FERTILISER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CLONAL MOTHER BUSHES

This Advisory Circular replaces Circular No. F 18, Serial No.08/94, issued in June 1994 on the use of fertiliser for clonal mother bushes.

1.0 Fertiliser mixture for clonal mother bushes

The mixture T200 is recommended for clonal mother bushes

1.1 Composition of T200

100 parts Sulphate of ammonia (20.6% N)
50 parts Eppawela rock phosphate (28.5% P₂O₅)
25 parts Muriate of potash (60% K₂O)
25 parts Kieserite (24% MgO)
200 parts

The mixture contains approximately 10.3% N, 6.9% P₂O₅, 7.5% K₂O and 3.0% MgO.

1.1.1 Dosage and frequency of application

Applications can commence approximately two months after planting. Apply T200 at the rates of 21 g per plant per application four times in the 1st year, and 28, 42, and 56 to 84 g per plant per application four times in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th years, respectively.

The number of applications is four in each year.

2 Foliar application of zinc sulphate

Foliar application of zinc sulphate for clonal mother bushes should be made with knapsack sprayers. A 2% solution of zinc sulphate (i.e. 8 kg in 400 l of water per ha) is recommended. Zinc sulphate should be applied 2 weeks prior to harvesting the cuttings.

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