

Spinosad, potassium bicarbonate, copper octanoate and new uses of ethylene

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The following substances and new uses of ethylene have been added to EU Regulation 2092/91.

The exact wording of the amendment (404/2008) can be seen in the related pdf document to this link.

Substance	Use
Spinosad	Insecticide from microbial origin for the control of some key pests. Need recognised by inspection body.
Potassium bicarbonate	Fungicide for a range of crops and may reduce use of copper and sulphur in certain crop-pest situations.
Copper octanoate	A new formulation that can be used like other copper compounds and reduces total amounts of copper applied. Need recognised by inspection body.
Ethylene	For the degreening of citrus fruits when part of a strategy to prevent fruit fly damage and as a sprouting inhibitor of stored potatoes and onions. Need recognised by inspection body. (The Soil Association currently allows ethylene for ripening of bananas).

We would be grateful if you could submit your views to us by **Friday 13th June 2008** to consultation@soilassociation.org or in writing to Soil Association, South Plaza, Marlborough Street, Bristol BS1 3NX.