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**Australian Pesticides and
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Trade Advice Notice on fluroxypyr for use on rice

Submissions received

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RICEGROWERS' ASSOCIATION
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SUBMISSION SUPPORTING THE APPROVAL OF A PERMIT FOR THE USE OF FLUROXYPYR IN AUSTRALIAN RICE PRODUCTION

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA) welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on the Trade Advice Notice for the approval of a permit to use fluroxypyr to control a range of weeds in Australian rice crops.

With the continued need to minimise irrigation water use in Australian rice production systems significant areas of rice is now grown without ponding during crop establishment. This widely adopted drill sowing practice prevents a range of herbicides from being used to control certain weed species. In addition to the lack of effective chemistry the non-ponded state allows a number of weed species to germinate that were not previously seen in ponded rice fields. In particular Pigweed, Blackberry nightshade, Bathurst burr, Bindweed and Sesbania. The RGA strongly supports the drive to increase water use efficiency in rice production and the approval for access to crop protection chemistries that do not impact on market access and are not harmful to humans or the broader environment.

2. THE RGA'S POSITION

The Ricegrowers' Association of Australia supports the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority's (APVMA) approval of a permit to use fluroxypyr to control a range of weeds in Australian rice crops.

On reviewing all of the information provided in the Trade Advice Notice on fluroxypyr for use in rice and SunRice's residue testing procedures the RGA believes the provision of a permit will have no impact on the marketing of Australian rice.

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