



**OSR Herbicides?
Think Water**



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Farmers reminded of last OSR Herbicide application date

Farmers and sprayer operators need to ensure that applications of carbetamide are applied by the latest application date of 28 February advises The Voluntary Initiative (VI).

The current mild and relatively dry weather means farmers have a short window in which to apply the oilseed rape herbicide carbetamide, the latest date for application is the end of February. The oilseed rape herbicide propyzamide has passed its latest application date of 31st January; the “Metazachlor Matters” stewardship campaign (BASF and Adama) recommends that metazachlor and/or quinmerac should not be applied to winter oilseed rape on drained land after mid-October.

“Observing cut-off dates is a legal requirement and will also help protect water and ensure following crop safety,” advises the VI’s Patrick Goldsworthy.

“Whenever any of these products are applied, it is important to ensure that drains are not running and no heavy rain is forecast in the 48 hours following application.”

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Notes to Editors

1. The oilseed rape herbicides targeted as part of this campaign are carbetamide, clopyralid, propyzamide, metazachlor and quinmerac.
<http://www.voluntaryinitiative.org.uk/schemes/stewardship/osr-herbicides-think-water/>
2. Water Protection Advice Sheets (WPAS) are available for each of these active substances:
<http://www.voluntaryinitiative.org.uk/resources/wpas/>
3. The “OSR Herbicides? Think Water” campaign is being delivered by The Voluntary Initiative and is funded and supported by the Crop Protection Association.
4. “Metazachlor Matters” is a joint campaign from BASF and Adama with stewardship advice for farmers and agronomists on use of metazachlor and/or quinmerac:
<http://www.voluntaryinitiative.org.uk/schemes/stewardship/metazachlor-matters/>

5. The Crop Protection Association represents companies in the UK engaged in the manufacture, formulation and supply of crop protection products for use in agriculture, horticulture, forestry, home gardening, amenity, industrial, and local authorities:
www.cropprotection.org.uk
6. The Voluntary Initiative is a programme of measures which promotes responsible pesticide use. It is sponsored by the Agricultural Engineers Association, Agricultural Industries Confederation, Country Land and Business Association, Crop Protection Association, National Association of Agricultural Contractors, the National Farmers Union, NFU Scotland and the Ulster Farmers Union.

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