

as long as all of the above information is contained therein. This information must be provided even where a contractor applies the pesticide.) Photocopies of records maintained or a computer print out of records maintained in an electronic format will suffice.

Has the application equipment been used in the previous 12 months? And if yes, has the application equipment been calibrated?

All application equipment in use must be calibrated.

General information

When using plant protection products or biocides it is important to

- comply with instructions for use printed on the label
- wear appropriate personal protective clothing and equipment
- **Triple-rinse*** or pressure rinse the empty pesticide container and add the rinsate to the sprayer
- measuring equipment should be similarly cleaned and rinsate added to spray tank

Disposal

Due care and attention must be given to the issue of disposal of unused product concentrate, unused dilute spray and empty containers.

Waste should be minimised through good management.

- only purchase the amount of product required
- only mix the required amount of diluted spray for the area to be treated
- always keep an untreated area to allow the disposal of excess diluted spray material
- dispose of obsolete concentrate using a specialist hazardous waste disposal company

** **Triple rinse:** pack contents should be drained for at least 30 seconds when emptying the container into the spray tank. $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ fill with clean water, securely close and shake vigorously. Add the rinsate to the spray tank. Repeat this process at least twice or until the container is clean. The container should be stored upside down with the lid off to dry.*



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Pesticides and Cross Compliance



What are Pesticides?

The term Pesticides reflects 2 types of products that may be stored or used on a farm, namely, Plant Protection Products (PPP's) and Biocides.

Plant Protection Products (PPP's)

PPP's are products that are used to protect crops from damage caused by insects, fungi, weeds or pests. They include herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, molluscicides, growth regulators etc.

Biocides

Biocides are products that are used to prevent the action of a wide range of harmful organisms. They include rodenticides, wood preservatives, dairy detergents / sanitizers, disinfectants etc.

Any end-user storing or using pesticides should ensure that they are in compliance with the regulatory requirements regarding pesticides. This involves proper storage, appropriate use, accurate record keeping and where relevant, safe disposal.

Cross-Compliance Inspection for SMR 9 - Pesticides

During the course of a cross-compliance inspection on a holding where pesticides are stored or have been used during the previous 12 months the following questions will be among those being addressed by the inspector,

Are PPP's and Biocides segregated from food and feed?

Pesticides must not be stored near to or above food or feed.

Are storage facilities used dedicated to the storage of chemicals and are they enclosed secure and constructed so as to retain any spillages?

A chemical store can be defined as a stand-alone building, container, a press/cupboard/cabinet/filing cabinet, which is independently lockable, and is capable of containing spillages appropriate the volumes stored in it. It is advisable that such a store is ventilated in some way. The store should be used exclusively for the storage of Pesticides.

Is there a warning sign displayed at the entrance?

This can either be a purpose made sign or clearly hand printed by using an indelible marker.

Are powders stored separately from or above liquids?

Liquid formulations and dry formulations must be stored in a manner that precludes a spillage of the liquids from affecting the dry formulations.

Are PPP's and biocidal products stored in their original containers and/or in good condition and/or with label attached?

All products should be stored in their original containers and the label should be attached and should be legible.

Are scales and are graduated measures (e.g. jugs) present and designated solely for weighing / measuring plant protection and biocidal products available?

All necessary measuring equipment must be available unless the formulations present / used on the farm do not require measuring equipment e.g., Measuring equipment supplied with the pack, or there is a measure incorporated into packing i.e., the side of the container is graduated or the product is being applied by contractor who has his or her own measuring equipment.

Are facilities for soaking up small spillages or leakages available?

A bucket of sand, peat or other absorbent material should be present where chemicals are stored.

Are protective clothing and equipment available and are they clean and properly maintained?

For any person applying pesticides gloves, overalls, rubber boots and if appropriate other personal protective equipment (PPE) must be available and well maintained

Are records of purchases, acquisitions and of disposal or return of plant protection and biocidal products maintained?

Records of purchases must be maintained for all pesticides. Paperwork such as delivery/collection dockets, invoices and credit notes, displaying the product name, quantity, date, and supplier, are acceptable if no purpose-kept record is available

Are records of use of plant protection and biocidal products maintained?

Records of use of plant protection and biocidal products showing date of application, crop, material or surface treated, area treated, brand name, PCS number, quantity of product applied must be maintained. (Crop record sheets for various quality assurance schemes will suffice