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The Register of Accredited Metallic
Phosphide Standards in the United Kingdom

Norfolk farmer pays out £20,000 in fines

For failing to protect workers and members of the public when using aluminium phosphide to control rabbits.

Following a complaint for a local resident Natural England identified approximately 56 treated burrows in a garden and along the lane beside a private property. There had been no precautions taken to inform or protect either local householders or members of the public from risks to their health

A Health and Safety Executive investigation followed and found that two workers sent to 'gas rabbits' had not been provided with appropriate protective equipment, and were not properly trained or supervised nor did they have the appropriate certificate of competence to apply the product. There had also been no precautions taken to inform or protect members of the public from the potential risks to their health from aluminium phosphide.

Found guilty of breaching Sections 2 and 3 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 the farmer was fined £15,000 in total and ordered to pay costs of £4,967 along with a surcharge of £120, giving a total to pay of £20,087.

HSE Inspector Paul Unwin said: "Products such as these are dangerous compounds and can easily cause severe harm or, indeed, fatalities if not used properly by trained and competent persons. In this case, the cavalier way in which the compound was applied could easily have caused harm to members of the public, their children and their dogs using the lane."

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Certificates of Competence

All users of aluminium phosphide must now obtain a government specified and accredited certificate of competence. Recognised qualifications are issued by City and Guilds, LANTRA and RSPH.

No other qualifications are now recognised

Ask your aluminium phosphide distributor where local training is available, if you require further guidance see:

City & Guilds

<http://www.cityandguilds.com/help/help-for-learners/find-an-approved-centre>

Lantra

https://www.lantra.co.uk/CourseFinder?full_text_search=aluminium+phosphide&items_per_page=10

RSPH

<https://www.rsph.org.uk/qualifications/learner/find-a-qualification.html>

Also:

Killgerm Chemicals: 01924 268400

Rentokil Products: 01342 332585

Without evidence of competence your distributor cannot sell you aluminium phosphide products

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