

RURAL SERVICES

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Asulox Bracken Emergency Approval In Forestry 2022

Confirmation has been received that Asulox has been granted an Emergency Approval for 2022. Authorisation No. 1158 of 2022. The key factors are as follows:

- Availability. Asulox will be available for purchase on July 1st, for use in GB and N. Ireland. A Section 53 authorisation has also been submitted for use in Ireland. Any remaining stocks of unopened containers must be returned to the distributor by 29th October. Ensure that each opened container is fully used.
- Application. When bracken is at full frond, but no later than 12th September.
- Rate. 10 litres per ha.
- Knapsack Spraying. Maximum concentration of 1 part Asulox to 4 parts water. In reality the dilution is likely to be much greater, eg. if spraying 10 litres / ha Asulox at volume of 200l/ha then 400ml Asulox will be required in 10 litres water.
- Crop Sprayer. Apply at 10l/ha in 400 - 500 litres water per ha.
- Helicopter. Low drift nozzles to be used. 90m buffer zone to non target environment. Bracken must cover at least 80% of the area to be treated.
- Aquatic Buffer Zones. 1m for hand held sprayers, 5m for crop sprayers and 90m for helicopters.
- Restrictions. For use pre planting, or in the first 5 years of establishment only. 6 weeks should elapse between spraying and planting. Do not cut bracken for at least 4 weeks, or ideally late autumn, after spraying. Application not permitted where Hazel Dormouse is known to breed. Application in late July / August is recommended to protect birds. Advice must be sought from appropriate conservation agency where applying near SSSI's.
- Other Situations. The approval also authorises use on Rough Grazing, Moorland & Amenity Grassland. Ground based use in these areas is restricted to areas with a statutory conservation designation.
This restriction does NOT apply to helicopter application or to forestry use.
- Records. To assist in future approvals it would be helpful if the application form found on the Bracken Control Group Website (below) was completed and submitted.
- Further Information. Further information, and the full authorisation document can be found under "Asulam" at: www.brackencontrol.co.uk

Colin Palmer. 22nd June 2022.