



Potato Industry CIPC Stewardship Group (PICSG) Statement on the end of the CIPC 'use-up' period

Following the withdrawal of CIPC from the European Union's list of authorised chemicals in January - 8 October 2020 is the final day of the 'use-up' period in the UK.

After that date it will be illegal to use, or store CIPC on a UK farm or potato store. The current Maximum Residue Level (MRL) for CIPC found on potatoes will be replaced by a lower temporary MRL (tMRL) in 2021.

PICSG Chairman Dr Mike Storey said: "We expect any tMRL that is announced to be set at a level that is achievable for the industry - but only if a rigorous programme of cleaning is followed. Nonetheless, it is important to talk to your customers about their expectations regarding CIPC residue levels this season – both under the existing MRL, and any new tMRL.

"British industry has an excellent record of complying with CIPC stewardship, there have been relatively few exceedances of the MRL in this country in recent years. All potato storage from this point on must be CIPC free, and I know that through PICSG and partner organisations we are doing everything we can to support store managers and supply chains through the transition."

Support is available to store managers via AHDB's Storage Network where an experienced consultant, armed with the results from the latest AHDB sprout control research, will visit their store.

There is no charge for the visit for potatoes levy payers, who can call 01406 359419 to book their visit or go to AHDB's storage hub for the latest research results and recordings of webinars on how to use the alternatives to CIPC: <https://ahdb.org.uk/storage-hub>