in Vineyards, Citrus, Pome fruit, Stone fruit, Subtropical fruit, Tree nuts, Sugarcane and unplanted or industrial land as a ground application as specified in the Risk Assessment.

The Risk Assessment has been conducted for Knersus 200 SL, wherein the review proposed the following "Warnings" be added to the Knersus 200 SL label, if the derogation is granted to ensure maximum safety during the use of Knersus 200 SL:

- Knersus 200 SL not for sale to or use by residential gardeners.
- Mixing of the treatment solution in accordance with the "mixing instructions" on the Knersus 200 SL label.
- Personal protection instructions on the Safety Data Sheet must be followed, including washing hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling Knersus 200 SL.

- The baseline Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be worn when applying Knersus 200 SL, including single layered clothing covering the arms and legs, closed shoes and chemical-resistant gloves as well as eye protection, viz., safety goggles.
- **RESTRICTED-ENTRY INTERVAL (REI)**
The recommended 1-day post application for all activities, with the exception of: 2-days to move irrigation pipes in irrigated crops.

As per the requirements of the “Regulations relating to agricultural remedies” of August 2023, the Risk Assessment has been conducted for the proposed end-uses and the public is hereby invited to review the Risk Assessment and submit comments in relation to the proposed application. This report can be accessed online available through our www.aeciph.com website or in hard copy at the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (20 Steve Biko Street, Agriculture Building, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0002) during office hours (08:00 to 16:00 on Mondays to Fridays, excluding public holidays). Interested parties must submit comments or objections in connection with the proposed application in writing to:

Mr. Maluta Mudzunga

The Registrar: Fertilizer, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies, 1947 (Act no. 36 of 1947) Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development Private Bag X343, Pretoria, 0001

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Interested parties must submit comments or objections in relation to this application within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Comments received after this date need not be considered.