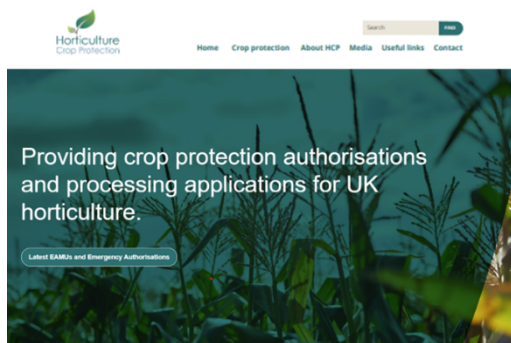


Crop protection update from HCP – October 2024

Horticulture Crop Protection Ltd (HCP) has been set up by the UK horticultural industry to take over the processing of Plant Protection Product minor use applications (EAMUs) and Emergency Authorisation applications. Currently over 30 Crop Associations are members of HCP, representing a vast spectrum of growers from fruits to ornamentals, vegetable propagation and seeds in the UK.

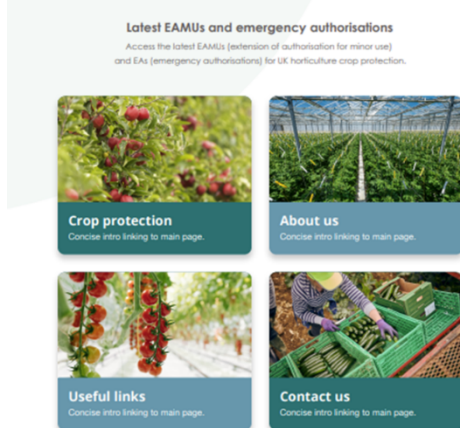
More than 70% of the plant protectant product authorisations used for horticulture in the UK result from action of the Crop Protection Team.

Now with the addition of new members, the HCP team transferred from AHDB more than a year ago.



HCP makes applications for:

- Minor use (EAMU) product authorisations
- Emergency authorisations
- MRL amendments



HCP manages:

- Crop specific Pest / Weed / Disease risk registers
- Residue trials
- Efficacy and Crop Safety trials
- Identification of potential products and actives

The HCP team have a unique position in that they have direct relationships with all the AgChem and Biocontrol companies operating in the UK so they have visibility of new products, current trial work, and can influence decision making regarding bringing products to UK horticulture. At the same time, they have a close and trusted

relationship with the CRD (Chemical Regulation Division) and HCP are part of the EU minor uses working groups and retain access to cross-EU collaboration regarding residue and efficacy data.

More details about the team, work developed, and latest authorizations can be found at the HCP website <https://hcpltd.org/>

British Apples and Peras (BAPL) are part owners of HCP and have access to our industry expert scientists who work with your technical committee to build a live and dynamic pest, weed and disease risk register, to identify application opportunities and collaborate in projects aiming areas of concern for the sector.

Priorities targets for BAPL as identified in 2023:

Priority targets	
Diseases	Pests
Canker – <i>nectria galligena</i> Scab – <i>Venturia inaequalis</i>	Aphids – <i>Eriosoma lagenirum</i> Weevils – <i>Anthonomus pomorum, spilotus, piri- Rhynchites aequatus</i> Capsids - <i>Lygocoris pabulinus</i> <i>Sucker (pear)- Cacopsylla pyri/pyricola</i>
Annual, Broad and grass weeds	

HCP will be liaising with BAPL to discuss the status of the projects and applications, identify immediate challenges and opportunities BAPL presently faces over the coming months.

To find out more about how HCP work and what is involved in gaining an EAMU authorisations please visit our website:

<https://hcpltd.org/>

We also have a Linked-In site to which HCP will post information on all new EAMU and Emergency authorisations as they are granted.

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