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## Methomyl in plant protection products

Dear Phiranut,

The active substance methomyl has been approved for use in plant protection products in Europe (= included in Annex I of Directive 91/414/EEC, which has meanwhile been replaced by Regulation (EC) No. 1107/2009). Methomyl may only be used as an insecticide in vegetables at rates not exceeding 0,25 kg active substance per hectare per application, and for a maximum of 2 applications per season. You can find the relevant legal act in the EU pesticides database at [http://ec.europa.eu/sanco\\_pesticides/public/index.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/sanco_pesticides/public/index.cfm).

However, before a formulated plant protection product may be placed on the market in an EU Member State, it has to be authorised in the respective Member State. A standard evaluation process, as well as the criteria for authorisation of plant protection products have to be applied by all EU Member States.

In Germany, no plant protection product containing methomyl is currently authorised. The last authorisation has expired in 1994.

Methomyl is not included in a list of banned active substances in plant protection products in Germany. Such a list is included in Anlage 1 (=Annex 1) of the German Plant Protection Use Ordinance. You can find a reference to this legal text (only in German, no English translation

available) at <http://www.bvl.bund.de> > English > plant protection products > legal regulations > national regulations. Annexes 2-4 to this Ordinance contain active substances for which special sales and/or use conditions apply. Methomyl is included in Annex 3B of the German Plant Protection Use Ordinance. This means that plant protection products which contain methomyl may not be used in water protection areas in Germany.

Applications to authorise a plant protection product with methomyl should be sent to the BVL. Depending on the result of the BVL's evaluation of the application, a product may become authorised or not. Further details of the authorisation procedure are described on the BVL web site at [www.bvl.bund.de](http://www.bvl.bund.de) > English > Plant Protection Products > For applicants.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the colleagues mentioned on this web site if you have further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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