



## **PRESS INFORMATION**

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL FOR MYSTOX MP**

The New Zealand government's Environmental Risk Management Authority (ERMA) has granted approval for Catomance Technologies' new insect-resist treatment for wool carpets.

Mystox MP is a new generation insecticide that is very effective at low dose rates against moths and beetles. The product has a low environmental impact on waterways. Environmental risk assessments based on aquatic toxicity profiles show that Mystox MP is significantly less harmful than conventional permethrin-based insect-resist agents.

Developed in conjunction with Wools of New Zealand, Mystox MP represents a breakthrough in insect-resist treatment of wool and wool-blend floorcoverings. With increasing environmental pressures and stringent legislation, there is increasing concern about the use of existing insecticides in the wool carpet industry.

The Woolmark Company has also approved Mystox MP for use in the treatment of Woolmark and Woolmark Blend carpets. Mystox MP has been incorporated in the Woolmark E10 Specification for insect-resist agents with details of suitable application levels.

In New Zealand, Mystox MP is supplied by Catomance's long-established commercial partner, Shamrock Group Ltd of Auckland.

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