

Re-instatement of Gazelle SG as Pre Planting Treatment for the Control of *Hylobius abeitis*

On 9th July 2026 CRD published a renewed offlabel approval (EAMU 1460/2026) for the use of Gazelle SG in an enclosed cabinet in the forest nursery.

The approval is for use with bare root transplants and cell grown plugs.

The approval conditions closely reflect previous oflabel approval with one significant change. This can be found in "Other specific restrictions (7)" & states:

- *To protect birds and non-target insects and arthropods, all treated trees must not be planted out until at least 1 month after treatment.*

This will lead to some logistical problems as treated trees will need to be cold stored for a month prior to delivery. This will possibly be easier to manage with treated bare root transplants compared to plugs.

It is reinforced by the quite implausible requirement in "Other specific restrictions (5)" which states:

- *Reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent access of birds to treated crops.*

Note also "Other specific restrictions (3)"

- *Only for crops grown in organic media, such as soil or compost, either in containers or on impervious surfaces.*

This refers ONLY to the media used in cell grown plugs, and not to bare root transplants or trees planted in their final position.

The rate remains the same at 0.185gm product in 1.5 to 20ml diluted product per plant.

Consumer choice is rarely a bad option, and in this case will provide a useful alternative to Lanzarta for pre planting treatments. However it is recognised that the management of this choice may not be straightforward, hence this note being circulated to Forest Nurseries well before the sales season.

This offlabel approval is for Gazelle SG only, and other acetamiprid formulations such as Insyst and Carnadine may not be used.

As a final note, be aware that the Coragen offlabel approval 2024/1633 expires on 30th September 2026, although the parent approval in other crops continues to 30th November 2029.

This means that Coragen has no approval for pre planting use on the 2026/7 crop, and if using chlorantranilprole, then the forestry formulation Lanzarta should be applied instead.

Most suppliers should, however, accept returns of unopened containers.

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