

Applying for a Research Approval under the ACVM Act

Research approvals under the ACVM Act 1997 enable you to use a substance that is not characterised as a trade name product in trials and for research where the treated crops are intended to enter the food chain.

Points to remember:

- There should be separate applications for each formulation/formulation type.
- The time frame to process these types of applications is 40 working days.
- Residue trials should reflect good agricultural practice demonstrated by efficacy trials.
- Advice from affected industry groups could be sought when drafting proposals to ensure the design of the trial would satisfy any requirements if the product was used as part of their spray programmes.
- If treated crops are to be sold a detailed residue argument is required, otherwise they must be destroyed.
- Information provided is confidential.
- Biosecurity NZ clearance for imported products may also be required (see www.biosecurity.govt.nz).

A research approval is **inappropriate**:

- if the trial work is intended to support an application to register a trade name product in NZ, or
- if the applicant wishes to secure data protection for the novel active.

In either of these situations a provisional application is the correct registration to apply for.

The research approval application form is available at:

<http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/acvm/publications/forms/research-approval-vm.htm>

The Research approval information requirements are available at:

<http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/acvm/publications/information-requirements/research-approval-info-requirementssg.pdf>

Fee and charges:

<http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/acvm/publications/fees/index.htm>

For other queries please refer to the FAQ page:

<http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/acvm/about/index.htm>

If you have trouble putting an application together a consultant can be contacted:

<http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/registers-lists/consultants/>

Some products are not regulated by NZFSA or are exempt from registration under the ACVM Regulations. More information can be found in the following document:

<http://nzfsa.govt.nz/acvm/publications/forms/cd-request-form.htm>

Or contact us at:

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