

## **Timber Preservatives & Treatments**

### **All Primary Producers**

Last year NZFSA and the two third party agencies which includes AsureQuality were audited for the first time by USDA.

At this audit it was raised that the use of treated timber was prohibited under USDA.

NZFSA proposed a phase out period where this practice will be discontinued which has been accepted by USDA.

As a result the use of new or recycled tanalised timber for new or replacement construction or fencing shall be discontinued by 1 July 2010.

Your next Management plan revision will need to reflect how you plan to phase this out to ensure you are meeting the requirement by 1 July 2010.

Existing tanalised timber in fence lines and buildings on the property as 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2010 will not be affected.

### **Fruit & vegetable production**

A reminder that chemically treated wooden bins must not be used for organic produce, and export pallets or bins must be heat treated (HT) rather than being fumigated with methyl bromide (MB)