

**DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

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**LICENCE UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT  
1981 FOR THE RELEASE OF *Phasmarhabditis californica***

**NN-BCA-23-06 G GROWER'S LICENCE**

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 16(4)(C) and section 16(5) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ("the 1981 Act"), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby grants the following licence –

1. This licence applies in respect of the animal species known as *Phasmarhabditis californica* (Nematoda, Rhabditida, Rhabditidae) (in this licence referred to as "*P. californica*"), supplied by BASF Agricultural Specialities Ltd. ('the Company'), whose registered office is at 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Floors, 2 Stockport Exchange, Railway Road, Stockport, SK1 3GG.
2. Subject to the conditions in paragraph 3 below, section 14(1) of the 1981 Act does not apply to any person who releases *P. californica* (supplied as mentioned in paragraph 1 above) to edible and non-edible agricultural and horticultural crops (outdoor and protected environments); interior landscapes, industrial and amenity environments (including sports turf); and private gardens and allotments (outdoor and protected).
3. This licence is granted subject to the following conditions –
  - a) the instructions provided by the Company for the application of *P. californica* shall be complied with and the application rate currently recommended by the Company for the control of the pests shall not be exceeded;
  - b) the grower guidelines and monitoring protocols outlined by the Company to minimise the escape of *P. californica* shall be followed;
  - c) any management procedure required by the Company to control or eradicate *P. californica* shall be complied with, including the use of pesticides within the release site;
  - d) if there is evidence that *P. californica* has become established in the environment in the vicinity of any edible and non-edible agricultural and horticultural crops (outdoor and protected environments); interior landscapes, industrial and amenity environments (including sports turf); and private gardens and allotments (outdoor and protected) in which *P. californica* has been applied, BASF shall be notified immediately by email (technicalhotline@basf.com) or by phone (0845 602 2553) (and

any notification not in writing shall be confirmed in writing as soon as possible);

- e) if there is evidence that *P. californica* has caused unanticipated harm in the environments in which it has been released, BASF shall be notified immediately by email (technicalhotline@basf.com) or by phone (0845 602 2553) (and any notification not in writing shall be confirmed in writing as soon as possible);
- f) this licence only applies to releases in England.

4. This licence shall be valid until 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2028 subject to prior modification or revocation at any time.

Signed



**Dominic Eyre**

(Authorised by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to sign in that behalf).

Date 10 July 2023

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