

BACKGROUND

KeyStrepto™ is a bactericide registered for the control of PsA-V on kiwifruit vines, and certain bacterial diseases of pipfruit, stonefruit and seedling tomatoes in New Zealand. The active ingredient in KeyStrepto™ is streptomycin, and it is used for disease prevention in horticulture in a number of countries.

The Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Group (ACVM) granted a Limited Label Claim and permission to use KeyStrepto™ only as a foliar spray was granted with strict use conditions in KVH-approved regions - presently all North Island regions.

MINIMISING USE

Zespri is working to reduce industry reliance on bactericides and ensure use is managed as part of an integrated pest and disease management (IPM) strategy. As a result, a maximum of two bactericide applications are permitted per season and KeyStrepto™ may only be used under Justified Approval (JA).

After years of research and development we have a toolbox of products for managing PsA, and our understanding of appropriate plant husbandry has progressed significantly. Research projects, reports and case studies are available [here](#).

There is a drive to understand how and when the use of KeyStrepto™ can be removed.



[LABEL](#) | [SDS](#)

ACCOUNTABILITY

The GAP Management System Owner and applicator are responsible for understanding and complying with all conditions of use in this document and on the label. Failure to comply with all requirements may result in compliance action and adverse trade implications. Zespri randomly audits KPINs after bactericide applications, and applicators may be subject to audits to check compliance with the conditions of use.

Zespri maintains a zero-residue policy for bactericide residues on fruit. Every supplying orchard receives an antibiotic residue test and fruit that does not meet this requirement will not be accepted into Zespri inventory. To reduce residue risk and allay beekeeper concerns, KeyStrepto™ cannot be used 7 days before the first male or female kiwifruit flowers open in or near to producing blocks.

MANAGING RESISTANCE RISK

Bactericides must only be used in high-risk PsA-V spread situations, e.g. prior to prolonged leaf wetness or directly after rain and wind. There must be a comprehensive PsA-V management programme, with products that have different modes of action as well as cultural controls.

Monitor vines regularly and remove PsA-V infected material to prevent excessive PsA-V inoculum build-up. Doing this before applying a bactericide reduces the risk of resistance developing.

KeyStrepto™ must be applied at label rates, ensuring good spray coverage is achieved. If lack of efficacy is suspected, contact KVH and/or Zespri who can arrange testing to check for product resistance.

PROCESS OVERVIEW (Click to open website links)

PLAN

- ✓ Monitoring rounds
- ✓ Orchard hygiene
- ✓ Use various products and cultural controls
- ✓ [PsA risk model](#)
- ✓ [Justified Approval](#)
- ✓ [OPIS survey and Intent to Spray](#)
- ✓ Allow for spray date 7+days before flowering

PREPARE

- ✓ Remove infected material
- ✓ Minimise flowers in shelter and sward
- ✓ No other crops or livestock
- ✓ Site Inspection Record Part A
- ✓ Notify neighbours and signs out before spray (check regional requirements for timing and content)
- ✓ [Agchem management checklist](#)
- ✓ Applicator is qualified, read and understands all use conditions and Property Spray Plan.

SPRAY

- ✓ 7days before 1st flowers open
- ✓ Label rate
- ✓ Minimise drift: AI nozzles and drift-reducing adjuvant
- ✓ Good coverage

- ✗ No injection
- ✗ No flowers in canopy, shelter or sward

POST-SPRAY

- ✓ Site Inspection Record Part B
- ✓ Record in Spray Diary within 7 days
- ✓ Signs down 5 days after REI ends
- ✓ Notify Zespri if drift or tank contamination occurred
- ✓ Clean the tank
- ✓ Zespri random orchard audit

