

Pesticide Control Division Labelling Guidelines – for Plant Protection Products

Safety Information

1. Safety information must be on the front/main panel (front/main panel and commercial front panel are now one and the same) with the heading ‘Safety information’ in a text box. The text box should be in a prominent position and hold a significant proportion of the main panel area. Only phrases required by Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 should appear in this text box, i.e., pictograms, signal words, hazard statements, precautionary statements. Standard phrases from Commission Regulation (EU) No. 547/2011 should be placed in another prominent position.
Please note where a dual label is being considered, the text box mentioned above may have an alternative form of words in its heading.
2. For product pack sizes of 300ml (or 300g) or less, where the text box will not fit on the front/main panel, it may, in agreement with the Pesticide Control Division (PCD), be placed elsewhere.
3. For amateur products, where the product classifies, the Safety information must be included on the **front panel** of the label. If the product does not classify, the information may be included on another panel of the label.
4. PCS number to be placed inside the bottom right hand corner of the text box.
5. Only hazard and precautionary statements from Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 may be placed in the “Safety Information” text box.
6. Standard phrases from Commission Regulation (EU) No. 547/2011 should be placed in another prominent position.
7. The following phrases from Commission Regulation (EU) No. 547/2011 are required on the labels of all PPPs.
SP1 Do not contaminate water with the product or its container (Do not clean application equipment near surface water/Avoid contamination via drains from farmyards and roads).
8. Hazard Statements should be in bold, in sentence case (not capitalised) and each phrase on a separate line.
9. Precautionary Statements should be listed (normal font) under the Hazard Statements and each on a separate line.
10. The precautionary statement ‘**To avoid risks to human health and the environment, comply with the instructions for use**’ (EUH401) must be included (in bold) in the ‘Safety information’ text box.
11. In accordance with Annex IV of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Amateur PPPs should be ascribed the following precautionary statements:
P101 If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.

- P102 Keep out of reach of children.
P103 Read label before use.

12. Other specified 'special label requirements' which are required by Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 should also be included in the text box. Other labelling requirements should reside elsewhere in a prominent position on the label.

GAP information

13. Instructions for use should be clearly indicated.
14. For professional use products the GAP information must be in a separate text box on a main panel of the container/label. Where it is not possible to include all the required detail in this text box, it may, in agreement with the PCD, be placed in a separate section of the label.

Other requirements

15. Pictures, graphics or statements portraying the product as "Harmless", "Non-Toxic" or "Safe to children and / or pets" cannot be included. If appropriate, a phrase indicating a re-entry period for humans and / or animals may, in agreement with the Pesticide Control Division be included. Any such phrase must be in line with the standard FS phrases.
16. All other information must hold a less prominent position on the label than that specified at 1-11 above.
17. It is the responsibility of the authorisation holder to ensure that the product they are placing on the market is classified appropriately.
18. Labels should adhere to requirements laid down in Commission Regulation (EU) No. 547/2011 and when prescribed by a Member State competent authority the label should include additional standard phrases.

It is illegal to place a plant protection product on the market in Ireland without its label being approved by the Pesticide Control Division.