

Current Conditions for Flomide and Engage on Oilseed rape and Winter Beans

Flomide (400g/L SC propyzamide) and **Engage** (50%WP propyzamide) are approved for use on oilseed rape and winter beans.

Propyzamide gives excellent results on grasses and broad leaf weeds when soils are moist and cool. The compound is a residual herbicide with little or no contact activity. Weed control activity is dependent on root uptake. Soil moisture helps the product penetrate the soil surface, moving the herbicide to the site of root uptake. Cool conditions help give persistence.

Current conditions are favouring application. On oilseed rape, the window remains open until the end of January. As black-grass root systems gets larger, the addition of a suitable graminicide can help maintain high level control. For winter beans, the timing is pre-emergence, so application is advised as soon as possible after sowing.

However, please be aware that along with some other autumn/winter oilseed rape/ bean herbicides, traces can appear in water courses. This is believed due to surface water run-off from treated fields into streams and rivers. To avoid this, please try to recommend treatment onto non-saturated fields especially if heavy rainfall is likely in the immediate future. This is particularly relevant if the field is close to a significant water course.

This guidance is part of the Voluntary Initiative and could help to prolong the Approved life of products critical to UK farming.

Product	Crop	Rate	Timing
Flomide	Oilseed rape	2.1L/ha	From 1 st Oct when crop is at or after 3 true leaf stage to end of Jan
Flomide	Winter beans	2.1L/ha	From 1 st Oct when crop is pre-emergence, within 7 days of drilling.
Engage	Oilseed rape	1.7kg/ha	From 1 st Oct when crop is at or after 3 true leaf stage to end of Jan
Engage	Winter beans	1.7kg/ha	From 1 st Oct when crop is pre-emergence, within 7 days of drilling.

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Summary

Flomide and Engage from Interfarm are approved for use on oilseed rape and winter beans, as well as other crops. Please monitor application conditions this autumn to prevent incorrect use.