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IMPORTANT NOTICE- PLEASE READ

Dear Member or Assignee:

Due to increasing customer requests and food safety concerns, we are making some important changes to our Pesticide and Crop Protection policies. This change will be in place for the growing and harvesting of the 2010 crop so ALL members and assignees should read and save this letter for future reference if and when they have a need to apply any crop protection materials.

The following materials are restricted to use between November 1st and February 28th of each year (due to the timing of this letter, the cutoff date for this year only will be March 31):

Diazinon
Imidan
Supracide

This limited-use period applies to other tradenames with the same active ingredient as the three listed above. There are a number of other alternatives for in-season insect control that growers can use. These three materials and associated materials with the same active ingredient may NOT be used from March 1st each year throughout the growing season, which shall end September 30 of each year.

In addition to the above change, the following materials are now officially listed on Sunsweet Growers' "Do Not Use" list. These materials are NOT allowed to be used on Sunsweet prunes at any time of the year:

Cabrio
Dimilin
Kelthane
Manex
Omite
Seize
Sevin
Success
Thiodan
Thionex

Some of these materials are not registered for use on prunes in California but have been targeted by a number of our European customers so we thought they should be listed here as a refresher.

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Due to these changes, members' Pesticide Use Reports will receive additional scrutiny this year regarding materials used on the 2010 prune crop. Sunsweet will make an effort to notify all PCA's and the associated crop material suppliers but it is still the individual member's responsibility to know, communicate and comply with these restrictions, which means making all employees, contractors and others aware of the restrictions.

Please contact Members Services if you have any questions regarding these changes.

Sincerely,

Mark Dalrymple
Vice President Member Services

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