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NOTICE TO ALL ORGANIC CONTROL BODIES

Subject: Approval of Copper based fungicide.

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine has approved a copper based fungicide: **Curenox 50 WP**, for use in plant production. The approval provides for the offlabel use of the fungicide in the following crops: Potato: ware and seed, Apple, Pear. Swede, Turnip.

This fungicide can be used in organic production.

Please refer to attached approval document for technical details. The details outlined are applicable to general use.

Note:

The Organic production rules allow for the use of copper fungicides at a rate of up to 6 kg copper per hectare, per year.

For <u>perennial crops</u> the 6 kg copper limit can be exceeded in a given year provided that the average quantity actually used over a 5-year period consisting of that year and of the four preceding years does not exceed 6 kg.

Please advise your organic operators.

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