POTATO INDUSTRY
CIPC STEWARDSHIP

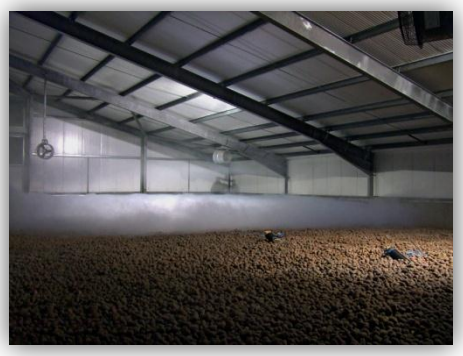
# What it means to 'Be CIPC Compliant'

To 'Be CIPC Compliant' means to proactively respond to the serious issues surrounding the use of the potato sprout suppressant CIPC, and to follow the guidance set out by this initiative, from the Potato Industry CIPC Stewardship Group.

Every part of the potato supply chain has an interest in preserving a future for this important crop protection tool. CIPC is widely depended upon by the industry, as there are currently no alternatives for many businesses supplying UK fresh and processed potatoes.

Unless the industry can demonstrate that Maximum Residue Level (MRL) exceedances of CIPC on potatoes will not occur, then it is likely further regulatory action will be taken, which could result in a loss of the product.

## Crop owners:



**1) Take responsibility for your crop, your stores and those applying CIPC and advising on its use on your behalf**

- Understand that the crop owner is the responsible for CIPC use (and all other treatments) and conformance with the MRL.
- Ensure store inspections happen as required by the Red Tractor Farm Assurance scheme.
- Ensure all CIPC recommendations are taken from a BASIS qualified advisor and are recorded.
- Ensure applicators are qualified to National Proficiency Test Council PA1 and PA9 level, are members of the National Association of Agricultural Contractors' CIPC Applicators Group and that all equipment used has been tested under the National Sprayer Testing Scheme.

**2) Get it on early**

- Apply the first treatment within 3 weeks after harvest (or at the earliest occasion thereafter) even in the absence of signs of breaking dormancy.
- Use low speed fan assistance in all bulk stores and box stores with positive ventilation to aid distribution. Fit inverters to stores that don't yet have this capability.
- For overhead throw box stores and when applying to varieties prone to skin spot, seek best practice advice from Potato Council at Sutton Bridge Crop Storage Research on 0800 02 82 111.

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**3) Get it on once (cold stores)**

- In cold stores with a holding temperature of 5°C or below, use just one application of CIPC ensuring the treatment is applied before the temperature is reduced below 7°C. Recirculate air for at least 6 hours, without cooling, prior to application to ensure temperatures are even at the time of treatment.

**4) Use the tools to make sure you comply**

- Always adhere to the Stewardship Code of Best Practice for Application of CIPC and the Best Practice Guidelines for the use of CIPC. Access both easily at www.cipccompliant.co.uk
- Use a Store Checklist and comply with the requirements of Red Tractor Farm Assurance.

## CIPC applicators:

- Only apply CIPC if you hold NPTC PA1 and PA9 qualifications and you are audited by the NAAC.
- Ensure all applications have been recommended by a BASIS qualified advisor.
- Ensure all equipment has been NSTS tested and is in date.
- Always follow the CIPC Code of Best Practice.
- Only apply CIPC if a store passes the CIPC Store Checklist and complies with the CIPC Code of Best Practice.

## Potato supply chains:

- Ensure treated potatoes are only sourced from stores following the CIPC Code of Best Practice.

**More information available from:**
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