

## **Guidance for Pesticide Advisors, Pesticide Distributors and Inspectors of Pesticide Application Equipment under the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive (SUD)**

### **Who needs to register under the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive (SUD)?**

Pesticide Advisors, Distributors, Professional Users and Inspectors of Pesticide Application Equipment all need to register.

### **PESTICIDE ADVISORS**

#### **What is a Pesticide Advisor (PA)?**

A PA is any person who has acquired adequate knowledge and advises on pest management and the safe use of pesticides, in the context of a professional capacity or commercial service, including private self-employed and public advisory services, commercial agents, food producers and retailers where applicable.

#### **How does a PA register?**

Pesticide Advisors should register using the online registration facility available for Pesticide Advisors on the PCS website ([www.pcs.agriculture.gov.ie/SUD.htm](http://www.pcs.agriculture.gov.ie/SUD.htm)).

In registering, the PA commits to participating in continuous professional education (CPE) in order to maintain his/her registration.

#### **How do you become a PA?**

Any person wishing to register as a PA must hold the Prof Diploma in IPM and Sustainable Use of Pesticides, awarded by UCD. Equivalent qualifications may also be recognised as meeting requirements to register as a PA. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine (DAFM) will determine if alternative qualifications meet requirements on a case by case basis.

#### **How does a PA comply with continuous professional education (CPE) requirements?**

Irish Agricultural Supply Industry Standards (IASIS) have developed CPE rules for PAs and compliance with these satisfies the additional training requirements referred to in the legislation ([www.iasis.ie/advisors.php](http://www.iasis.ie/advisors.php)). Equivalent CPE records may also be recognised as meeting CPE requirements. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine will determine if alternative CPE records meet requirements on a case by case basis.

## **PESTICIDE DISTRIBUTORS**

### **What is a Pesticide Distributor (PD)?**

A PD is any natural or legal person who makes a pesticide available on the market, including wholesalers, retailers, vendors and suppliers.

All distributors involved in the sale or supply of pesticides must be registered by 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015. From this date, a registered distributor must be available at all times at the point of sale to ensure that adequate information is provided to customers as regards pesticide use and health and environmental risk and safety.

### **How does a Distributor register?**

Pesticide Distributors should register using the online registration facility available for Pesticide Distributors on the PCS website ([www.pcs.agriculture.gov.ie/SUD.htm](http://www.pcs.agriculture.gov.ie/SUD.htm))

Alternatively, a hard copy form will be available for download from the PCS website in 2015, which can be completed and returned to Sustainable Use Directive Section, Pesticide Controls Division, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Backweston Campus, Young's Cross, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

In registering, the distributor commits to participating in continuous professional education (CPE) in order to maintain his/her registration.

### **How do you become a trained Distributor?**

By completing the FETAC Level 5 course in Pesticide Distribution. This course has been developed by IASIS ([www.iasis.ie](http://www.iasis.ie)) and will be available in 2014. Equivalent qualifications may also be recognised as meeting requirements to register as a distributor. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine will determine if alternative qualifications meet requirements on a case by case basis.

A PD who only sells non-professional pesticide products may register provided they have completed an online course that has been developed by IASIS ([www.iasis.ie](http://www.iasis.ie)) and will be available in 2014. Completion of this course does not allow a PD to distribute professional use pesticide products.

### **How does a Distributor comply with continuous professional education (CPE) requirements?**

Irish Agricultural Supply Industry Standards (IASIS) have developed CPE rules for Distributors and compliance with these satisfies the additional training requirements referred to in the legislation ([www.iasis.ie/distributors.php](http://www.iasis.ie/distributors.php)). Equivalent CPE records may also be recognised as meeting CPE requirements. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine will determine if alternative CPE records meet requirements on a case by case basis.

### **Are there any exemptions from the requirement to have a trained Distributor available at the point of sale?**

Distributors selling **only** pesticide products for non-professional use may be exempted from the requirement to have a trained distributor available at the point of sale. The Department of

Agriculture, Food and the Marine will deal with distributor exemption requests on a case by case basis.

**Can another salesperson in the distribution store other than the registered Distributor sell pesticides authorised for professional use?**

Another salesperson in the distribution store can sell pesticides authorised for professional use. There must however be a registered Distributor at the distribution store at all times that sales are taking place.

## **DISTRIBUTION STORES**

### **What is a Distribution Store?**

A distribution store is any premises used for storage of pesticides either for sale or supply. It includes stores at wholesale and retail level. All premises used for the storage, sale or supply of pesticides must be registered by 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

### **How do I register a Distribution Store?**

There will be an online registration facility available for distribution stores on the PCS website ([www.pcs.agriculture.gov.ie](http://www.pcs.agriculture.gov.ie)) in 2014.

Alternatively, a hard copy form will be available for download from the PCS website in 2015, which can be completed and returned to Sustainable Use Directive Section, Pesticide Control Division, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Backweston Campus, Young's Cross, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

In registering, the owner of the distribution store commits to ensuring that the store will comply with the relevant standards, as determined by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in order to maintain the registration.

