

**FOR THE RELEASE OF *STEINERNEMA CARPOCAPSAE*
(GROWER'S LICENCE)**

The Minister for the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs NI (DAERA NI) in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Article 18.2(g) of the Wildlife (NI) Order 1985 {here after referred to as the Wildlife Order} and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby grants the following licence –

1. This licence applies in respect of the animal species known as *Steinernema carpocapsae* 'All strain' (Phylum Rhabditida, Order: Rhabditida; Family: *Steinernematidae*), in this licence referred to as "*S. carpocapsae*" supplied by BASF Agricultural Specialities Limited, PO Box 4, Earl Road, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 6QG United Kingdom (here after, 'the Company')

Subject to the conditions in paragraph 3 below, section 15(1) of the Wildlife Order does not apply to any person who, as a consequence of applying *S. carpocapsae* (supplied as mentioned in paragraph 1 above) for the control of Large pine weevils (*Hylobius abietis*) in forestry, codling moth (*Cydia pomonella*) and Oriental fruit moth (*Cydia molesta*) in orchards. Gooseberry sawfly (*Nematus ribesii*), dipteran pests, caterpillar, cutworm species (*Noctuidae* and *pyralidae*), Thrips on in garden / allotments, glasshouses / protected uses and nursery stock and leatherjackets (*Tipula spp*) in turf in domestic gardens ("the pests"), accidentally releases *S. carpocapsae* or allows *S. carpocapsae* to escape into the wild.

2. This licence is granted subject to the following conditions –
 - i. (a) the instructions provided by the Company for the application of *S. carpocapsae* shall be complied with and the application rate for the time being recommended by the Company for the control of the pests on the crops shall not be exceeded; and
 - ii. (b) the grower guidelines and monitoring protocols outlined by the Company to minimise the escape of *S. carpocapsae* should be followed; and
 - iii. (c) any management procedure required by the Company to control or eradicate *S. carpocapsae* shall be complied with, including permitting the use of pesticides within the release site; and
 - iv. (d) if there is evidence the *S. carpocapsae* has become established in the environment in the vicinity of any premises in which *S. carpocapsae* has been applied, the NIEA Wildlife Officer shall be notified immediately (and any notification not in writing shall be confirmed in writing as soon as possible).
3. This licence shall be valid until 4th October 2025 subject to prior modification or revocation at any time.