

## The Q&A of Amino Alcohols HELPING OUR PARTNERS MEET THEIR COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS

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RLF's New Zealand distribution partner has raised some challenging questions with respect to the obligations required of them before NZ produce - such as Apples - can be exported to the European Union (EU) marketplace.

In New Zealand, a major percentage of their primary markets are exported. In some cases this may well be up to 90% of production. Their obligations and subsequent testing regimes prior to export are stringent, and if produce is found to be non-compliant it is immediately rejected.

Apples (a major export crop for NZ), is required to have zero Amino Alcohols – so no AA's allowed.

### Question:

Do RLF products contain Amino Alcohol (AA) Compounds?

### Answer:

Amino Alcohols are alkaline compounds that are used for pH adjustment of some pesticide formulations, and also in the manufacture of sulphonic acid surfactants. RLF formulates ONE product in Australia containing an amino-alcohol (*being monethanolamine or MEA*). This is a single nutrient product containing boron – RLF's Boron Blue.

So, of all the RLF products produced in Australia, only one single nutrient product would contravene NZ's export compliance regulations.

Since Boron Blue is NOT sold in New Zealand, no confusion can arise from the accidental usage of any RLF product containing Amino Alcohol (AA). RLF is cognisant of international compliance and takes its responsibilities seriously in this matter.

**It should be noted with great confidence, that RLF's core products, including the BSN Seed Priming and Ultra Foliar product range are all AA FREE and ready for safe use in New Zealand.**

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