

Extract from email exchange entitled 'Emergency Authorisation Use'

Email exchange between Defra's Crops Team, Farming Sectors, Food and Farming Directorate, and the National Farmers Union.

Email 1 dated 15 July 2015 from Defra to NFU:

On the specific applications, a decision is expected this week or early next (I did say that you thought you needed it this week). I'll ask them to keep me posted. Please let me know if you do not hear anything.

Email 2 dated 15 July - response from NFU to Defra:

Grateful you have been able to raise this within Defra, I will keep you up to date.

Best regards

Email 3 dated 20 July from Defra to NFU:

Hello

Can you let me know if you have had an answer on the applications yet?

Thanks

Email 4 dated 20 July - response from NFU to Defra:

Good morning,

I can confirm no news on insecticide seed treatments Friday, or this morning.

Best regards,

Email 5 dated 23 July from Defra to NFU:

I believe NFU heard yesterday on all of the emergency applications. I understand from colleagues that after discussion with the plant protection companies this was considered within the timescale which would allow the labelling and distribution of seed for use this season – although I am sure you would have preferred to get it earlier. I'm having a chat today with pesticides colleagues about the application processes and how to make it more user-friendly.