

WRAP IS LOOKING FOR INDUSTRY TRAILBLAZERS!

WRAP - Waste & Resources Action Programme - is looking for BIGGA members who are using quality BSI PAS 100 compost to be the subject of case studies highlighting best practice in our industry.

The case studies will be used to illustrate how greenkeepers and grounds managers are using quality compost and explain the practical, financial and environmental benefits on offer.

BSI PAS100 compost contains a range of nutrients and minerals, including nitrogen and potassium, and is ideal for use as a topdressing, growing media constituent, soil improver or as a turf establisher and helps to boost root development and keep sports turf green and healthy.

This is a great opportunity for those keen to demonstrate their innovation and commitment to the environment, so if you have a project that's using quality compost worth shouting about, contact WRAP at BIGGA@wrap.org.uk

Carbendazim 'Will Continue Beyond December'

Carbendazim, the important and widely-used worm-cast suppressant product, will still be available to greenkeepers after December 2010, Barclay Crop Protection has pointed out, clarifying comments made by Jon Allbutt in last month's GI.

"Carbendazim, which we sell under the trademark Ringer, is currently under review as a Plant Protection Product," says Eric Gussin, UK area manager for Barclay.

"The outcome of this review is due at the end of the year.

"But because of the way the legislation is structured, products are given an expiry date which reflects the review date. That is why carbendazim appears to have an expiry date of December 31, 2010," he explains.

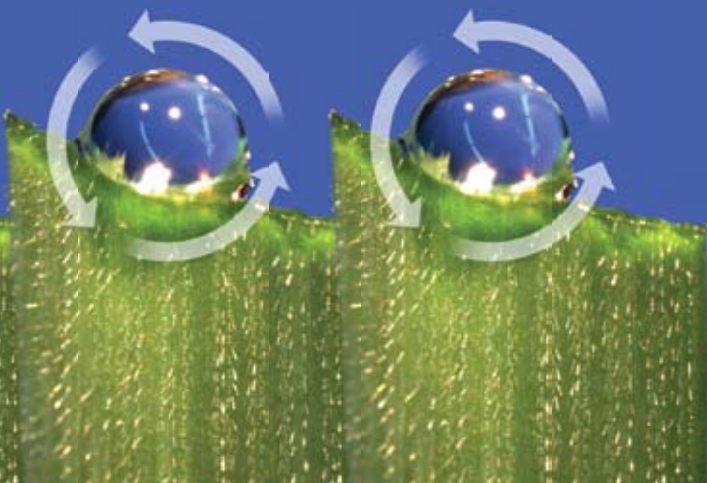
"To complicate matters, carbendazim is also being reclassified as a biocide, rather than a pesticide, so that eventually it will be subject to a different directive."

Mr Gussin says that if the transfer to the biocides directive is not completed by the date of the Annex 1 expiry, CRD (formerly PSD) will issue suitable approvals to ensure it can continue to be used for worm control.

"Therefore we expect to be able to continue to sell Ringer until the current expiry date of 2012," he adds.

"This clarification is very useful for greenkeepers and it is good to know that the approval holder is committed to supporting carbendazim for the future," said Jon Allbutt

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