



GUIDELINES FOR REGISTRATION OF PESTICIDE STORES

These Guidelines will help you to comply with the following legislation:

- Food and Environment Protection Act 1985
- The Control of Pesticide Regulations 1986 (COPR) (as amended)
- The Plant Protection Products (Basic Conditions) Regulations 1997

You may need to act on all or some of the following points:

- Notify the Planning Department and the Building Control Department of the Local Authority to obtain the relevant permissions for the siting and construction of the store.
- Notify the Fire Prevention Department of the local Fire Authority and the Environment Protection Officer of the local Environment Agency / SEPA/ Environment and Heritage Service for Northern Ireland (Approval of anti-pollution measures)
- Obtain security advice from the Police Crime Prevention Officer.

Responsibility for enforcing the relevant legislation may rest with either:

- The Local Authority: - Trading Standards
- Environmental Health Department

Or

- The Health & Safety Executive – e.g. main distribution depots/contractors.

Basic Criteria for All Stores

These are stipulated in the Code of Practice for Suppliers of Pesticides to Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry (The Yellow Code).

Stores should be:

- suitably sited
- of adequate capacity
- soundly constructed of fire resistant materials
- provided with suitable access and exits
- capable of containing 110% or 185% of the total amount of pesticides likely to be stored at any time. (The bunding capacity required will be stipulated in EA guidance)
- dry internally and frost proof
- well lit and ventilated
- marked with appropriate warning signs
- secure against theft and vandalism
- equipped, organised and staffed to a suitable standard.

Further advice on storage may be found in HSE Information Sheet No 16 'Guidance on storing pesticides for farmers and other professional users'.

When storing over 200kg or 200 litres of pesticides the storekeeper **MUST** hold the BASIS Storekeeper's Certificate of Competence. This certificate does not allow the holder to advise or recommend professional pesticides.

Anyone who sells or supplies pesticide **MUST** hold the BASIS Certificate in Crop Protection.

Non certificated staff can sell or supply pesticides **only** under the direct supervision of a certificate holder.

Direct supervision means that the certificated person must be readily available at all times when the store is staffed. A certificated sales person must be personally responsible for all transactions or acting as supervisor to non-certificated staff.

To ensure standards are maintained, all stores should have the qualifications of their staff and the facilities and management arrangements of their stores assessed at least once a year by suitable independent experts. BASIS (Registration) Limited provides such a service and the standards applied are endorsed by the Pesticides Safety Directorate, an agency of the Health & Safety Executive. For more details please contact the BASIS office on 01335 343945 or via www.basis-reg.com

Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road

Drivers of vehicles transporting dangerous goods exceeding the qualifying load threshold must hold a current vocational ADR licence for the Classes of goods being transported. Refresher training must take place at least every five years.

All drivers not requiring the vocational ADR qualification, but transporting dangerous goods, **MUST** have undergone formal awareness training to familiarise themselves with the requirements of the regulations.

Administrative and warehouse staff should also have dangerous goods awareness training.

In addition vehicles must be suitably equipped with safety equipment and personal protection as required by the regulations.

For more information on Dangerous Goods Awareness training, please contact the BASIS office on 01335 340857.

A Department for Transport security video is also available from www.dft.gov.uk