

Minimum-risk pesticide

Soil Technologies Corp., the United States, has developed a new biochemical formulation to replace methyl bromide. Armorex has been registered with the Environmental Protection Agency as a minimum-risk pesticide and is exempted from the requirement of a residue tolerance. It is used as a pre-plant or replant soil treatment to control insects, weeds, fungus, pathogens and nematodes.

The active ingredients in Armorex are allyl isothiocyanate (from mustard oil) and capsaicin (a chilli extract). This combination creates a unique dual action that kills on contact and maintains a repellent effect against many insects and nematodes. Armorex can be used as a soil treatment for vegetables, fruits, vineyards, nut trees, nursery crops, turf, ornamentals, etc. *Contact: Soil Technologies Corp., the United States. Tel: +1 (641) 4723 963; Fax: +1 (641) 4726 189; E-mail: stcadmin@soiltechcorp.com. (Website: <http://www.agretailer.com>)*