

Resource Management Plan – Summary sheet – Northland As at May 2007

Relevant Plan	Northland Regional Air Quality Plan
Status of Plan	Operative
Relevant rules	Permitted Activity Rule: Part 10 Rule 5 – Commercial users or contractors
Any relevant Appendix	Appendix 4 – Property Spray Plans Appendix 6 – Performance Requirements for qualifications to apply agrichemicals.
Any relevant definitions	Agrichemical Air blast application Commercial contractor Commercial User Domestic User Ground based application methods Handheld application methods Property boundary Sensitive areas
Any prohibited rules	Deregistered or unregistered agrichemicals 2,4- D Butyl ester

Definitions

Agrichemical: Any substance, whether inorganic or organic, manufactured or naturally occurring, modified or in its original state, that is used in any agricultural, horticultural, forestry or other industrial activity, management of public amenity areas or related activity, to eradicate, modify or control flora and fauna (modified from NZS8409:1995) For the purposes of this Plan it does not include animal remedies or fertilisers.

Air blast application: the use of high velocity air from specialised equipment to apply the agrichemical to target.

Commercial contractor: Any person or organisation who, by agreement with the owner, occupier or manager of any land, applies or causes to be applied any agrichemical in an agricultural, horticultural or related situation for hire of reward. It does not include an employee or an owner, occupier or manager.

Commercial User: Any person, group or organisation applying agrichemicals on their own in the course of their business activities. It includes farmers, horticulturalists and foresters, and any local authority staff. It does not include any Local Authorities Trading Enterprise (LATE) (modified from NZS8409:1995, Agrichemical User's Code of Practice). For the purpose of this Plan, LATE's are considered to be contractors.

Domestic User: Any person, group or organisation using agrichemicals in a private capacity and not using agrichemicals in the course of their business activities.

Ground based application methods: Any method of application where the equipment from which the agrichemical is emitted is on the ground and is not held by the person applying the agrichemical.

Handheld application methods: Any method of application where the applicator holds that part of the equipment from which the agrichemical is emitted.

Property boundary: The surveyed boundary encompassing all contiguous allotments (as defined in section 218 of the Resource Management Act 1991) owned or leased by the discharger, that are associated with the property on which the discharges occur, and which abut another property under separate title.

Sensitive areas: Sensitive areas are:

- Residential buildings and surrounds
- School buildings
- Amenity areas where people congregate
- Public water-supply intakes
- Water bodies, and associated riparian vegetation
- Certified Organic Farms certified by BIO-GRO, CERTENZ, DEMETER or an equivalent auditable standard
- Herbicide sensitive crops such as grapes, tomatoes and kiwifruit
- Insecticide sensitive crops that require pollination during flowering
- Production forests
- Areas of indigenous vegetation, habitat areas and reserves
- Public roads.

Permitted activity conditions	Part 10 Rule 5
Type of use	Commercial or contractors
Area of use	
Nature of applicator	
Certain agrichemicals	24D Ester between 1 Sept – 30 April by ground based or aerial application is not permitted.
Comply with manufacturers instructions	b) does not exceed any rate or contravene any other requirement specified on the label and published application recommendations.
Drift beyond the boundary	Refer to specified parts of 8409
Status of NZS8409	c) Specified sections of NZS8409 1999
Qualifications or training	a) i) Commercial user – meets requirements of Appendix 6. GROWSAFE® Intro Cert meets these requirements. a) ii) Contractor – Registered Chemical Applicators Cert a) iii) Aerial – GROWSAFE® Pilot Agrichemical Rating
Notification	5.1 Public places 5.2 Notify owners of sensitive areas adjacent to spraying area
Spray Plan	5.2 Prepare spray plan as per Appendix 4
Signage	
Records	d) Appendix C NZS8409:1999
Public places or amenity areas or sensitive areas	
Storage	
Mixing sites	
Applications to or near water	
Disposal	