

GREENOR JUST KEEPS ON GOING

With impending changes to the pesticide approvals process it is becoming increasingly difficult and costly to maintain existing products, especially for the smaller specialised markets such as professional turf.

The good news for GREENOR* users is that it has just received its Annex III approval. So, whilst a lot of products are being withdrawn from the market, greenkeepers can have peace of mind that GREENOR - often seen by many as the most reliable turf herbicide - has successfully cleared the 91/414 re-registration process. Understanding the importance of this turf herbicide, Dow AgroSciences will continue to invest in this product, in order to maintain its registration through the new and upcoming 1107/200 regulations.

Andy Cawley, Sales and Marketing Manager for Dow AgroSciences, Specialty Products says, "It is getting increasingly difficult for manufacturers to justify the costs of maintaining the lead product registrations outside of the key agricultural markets, and this is why greenkeepers are seeing products



disappearing from the market. That said, Dow AgroSciences is one manufacturer that will continue to support its products wherever it can. If greenkeepers continue to buy the reliable turf herbicide GREENOR, then we should be able to keep funding its re-registration in the future."

With EU directive 91/414 due to be replaced by 1107/2009, all new applications for approval after 14 June 2011 will be made under the new regulations. And on that date, all products currently holding approval under 91/414 will be authorised under 1107/2009 but when they come up for review will need to meet the new criteria.

Providing excellent control of clover and daisies, as well as the more difficult to control plantains and yarrow, GREENOR is the ideal choice in any weed control programme. And with warmer weather just around the corner, now is the time to get planning and get product into store ready for the coming season.

With greenkeepers and groundsmen facing another challenging year ahead, financially, cost-effective spraying is bound to be a priority "When weeds are a problem you want effective season-long control with a minimum number of treatments to save on application costs," advises Dr Mike



Greenor trial - sprayed area on the left shows good daisy control.

Drinkall, Product Technology Specialist, Dow AgroSciences. "By choosing GREENOR you are getting a tried and tested product that does the job. It also has the added bonuses of being very safe to turf grasses and having a low odour."

"For overall spraying GREENOR should be applied at a rate of 4 litres per hectare," explains Dr Drinkall.

"However where you just have patches of weeds it is more economical to spot treat using a knapsack sprayer at a rate of 40mls in 10 litres of water."

GREENOR is now available in 5 litre packs from Rigby Taylor.

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TWO NEW BRUSHCUTTERS FROM ECHO

ECHO have introduced two new brushcutters to their range, both equipped with a new gearbox designed to prove high levels of torque ideal for clearing areas of heavy vegetation.

The ECHO SRM-265TES is powered by a 25.5cm³ Easy Start engine, generating output of 0.89kW. The SRM-300TES has the slightly larger 28.1cm³ Easy Start engine, giving an output of 0.93kW. Both brushcutters are fitted with the ECHO Z-5Tap & Go nylon cutting line head, with thicker and longer line for stress free cutting.

The new high-torque gearbox with a 1:2.07 gear reduction ratio generates huge torque against engine displacement, and when used with the thicker nylon line, is the perfect tool for clearing heavy growth with woody stems such as brambles.

The SRM-265TES weighs just 6.4kg, while the SRM-300TES weighs 6.5kg, both brushcutters are exceptionally well balanced for operator comfort. Fitted with both loop and U-handles, anti-vibration mounts to provide safe sustained periods of operation.

The two new ECHO brushcutters are

available from all ECHO dealers with either loop or U handle, SRM-265TESL SRP £429.00 + Vat, SRM-300TESL SRP £459.00 + Vat.

For peace of mind, all ECHO products carry an unprecedented two year warranty for professional use, and five year warranty for

domestic use, and enjoy a reputation for durability and dependable proven performance. FSA

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