

To our customers

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Schülke&Mayr

Carbendazim / short form of: Methyl benzimidazol-2-ylcarbamate (BCM), CAS-no. 10605-21-7

As part of our continued customer support programme we would like to inform about an important change in legislation:

With effect from 30th of April 2004 the European Commission published the 29th ATP in the Official Journal of the European Union (Directive 2004/73/EC), including the expected classification of Carbendazim as follows:

- **Mutagenicity Category 2** **R 46** **(formerly Mut. Cat. 3)**
- **Reproduction Toxicity Category 2** **R 60, 61** **(formerly not classified)**

After an implementation period of 18 months, from 1st of November 2005 on, by application of the DPD 1999/45/EC, all preparations containing Carbendazim must be also labelled with:

- > 1000 ppm Carbendazim: **T ; R 46 “May cause heritable genetic damage“**
- > 5000 ppm Carbendazim: **T ; R 60 “May impair fertility“,**
R 61 “May cause harm to the unborn child“

Levels below 1000 ppm of Carbendazim will not be affected.

Prior to this change of labelling for Carbendazim, due to Schülke & Mayrs „responsible care“ commitment we have already established a range of reliable and high quality preservatives, free of any Carbendazim (and Diuron).

These new Parmetol[®] blends have shown excellent results during in-lab and outdoor testing in numerous paints, plasters and a variety coatings as being suitable alternatives to replace Carbendazim. If you would like to know more about our new generation of Parmetols with Carbendazim-free film protection and their performance, please contact your local sales representative or see www.schuelke-mayr.com.

If you are interested in the detailed publication of the Official Journal please refer to http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/refdoc/L_152/L_2004152EN_1.pdf

For any further questions you may have please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at any time.

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