### **When must Distribution Stores be registered?**

All distribution stores used for sale or supply of pesticides must be registered by 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015. From this date, only a registered distribution store can be used for storage of pesticides for the purposes of sale or supply and the store must comply with a standard determined by the Department for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

### **What are the Standards required for Distribution Stores?**

Irish Agricultural Supply Industry Standards (IASIS) have developed a "Requirements for the Design and Construction of Pesticide Stores" and a "Guideline for the Management & Operation of Pesticides Stores" ([www.iasis.ie/agriculturalstores.php](http://www.iasis.ie/agriculturalstores.php)). The Minister for Agriculture, Food and Marine has determined that these IASIS guidelines are the standards with which distribution stores must comply.

### **Who will inspect Distribution Stores to ensure that they comply with the Standards?**

Distribution stores will be inspected on an on-going basis by officers of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

### **What will happen if a Distribution Store is found not to comply with the Standards?**

From 2014, Pesticide inspections carried out by DAFM personnel at wholesale and retail level will include an assessment of the premises for the storage of Pesticides to the required standard and will indicate compliance or shortcomings that will need to be addressed.

Distribution stores that are inspected and found not to comply with the required standards will be required to undertake the necessary remedial actions to ensure that the stores are in compliance with the standards by 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015. The necessary remedial actions will be specified in a compliance notice issued to the owner and will be time limited.

If the necessary remedial actions are not undertaken in accordance with the actions specified in the compliance notice, the premises will not be included on or may be removed from the distribution store register and cannot be used as a pesticide store until it has been re-inspected and found to be in compliance with the required standards. A fee may be charged for re-inspection of distribution stores that wish to be reinstated to the distribution store register.

### **Is there a fee for registration of stores?**

There will not be a fee for initial registration.

## **PESTICIDE APPLICATION EQUIPMENT INSPECTORS**

### **What is a pesticide application equipment inspector?**

A pesticide application equipment inspector is any person who has acquired adequate knowledge and verifies that pesticide application equipment satisfies the relevant requirements listed in Annex II of Directive 2009/128/EC, in order to achieve a high level of protection for human health and the environment.

### **How does an Inspector of Pesticide Application Equipment register?**

Inspectors of Pesticide Application Equipment should register using the online registration facility available for Inspectors of Pesticide Application Equipment on the PCS website ([www.pcs.agriculture.gov.ie/SUD.htm](http://www.pcs.agriculture.gov.ie/SUD.htm)).

Alternatively, a hard copy form can be downloaded from the PCS website, which can be completed and returned to Sustainable Use Directive Section, Pesticide Controls Division, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Backweston Campus, Young's Cross, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

In registering, the Inspector commits to participating in continuous professional education (CPE) in order to maintain his/her registration.

### **How do you become a trained Inspector of Pesticide Application Equipment?**

A new course has been developed by DAFM in conjunction with Teagasc. Inspectors will be required to complete it in order to remain/be included on the register. Equivalent qualifications may also be recognised as meeting requirements to register as an Inspector. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine will determine if alternative qualifications meet requirements on a case by case basis.

### **How does an Inspector of Pesticide Application Equipment comply with continuous professional education (CPE) requirements?**

Minimum CPE requirements for an Inspector will be developed in 2015.

## **PESTICIDE APPLICATION EQUIPMENT**

### **By what date must Pesticide Application Equipment be inspected?**

All boom sprayers greater than 3m and all blast and orchard sprayers must be tested at least once by 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The interval between inspections must not exceed 5 years until 2020 and must not exceed 3 years thereafter.

### **When must other Pesticide Application Equipment (e.g. boom sprayers less than 3 metres, weed wipers, etc.) be inspected?**

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, will determine appropriate timetables and inspection intervals for other types of pesticide application equipment in 2014. It is anticipated that all types of application equipment, with the exception of knapsack sprayers, will be required to be tested at least once before 2020.

### **What checks should a Professional User complete on their Pesticide Application Equipment?**

Professional users should conduct regular calibrations and technical checks of their pesticide application equipment.

### **How much will it cost to have Pesticide Application Equipment inspected?**

The cost of inspection is agreed between the Inspector and the owner of the equipment.

## **INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT**

### **How will the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) requirements of the SUD impact on the professional user?**

All professional users shall apply the general principles of IPM and maintain records to demonstrate the application of these principles.

### **What are the general principles of IPM?**

The general principles of IPM are listed in the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive which is available on the PCS website ([www.pcs.agriculture.gov.ie](http://www.pcs.agriculture.gov.ie)). They include the following practices:

- prevention and/or suppression of harmful organisms,
- monitoring of harmful organisms,
- application of appropriate plant protection measures,
- use of sustainable biological, physical or other non-chemical methods,
- use of pesticides that are as specific as possible for the target pest,
- use of pesticides to the necessary levels,
- use of anti-resistance strategies to maintain the effectiveness of products,
- recording of the success of the applied crop protection measure.

### **What IPM records will professional users be required to maintain?**

Compliance with IPM requirements will be recorded in the user's Plant Protection Product Use Record sheet is available on the PCS website ([www.pcs.agriculture.gov.ie](http://www.pcs.agriculture.gov.ie)). A worksheet has also been developed that will record on a whole enterprise level (farm or non-agricultural business e.g. amenity, forestry) how the general principles of IPM are being applied. **All** individuals who apply plant protection products are required to maintain these records. There are no exemptions from the requirement to maintain these records.

**Questions regarding the the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive, that have not been addressed above, may be forwarded to the following email address [pesticideregisters@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:pesticideregisters@agriculture.gov.ie)**