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Distribution and/or Use of Amitraz for Control of Varroa Mites is Illegal

The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) would like to remind beekeepers and pesticide dealers that the distribution and/or use of pesticides containing Amitraz (such as Taktic) for control of Varroa mites in honey bee colonies is illegal.

Amitraz (Taktic) is registered for distribution in Washington, and is labeled for use on cattle and swine only. Amitraz is not labeled for use on honey bees, and there are no tolerances for residues of Amitraz in honey or honeycomb. Honey or honeycomb that is found to be contaminated with residues of Amitraz is subject to regulatory action by the US Food & Drug Administration and by the WSDA.

Additionally, it is a violation of Federal and State pesticide law to distribute and/or use Amitraz (Taktic) for control of Varroa mites in honey bee colonies. Violations are subject to a civil penalty of up to \$7,500 and/or a license suspension.

If you have any questions regarding the distribution and/or use of Amitraz for control of Varroa mites in honey bee colonies you may contact:

- WSDA Registration Services Program at (360) 902-2030
- WSDA Compliance Program (toll-free) at (877) 301-4555

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