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Chemical Product Recall in Force

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) advises retailers that a compulsory recall of agricultural chemical products supplied by Western Australian company Imtrade Australia Pty Ltd is in force.

The recall was initiated on 21 May 2008 and impacts on 52 agricultural chemical products supplied by the company. It was triggered because the products are not validly registered.

The APVMA is aware the company has made an application for a stay of the product recall to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT).

'Although the company may be pursuing legal action the recall remains in force unless its effect is stayed by the Tribunal,' Mr Neville Matthew, Program Manager, Regulatory Strategy and Compliance said today.

The matter has been set down for hearing in Perth on Thursday 29 May 2008.

'The APVMA respects the company's right to test our decision and notes that a prompt determination by the Tribunal will provide certainty,' Mr Matthew said.

'The recall notice specifies a number of products to be recalled from the supply chain and for supply to the marketplace to cease. As the products are unregistered it is an offence, and fines could be imposed, if people continue to supply the listed chemicals. It is also an offence to fail to comply with the recall notice.'

'The APVMA welcomes the support it has received from the agvet chemicals industry and supply chain in addressing this compliance issue', Mr Neville said.

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