



November 2, 2009

RE: Permit to extend Bollgard II ® planting windows (No. PER 11844)

Monsanto Australia Ltd. has been granted a Permit to extend the Bollgard II® planting windows for this season [**only**] by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA). The permit has been granted in response to the reduced areas of early cotton plantings this season. In considering the permit request the APVMA has consulted with the Office of Gene technology Regulator (OGTR) and relevant state government agencies (DPI's).

The permit application was supported by the Transgenic and Insecticide Management Strategies Committee (TIMS). The TIMS Committee has consulted widely with Monsanto, researchers, growers and consultants on various approaches regarding the current industry situation and assessed the need to support a Permit for 'an extension' of the Bollgard II planting window for all areas of the industry. Therefore TIMS has supported an exceptional circumstances response (permit) to the current situation for all areas.

PERMIT NUMBER -PER11844 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

Directions for Use (Planting window extensions):

This permit is issued to allow for "late planted Bollgard II" via an extension of the planting window for the following cotton growing regions and periods specified;

- Central Highlands & Dawson/Callide up to 12 November 2009, and
- Darling Downs and all other areas up to 25 November 2009.

Additional Conditions:

Users

- All growers must contact their Technology Service Provider (TSP) representative and inform them of all fields that are planted after the conclusion of the currently notified planting window and within the extended period for their valley as follows;
 - Central Highlands & Dawson/Callide up to 12 November 2009, and
 - Darling Downs and all other areas up to 25 November 2009.

Additional Refuge Requirements:

- To mitigate the risk of resistance in addition to the Bollgard II RMP refuge requirement an **extra 5%** unsprayed conventional cotton refuge must be planted for any area of Bollgard II planted under this permit.
- **All** Bollgard II refuges must be planted by 29 November 2009.

Trap Crop Requirements:

- **All** Bollgard II trap crops (central Queensland) must be planted by 20 December 2009.

Audits and Compliance:

- To ensure a high level of responsibility and compliance every Bollgard II cotton field planted in 'the extension' period will be subject to a compulsory planting, mid-season and crop destruction audit by TSPs.
- THIS PERMIT provides for the planting of Bollgard II in a manner other than specified in the Technology User Agreement (Resistance Management Plan) as it relates to the planting window. Unless otherwise stated in this permit, the planting and management of Bollgard II must be in accordance with the TUA and RMP.
- PERSONS who wish to prepare for use and/or use products for the purposes specified in this permit must read, or have read to them, the details and conditions of this permit.

Reporting

Monsanto will provide information on the Bollgard II fields planted under Permit to a TIMS meeting in mid 2010. At this meeting, data on audits and the level of compliance will be reported in detail.

Regions

The Bollgard II planting window extension is supported for the two main cotton growing areas in Central Queensland and all cotton growing areas in Southern Queensland and in NSW. The Permit does not apply to the Bollgard II planting windows in the Burdekin or Ord River Irrigation Area cotton growing regions in northern Australia.

Dates

Bollgard II Planting Window Variations for 2009/10 have already been granted in a number of regions and these Cotton Grower Associations wish to have their commitment to consultation and organisation respected.

Cotton Industry Region	Bollgard II planting window CLOSING DATE		No. of extra Bollgard II planting days in the Permit 'extension' *
	Current	Under Permit	
Central Highlands	2 nd Nov. 2009 pre-season variation granted	12 th Nov. 2009	10 days
Dawson/Callide	2 nd Nov. 2009 pre-season variation granted	12 th Nov. 2009	10 days
Darling Downs	21 st Nov. 2009 in-season variation granted	25 th Nov. 2009	4 days
All other areas	15 th Nov. 2009 no variation granted	25 th Nov. 2009	10 days

* Fields planted in 'the extension' period are subject to the Permit conditions listed above.

The APVMA has granted the Permit for Bollgard II planting windows due to the extreme situation that the industry finds itself in. Therefore the permit ONLY applies to the current 2009 cotton planting.

Additional information should be obtained from your local TSP or Monsanto Australia Regional Business Manager.

Regional Business Manager	Mobile Contact
Toby Makim – Central QLD, Darling Downs and MacIntyre	0400 691 881
Mark Dawson – Namoi, Gwydir, Dirranbandi and St George	0428 106 090
Luke Sampson – Southern NSW, Macquarie, Walgett and Bourke	0427 701 986

Yours Sincerely,



Jodie Pedrana,
Compliance & Stewardship Manager,
Monsanto Australia Limited.



PERMIT TO ALLOW MINOR USE OF AN AGVET CHEMICAL PRODUCT

PERMIT NUMBER -PER11844

This permit is issued to the Permit Holder in response to an application granted by the APVMA under section 112 of the Agvet Codes of the jurisdictions set out below. This permit allows a person, as stipulated below, to use the product in the manner specified in this permit in the designated jurisdictions. This permit also allows any person to claim that the product can be used in the manner specified in this permit.

THIS PERMIT IS IN FORCE FROM 30 OCTOBER 2009 TO 25 NOVEMBER 2009.

Permit Holder:

MONSANTO AUSTRALIA LIMITED
LEVEL 12, 600 ST KILDA ROAD
MELBOURNE VIC 3004

Persons who can use the product under this permit:

Accredited Bollgard II cotton users/current TUA holders - only users who have been accredited by Monsanto to use Bollgard II technology and who currently hold a Technology User Agreement with Monsanto to use Bollgard II technology for the 2009/10 cotton growing season.

CONDITIONS OF USE

Product to be used:

BOLLGARD II COTTON EVENT 15985

Containing: *Bacillus thuringiensis* subsp. *Kurstaki* delta endotoxins as produced by the *CryIAc* and *Cry2Ab* genes and their controlling sequences.

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Jurisdiction:

NSW & QLD only.

Additional Conditions:

Users

- All growers must contact their local Monsanto representative and inform them of all fields that are planted after the conclusion of the currently notified planting window and within the extended period for their valley as follows;
 - Central Highlands & Dawson/Callide up to 12 November 2009, and
 - Darling Downs and all other areas up to 25 November 2009.
- In addition to the Bollgard II RMP refuge requirement an extra 5% unsprayed conventional cotton refuge must be planted for any area of Bollgard II planted under this permit.
- All Bollgard II refuges must be planted by 29 November 2009.
- All Bollgard II trap crops (central Queensland) must be planted by 20 December 2009.
- All Bollgard II cotton planted under this permit should receive a compulsory planting, mid-season and crop destruction audit.
- THIS PERMIT provides for the planting of Bollgard II in a manner other than specified in the Technology User Agreement (Resistance Management Plan) as it relates to the planting window. Unless otherwise stated in this permit, the planting and management of Bollgard II must be in accordance with the TUA and RMP.
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Permit holder

- All late planted Bollgard II fields and refuges relating to these fields must be inspected by the local Monsanto representative by 31 November 2009.
- All late planted Bollgard II must be recorded by a Monsanto representative on a Late Cotton Management form and provided to the Monsanto Compliance and Stewardship

Manager. The permit holder must maintain these records for a minimum period of two years and be made available to the APVMA upon request.

- The permit holder must provide information on Bollgard II planted fields under this permit to a TIMS meeting between May and July 2010, including detailed reports containing data on audits and the level of compliance.

Issued by

Delegated Officer