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Dear Allied Member/Grower:

After receipt of pesticide and fungicide restrictions for the 2010 vintage from our many processors, Allied would like to communicate this information to you. Applying certain pesticides and fungicides which are on a restricted list can cause potential marketing barriers when it comes to marketing your crop or performing on an active contract.

The use of **Kryocide/Cryolite** is not encouraged by Allied Grape Growers. Although some wineries may still accept its use, growers are asked to strongly consider alternative products.

Allied growers should not use **MOVENTO™** this year. Most of the wineries we market grapes to have indicated they are prohibiting use of this product for 2010. This restriction is not a reflection on the quality of the product but is due to the situation that exists where a few countries have not yet established maximum residue levels (MRL's) for **MOVENTO™**. Additionally, **MOVENTO™** is currently not registered to sell for use on grapes.

If you are unsure of the winery you will be delivering to or if your winery is not listed below, contact your Allied field representative for more information.

**NO = Vintner does not allow use**

**OK = Vintner allows use**

Vintner/Processor	Kryocide/ Cryolite	Captan or Benlate	EBDC Products*	Bayleton	Carbaryl Sevin	Wettable Sulfur
Constellation Wines U.S.	NO - See note (1)	NO	NO	OK	NO	See note (1)
Delicato Family Vineyards	OK - See note (2)	NO	NO	NO	NO	None after bloom
E & J Gallo - See note (3)	NO	See note (3)	See note (3)	See note (3)	NO	None after bloom
O'Neill Vintners & Distillers	NO - See note (4)	NO	NO	NO	NO	OK
Vie-Del Company	Limit 6 lbs/acre prior to bloom	NO	NO	NO	NO	OK
Wine Group - See note (5)	NO - See Note (5)	NO	NO	NO	NO	None after bloom
Foster's Wine Estates	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	None after bloom
Sutter Home Winery	NO	See note (6)	See note (6)			None after bloom

\*EBDC Products include Maneb, Manex, Mancozeb and Dithane

- (1) **Constellation Wines U.S., Inc.** is not allowing **Kryocide/Cryolite** unless approved by CWUS through Allied's grower relations representative prior to the application. Surround (Kaolin Clay) may not be used on any Red winegrape varieties. **Southern San Joaquin Valley Growers:** Neither sulfur, nor sulfur containing materials may be applied later than two weeks after veraison. **Northern San Joaquin Valley Growers:** Dusting sulfur should not be applied after veraison. Micronized or wettable sulfur can be used up until 75 days prior to harvest.
- (2) **Delicato** makes no specific recommendations on **Kryocide/Cryolite** use, although loads in excess of 2.9 ppm fluoride level will be rejected.
- (3) **E & J Gallo Winery** has stated the following varieties cannot have any applications of Captan, EBDC products, Benlate or Bayleton: Thompson Seedless, French Colombard, Chenin Blanc, Fiesta, White Malaga, Muscat, Mission, Rubired, Royalty, Salvador, and all table grape varieties. Neither sulfur, nor any sulfur containing material, may be applied later than seven weeks after bloom (approximately two weeks prior to veraison) on the following varieties delivered to E & J Gallo Winery: Burger, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, Merlot and Syrah. On all other varieties do not use sulfur containing compounds after veraison.
- (4) **O'Neill Vintners & Distillers** is allowing the use of **Kryocide/Cryolite** only on the varieties Thompson Seedless & Fiesta as long as labeled rates are used prior to bloom.
- (5) **The Wine Group** is not allowing **Kryocide/Cryolite** unless approved by The Wine Group through Allied's grower relations representative prior to application. No sulfur containing compounds to be applied after veraison.
- (6) **Sutter Home Winery** does not allow copper-based compounds, wettable sulfur or micronized sulfur products to be used post-bloom. Sulfur Dust is not to be used 30 days pre-veraison at a maximum of 15 lbs per acre per application. Benlate and EBDC products are not restricted but are discouraged.

As in the past, most vintners will be distributing, or have available, their written recommendations on pesticide use. To the extent that any direct vintner information differs from that stated above, the direct information should be considered correct. Pesticide applications should not be made within 30 days of the projected harvest date for any of the above vintners. Many vintners will be testing loads for fluoride levels (Kryocide/Cryolite) and for other prohibited compounds that exceed allowances. Excess levels can lead to the rejection of the load. If you have any questions regarding a pesticide or fungicide, please contact the Allied office or your field representative prior to any application.

### **Filing your Pesticide Use Reports Using the Agrian System**

Most vintners are requiring receipt of your pesticide use reports **prior to scheduling your grapes**. It is your responsibility to provide Allied Grape Growers with timely, accurate and **legible** copies of your Use Reports. We are asking you to utilize the Agrian reporting system that can be found on Allied's web site. If you have a computer or access to one you can file your Pesticide Use Reports and Intent Notices online. As a member of Allied, this service is free (\$300 value). Your reports(s) are sent automatically with one click. We receive a copy of your report and it is in a format that allows us to share this information with the winery buying your grapes in a timely and efficient manner. The system is easy to use and you can use it for all your crops (not just grapes). Agrian users are able to view online their daily delivery information (Weights, Brix, MOG etc.) during harvest. Contact the Allied office (559) 276-7021 so we can get you started. We strongly encourage all of our growers to use the new electronic technology as it will save us all time and conserve our use of paper.

We are requiring that all Use Reports for 2010 be sent to Marcia at the Allied office by the end of June. Please do not allow your grape harvest to be delayed because we do not have your use reports.

Sincerely,

Nat DiBuduo  
President CEO