

Pesticide Control Division

Container Size Restrictions for Professional and Amateur Use Products

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) as the competent authority responsible for the authorisation and safe use of pesticides in Ireland, has always differentiated between the approval of plant protection products (PPPs) for professional use and amateur use. Directive 2009/128/EC allows for such a differentiation, but in addition, obliges competent authorities to ensure that professional use PPPs are not sold to non-professional users. Additionally this legislation requires distributors of amateur use PPPs to make available to the public, general information on the use of PPPs.

Following discussions within DAFM, and with the PPP industry representative bodies, we have decided to further develop the container size restrictions already introduced for professional use products, to amateur use products.

The following restrictions apply with immediate effect.

Amateur Use

Classification restriction (Directive 99/45/EC)

See Appendix I

Classification restriction (Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008)

See Appendix II

Container Size Restriction

Sale of amateur use PPPs to be limited to container size of a quantity capable of treating 2,000m² or less.

Professional Use

Classification restriction (Directive 99/45/EC or Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008)

No restrictions are deemed necessary.

Container Size Restriction

Sale of professional use PPPs to be limited to a container size of a quantity capable of treating at least 1 hectare in the case of field crops. (However, DAFM retains a certain amount of discretion to accommodate special circumstances.)

Interim arrangements and timetable

Action	Implementation
Product approval documents to apply container size restrictions.	Immediately
New product entering the supply chain to adhere to size restrictions. i.e., from the <u>approval holder</u> .	1 st January, 2015
Existing product and product entering the supply chain (not conforming to the new container size restrictions) from the 8 th July, 2014 to 1 st January, 2015 may be sold by <u>retail trade</u> until 31 st December, 2015.	31 st December, 2015

DAFM will endeavour to cooperate with authorisation holders to ensure that products are accommodated in either of the two streams (amateur or professional). In some instances, authorisation holders may need or may wish to obtain identical (“back to back”) approvals for one stream or the other and this can be facilitated by DAFM and handled expeditiously.

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Appendix I

PPPs with the following human toxicology classification are not considered appropriate for amateur use and therefore will not be registered as such:

Acute Toxicity

Toxic	 T	R23 R24 R25 R39 R48	Toxic by inhalation Toxic in contact with skin Toxic if swallowed Danger of very serious irreversible effects Danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure
Very Toxic	 T ⁺	R26 R27 R28 R39	Very toxic by inhalation Very toxic in contact with skin Very toxic if swallowed Danger of very serious irreversible effects
Corrosive	 C	R34 R35	Causes burns Causes severe burns
Irritant	 Xi	R41 R42 R43	Risk of serious damage to eyes May cause sensitization by inhalation May cause sensitization by skin contact Cat 1A

Chronic Toxicity

Carcinogenicity	 T	R45 R49	May cause cancer May cause heritable genetic damage
Carcinogenicity	 Xn	R40	Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect
Mutagenicity	 T	R46	May cause heritable genetic damage
Mutagenicity	 Xn	R68	Possible risk of irreversible effects
Toxic to Reproduction	 T	R60 R61	May impair fertility May cause harm to the unborn child
Toxic to Reproduction	 Xn	R62 R63	Possible risk of impaired fertility Possible risk of harm to the unborn child

Appendix II

PPPs with the following human health hazard classification are not considered appropriate for amateur use and therefore will not be registered as such:			
Acute Toxicity			
Oral, Dermal & inhalation		H300 H301 H310 H311 H330 H331	Fatal if swallowed Toxic if swallowed Fatal in contact with skin Toxic in contact with skin Fatal if inhaled Toxic if inhalation
Aspiration toxicity		H304	May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways
Corrosivity		H314 H318	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage Causes serious eye damage
Sensitisation		H334	May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
Sensitisation		H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction (Category 1A)¹
Chronic Toxicity			
Carcinogenicity		H350 H351	May cause cancer Suspected of causing cancer
Mutagenicity		H340 H341	May cause genetic defects Suspected of causing genetic defects
Reproductive toxicity		H360 H361	May damage fertility or the unborn child Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child
Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Single Dose Exposure)		H370 H371	Causes damage to organs May cause damage to organs
Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Repeated Exposure)		H372 H373	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

¹ PPPs classified as H317 Category 1B may be authorised for use by non-professional users.