

Panama Disease Containment for Banana Farms

Bactex® CF can be used to control Panama Disease APVMA Approval No: 59643/105178

Panama disease is caused by the soil borne fungus *Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. cubense*, and is also known as *Fusarium* wilt. Panama disease is considered to be the most destructive disease of bananas in modern times.

The disease is commonly spread with soil and water movement or on contaminated tools, equipment and motor vehicle wheels. Once established the fungus can persist in the soil for many years.

The most effective control measure for Panama disease is the exclusion of the fungus and simple farm hygiene procedures to contain the spread from infected farms to non-infected farms.

How do I implement a Containment Strategy?

Rigorous hygiene procedures for non-infected farms is currently the best method for minimising the spread of this devastating banana disease.

Bactex® CF is a liquid cationic sanitiser registered by the APVMA for the treatment of mould, bacteria and *Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. cubense* on farming equipment. The in-built detergent system incorporated in Bactex® CF is highly effective at removing soil and other contamination from vehicles and equipment.

Bactex® CF is safe for use on most surfaces including all metal types, stainless steel, plastics and glass. Bactex® CF should be diluted 10mL/Litre of water (1:100).

For detailed usage instructions please refer to label. Diluted product may be sprayed or washed onto surfaces. All soil must be removed from vehicles to ensure Panama disease isn't spread. A contact time of 5 minutes is required to completely kill the fungus in the presence of heavy soiling.

Wash down areas should:

- Be readily accessible and located between the driveway and farm roads.
- Be well away from crops.
- Have access to power and water.
- Have a packed gravel or sealed concrete or bitumen surface.
- Not drain into a waterway or crop.
- Have a sump or collection area for easy inspection.

Packsizes available:

- 15L (210080)
- 200L (210077)



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