



Commercial Pesticide Firm Registration Environmental Health Guide

The following information is provided to assist applicants in establishing a pesticide firm.

1. Storage

If pesticides are to be stored on the property, (apart from storage on a vehicle) compliance with Regulation 76 of the Health (Pesticides) Regulations 1956 is required. Requirements and recommendations are as follows:

- The storage area must be capable of being locked.
- Must be roofed for protection from the weather.
- Constructed from impervious materials.
- Water must be available for washing down any spills that may occur.
- Storage facility must be situated away from sensitive areas i.e. Drains, water courses etc.
- Have adequate ventilation and lighting.
- Non-compatible chemicals need to be separated from each other.
- All pesticides must be stored in their original containers.
- Warning sign should be erected, restricting unauthorised entry and prohibiting smoking and other ignition sources. It is also suggested that the appropriate Dangerous Goods Class label be displayed. (See diagram below)



- A first aid kit and a fire extinguisher should be located within easy access of the storage facility.



2. Washdown Facility

If a washdown facility for vehicles is to be provided, it must have an impervious surface that is bunded, an impervious lined sump, and is protected from rainwater runoff.

If a washdown facility is not provided, contaminated vehicles must be cleaned by using a damp cloth only, to hand wipe the vehicle.

Further information is provided in the Code of Practice 'Disposal of Pesticide Residues from Pesticide Spray Applications'. Copies of this code can be obtained from the Health Department if necessary.

Broadhectare vehicles and boomspray equipment can be decontaminated by washing down at the site of spraying but at least 100 metres from any water body or occupied dwelling.

3. Vehicles

- The name of the commercial pesticide firm and registration number (issued by the Health Department) must be displayed on the vehicle in letters not less than 40mm in height.
- The driver's compartment should be isolated from all pesticides carried on the vehicle.
- Pesticides are to be carried in a lockable impervious container firmly secured on the vehicle.
- Emulsion tanks are to be securely fixed to the vehicle, and labelled "*Poison*".
- All pesticide concentrates are to be clearly labelled and in their original containers.
- Spraying equipment is to be clean with no leaks apparent when the pump is operational.
- Spillage equipment such as cloths and absorbent material etc, are to be carried on the vehicle.
- The following items of personal protective equipment (PPE) are required:

Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) gloves and boots

Respirator and spare cartridges are to be stored in an air tight container

Two pairs of overalls

Eye protection

Washable hat

First aid kit (including an eyewash)

Towel and soap

- All PPE must be stored separately from pesticides.

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