



Professional standard poison

Selling or using poison

What you need to know

On 1st June 2016 the new rules were brought in that would require Farmers to hold a Certificate of Competence in respect of using professional standard poison.

However, the HSE later agreed that if a Farmer was a member of a farm assurance scheme, that as part of its standard of membership, required a programme of rodent pest management, this would be sufficient evidence of their competence and they wouldn't need to undergo any further training until 31st December 2017 as things stand as of January 2017. Industry bodies are working on standards within Farm Assurance Schemes and if these standards are accepted it is likely that membership of a scheme and acceptance of the standards will mean no further training is required.

In respect of the selling of the rodenticides to farmers by their suppliers, there are a number of regulations and legislation that need to be adhered to.

Currently, any pesticide (including rodenticides) that are to be advertised, sold, supplied, stored or used in the UK is regulated by EU Biocidal Products Regulation 528/2012 (EU BPR) as from 1st October 2016.

The important element of the new rules is that a legal duty now falls on those who sell these products to implement a check for certification at the point of purchase. Previously, the onus rested entirely on the purchaser. Manufacturers who sell through BAGMA members would have made this new requirement clear to them. But there is no harm in reiterating the message as frequently as possible.

Links

[A database that provides information of the current products approved with the HSE](#)

[Article from farmer's Weekly re farmer's use of rat poisons](#)

[Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use UK. CRRU UK](#)