

Emergency Exemption Use Directions
EPA File Symbol: 13-WA-03

STATE: Washington (all counties)

CHEMICAL: Amitraz (Apivar™ strips)

CROP/SITE: Honey bee colonies

PEST: Varroa mite (*Varroa destructor*)

EFFECTIVE: 01/22/2013

EXPIRATION: 12/31/2013

Method of Application: Remove honey supers before application of Apivar™ strips.

Separate the double strip and hang each strip between two comb frames inside the brood area or the bee cluster, with a minimum distance of two frames between strips. Suspend the strips in the brood chamber (super) in such a way that the bees can walk on both sides of the strips.

Rate of Application: Use two Apivar™ strips per brood chamber (super).

Timing and Number of Applications: A maximum of two treatments, one in the spring and one in the fall, may be made per year if Varroa mite infestations reach treatment threshold. Leave strips inside the hive for 42 days minimum, and then remove.

In case of movement of bees inside the beehive away from the strips, reposition the strips into the bee cluster, and leave strips in place for 14 more days before removal. Strips must be removed after a maximum of 56 days. Do not re-use the strips.

Treatments must be applied at a time when bees are not producing a surplus honey crop. Apivar™ strips may not be used when honey supers are present. Honey supers cannot be placed on the hive until 14 days after strip removal.

For a honey bee colony with two brood chambers (supers), the maximum usage for two applications under this emergency exemption would be eight strips per colony. For a honey bee colony with one brood chamber (super), the maximum usage for two applications under this emergency exemption would be four strips per colony.

Restrictions/Precautions:

1. A maximum of 480 thousand strips treated with amitraz may be used to treat up to 60 thousand honey bee colonies in Washington.
2. Applicators must follow the Resistance Management recommendations on the Apivar™ strips container label.
3. Applicators must wear protective (chemical-resistant) gloves when handling treated strips.

4. Total residues of amitraz in honey and honeycomb (beeswax) are not expected to exceed 0.2 ppm and 9 ppm, respectively. A time-limited tolerance is in the process of being established to support this section 18 use pattern.
5. Unused strips should be stored in a cool, dark area. Any unused, unregistered product must either be returned to the manufacturer or distributor in unopened containers or disposed of in accordance with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act regulations following the expiration of this emergency exemption.
6. Amitraz is classified as “Suggestive Evidence of Carginogenic Potential” by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
7. This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or reproductive harm.
8. The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) must be immediately informed of any adverse effects resulting from the use of amitraz in honey bee colonies. The toll-free number for WSDA is 1-877-301-4555.
9. The emergency exemption use directions must be in the possession of the user at the time of application.
10. Follow all applicable restrictions and precautions on the Apivar™ strips container label (not registered), except for the directions for use. The emergency exemption use directions for Washington supersede the directions for use on the Apivar™ strips container label.

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