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Dear Sirs / Madam,

I am writing to you concerning the imminent banning the use of stonefruit, of the chemical Fenthion.

Being a stonefruit grower in a fruitfly prone area, I believe with little effective alternative chemicals available, our industry is doomed.

I believe it is a bloody-minded decision to ban a chemical, which has not had any major problems with health over the past 60 years that I have heard of.

With most countries we export fruit to they demand 100% fruit fly free produce. It will be the end of stonefruit exports from Australia.

Baiting and trapping can never be 100% effective and the extra labour and cost of baiting material, will be a major financial cost to already struggling growers.

What banning fenthion will do in the future, will put stonefruit out of the reach of ordinary people because of the cost due to shortages.

Yours L.F Markham