

Crop protection update from HCP – January 2025

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Horticulture Crop Protection (HCP) is a 'not-for-profit' company that works on behalf of its UK horticulture associations membership to both maintain and attain plant protection products for growers. The [team](#) liaises widely to make applications for EAMUs and Emergency Authorisations, as well as managing any necessary residue and efficacy trials to support authorisation.

HCP liaises with British Apples and Pears (BAPL) with its Technical Committee, as well as pomme fruit agronomists, product representatives, researchers and anyone of interest in the sector to understand pest, disease and weed pressures, and to find solutions for crop protection needs.

Potential EAMU activity is discussed in meetings with the British Apples and Pears (BAPL) Technical Committee. HCP provides the committee with updates on any issues which need to be addressed before an EAMU application is submitted and the Technical Committee, as a group, provide guidance about the needs of the sector. The Technical Committee will also prioritise options and advise HCP where to focus their attention and what is not of valuable for the sector.

The infographic on the following page (Figure 1) summarises the process which goes on behind each EAMU application submission and hopefully eventual authorisation. The process is lengthy and requires connection between all interested parties including presenting the 'growers need' to the regulators and defending it with facts, argumentation and negotiation.

I am happy to announce this process has resulted in a new recent EAMU for apple and pear growers:

[Extension of Authorisation Number: 1890 of 2024 - Vintec - Apples and Pears \(Outdoor\)](#) –
Product application to be made via broadcast air assisted sprayer, variable geometry boom, sprayer and hand-held– hydraulic nozzle

With your help, I can continue to collate and connect the right information to achieve more authorisations for the sector.

To find out more about how HCP works, for more detail about what is involved in securing an EAMU authorisation and other relevant information, take a look at our website:

<https://hcpltd.org/>

We also have a [LinkedIn](#) page where HCP will post information on all new EAMU and Emergency authorisations as they are granted, where you can find this most recent EAMU as well as others.

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