KEYSTREPTO™ USER GUIDE

ZESPRI & ACVM CONDITIONS OF USE AND ORCHARD BEST PRACTICES

	REQUIRED ACTIONS		BEST PRACTICE	
PLANNING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ If you do not have a KPIN or are a nursery, contact KVH on 0800 665 825 or info@kvh.org.nz to discuss the use conditions. ★ Consider the orchard risk of Psa then consult the KVH Kiwifruit PSA risk model to identify upcoming Psa risk <i>due to weather</i> and assess the need to apply a bactericide. ★ A maximum of two bactericide applications are allowed per season. One of these may be an application of KeyStrepto™, which requires approval from Zespri via a Bactericide Justified Approval Request form (JA). ★ Application to producing blocks must be no later than 7 days before first flowers open to minimise risk of residues. Consider likely flowering dates of target and neighbouring blocks. Application to non-producing vines throughout the season is allowed provided they are not in flower, no producing vines are in the same block (or may otherwise be exposed) and no drift onto producing vines can occur. ★ Complete an OPIS Survey and Intent to Spray online form. The OPIS Survey must be completed for each KPIN variety. The Intent to Spray must be completed for each bactericide application. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Complete monitoring rounds. Ensure appropriate hygiene practices are implemented and equipment is available. Refer to Psa-V Orchard Management Plan. ★ Use the KVH Psa risk compass to develop Psa management strategies suited to your orchard. ★ Apply as part of a comprehensive Psa-V management programme, including products with different modes of action and cultural controls. See the KVH Psa-V Best Practice Guide and the Kiwiflier Spotlight on Psa: Are you Maximising your Psa programme's potential? ★ Best applied as a preventive spray before symptoms are seen. 	
	<p>NOTE - By registering your intent to spray, you confirm that you have adhered to all conditions of use</p>			
REPARING FOR SPRAYING	REQUIRED ACTIONS		BEST PRACTICE	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Notify neighbours and beekeepers with hives on the property at least 12 hours (preferably 48 hours) before spraying and in compliance with local requirements. ★ Orchard signage must be visible at all access points to the orchard, out before spraying and in compliance with the local requirements. This will include when the signs must be displayed (e.g. 24 hours prior to spraying), spray type, date, times, safe re-entry time/date, applicator name and phone number. ★ Open flowers in the sward must be minimised prior to each application. If using a herbicide, apply early to remove nectar-bearing buttercup/clover from the orchard floor. See the Crop Protection Standard (CPS) for permitted herbicides. ★ Open flowers in the shelter must also be minimised including weeds or creepers. ★ Ensure no other crops are present within blocks to be sprayed. ★ Ensure no livestock can access the blocks to be sprayed. ★ Ensure beehives are covered/removed until spray deposits have dried. ★ Fill out Part A of the Site Inspection Record (available on page 4) before each KeyStrepto™ application. Records must be retained for a minimum of four years. ★ Ensure the applicator has a current GROWSAFE certificate and the sprayer is appropriately set up and calibrated. Ensure the applicator has read and understood the KeyStrepto™ User Guide and the orchard's current Property Spray Plan (how any adverse effects from the spray will be avoided or minimised). 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Remove Psa infected material. See KVH Cutting and Removal factsheet. ★ Mowing and/or applying a herbicide is recommended. ★ Where there is no or incomplete shelter; plan for a 30m buffer zone to be observed. ★ Ensure the spray contractor or applicator has completed the Agrichemical Management Checklist. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ If any open male or female kiwifruit flowers are present, or significant numbers of flowers are present on non-target plants such as shelter or sward, KeyStrepto™ must not be used. ★ Application must be compliant with the Zespri Crop Protection Standard (CPS) and the product label. This includes rates which should be adjusted accordingly if concentrate spraying. Ensure good spray coverage is achieved. ★ May only be applied as a foliar spray by ground-based methods. No other methods of application are allowed; this includes no injection of any kind. ★ All nozzles with a suitable drift-reducing adjuvant must be used. Refer to KiwiTech Bulletin N98. All practical measures must be taken to minimise spray drift. ★ Wear the appropriate personal protective equipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Do not spray if risk of spray drift. Use alternative products. ★ Avoid water volumes which will result in excessive runoff. ★ Adjust spray volume to match the canopy stage. ★ Refer to Spraying Best Practice.
AFTER SPRAYING	REQUIRED ACTIONS	BEST PRACTICE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Notification of any breach of the controls or any incidence which may have resulted in residues to fruit (e.g. spray drift or tank contamination) must be reported immediately to Zespri. Neighbours must also be notified immediately if spray drift occurs. ★ Ensure all tanks, lines and nozzles are thoroughly cleaned after application to reduce risk of tank contamination causing residues. ★ There is a 24-hour Restricted Entry Interval (REI). ★ If there is significant rain within 24 hours of a spray being applied, discuss with Zespri whether a second spray is necessary. ★ Fill in the Part B of the Site Inspection Record (available on page 4). ★ KPINs will be randomly audited after applying this agrichemical. ★ All applications must be recorded in the Zespri Spray Diary within seven days of application (including applications to non-producing vines). ★ Evidence must be provided during GAP audit of the use of AI nozzles and drift reducing adjuvants. ★ No grazing for 3 months after application. ★ In some cases, newly-grafted vines may bear a limited number of fruit. Any fruit from these vines must be destroyed and must not be used for human or animal consumption. Only mature fruit post-harvest (e.g. reject fruit) from vines treated in accordance with the allowed used pattern may be used as stock feed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Remove orchard signage 5 days after re-entry date.

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KEYSTREPTO™ SITE INSPECTION & APPLICATION RECORD

The completion of this form is a requirement of the ACVM Group of MPI and Part A must be completed by the person responsible for the orchard or nursery before each KeyStrepto™ application.

A record of this application must be retained for four years and may be audited by MPI. Zespri growers should retain this as part of their GAP records.

PART A - SITE INSPECTION RECORD

To be completed by the person responsible for the orchard or nursery before each application.

The site where the product is to be used is Psa positive and is in the North Island Recovery region.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have read and understood the KeyStrepto™ User Guide and agree to adhere to the ACVM conditions outlined for the area being sprayed including:	<input type="checkbox"/>
1. No livestock access possible.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. No non-target crops are within the spray block (or nearby if exposure to drift is a risk).	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Neighbours and beekeepers with hives on the property being treated will be/have been notified at least 12 hours prior to application (neighbours with hives should notify their beekeepers of your intention to spray).	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Beehives are removed or covered until after the spray has dried.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. All practical steps have been taken to remove flowers from the shelter and sward including (please tick applicable): No action required <input type="checkbox"/> Weed strip mowed <input type="checkbox"/> Herbicide sprayed <input type="checkbox"/> If herbicide, please record name of herbicide and date of application: Herbicide name: _____ Date of application: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. No open male or female kiwifruit flowers are present.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Spray applications are managed to ensure no spray drift outside the block	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____

PART B - APPLICATION RECORD

To be completed by the person responsible for the orchard or nursery after each application.

Note: Zespri growers to also record application in Zespri Spray Diary.

Orchard name: _____ KPIN: _____

Orchard address: _____ Block(s): _____

Applicator name: _____ Contractor name: _____

Address: _____

Batch number of product used: _____

Date of application: _____ Time of application: _____

Product rate: _____ Water rate: _____

Details on measures taken to mitigate spray drift: _____

Please record any accidental misuse/non-compliances on the other side of the form (including who you contacted to advise)

Signed: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____