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The Register of Accredited Metallic
Phosphide Standards in the United Kingdom

**ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE LAW
REGARDING THE SALE AND USE OF
ALUMINIUM PHOSPHIDE PRODUCTS?**



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If I were to ask you “What is the significance of July 17th?”, you might be inclined to say...

...“Oh! Henry IV was crowned in 1070” or “Oh! Handel’s Water Music was premiered in 1815”. Even “Ah! Arthur Shrewsbury was the first to score 1000 runs in test cricket in 1893”. Of course you would be right; more significantly this July 17th marks just 500 days until a certificate of competence will be a legal requirement for those wanting to use aluminium phosphide to control Rabbits, Rats and Moles in their burrows.

After the 26th November 2015 it becomes a requirement of the Plant Protection Products (Sustainable Use) Regulations 2012 to hold an approved certificate of training before using products such as Talunex or Phostoxin.

You may wonder why? You may ask “Isn’t the product being used safely?” Or you may say “I’ve been using it for years, why now?” The reality is that this is a toxic gassing compound which, although it has been a registered product under COPR for many years, it is only now having its use finally addressed by this new legislation.

Even if you have had previous training with metallic phosphides, only the new Level 2 Award will be recognised after this date.

For this reason most distributors will ask to see evidence of training to support the drive for better stewardship. Many, in fact, are already doing so.

With the large number of experienced and responsible users in the UK already using Talunex and Phostoxin, it has been a challenge to design and approve a syllabus and create a network of trainers and assessors to provide the certification courses and examinations that users will need to take. However all this is now in place and you can find local training either through your distributor or on the website www.RAMPS-UK.org

Both City & Guilds and RSPH are now assessing candidates and the numbers are steadily growing. However demand will inevitably exceed supply as the deadline approaches.

Acting soon is your best chance of obtaining the qualification in time so that distributors can continue to supply you irrespective of how well known you are or how long you have been using the product.

Don't delay!



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