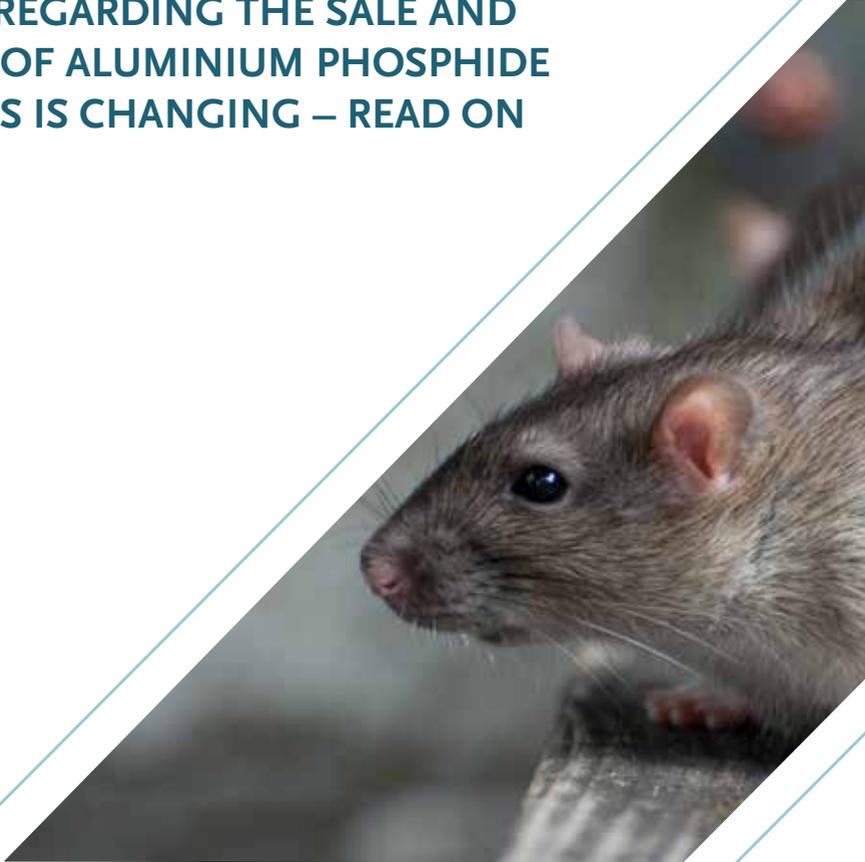


RAMPSUK

The Register of Accredited Metallic
Phosphide Standards in the United Kingdom

**THE LAW REGARDING THE SALE AND
SAFE USE OF ALUMINIUM PHOSPHIDE
PRODUCTS IS CHANGING – READ ON**



APRIL 2013

On the 26th November 2013 new legal requirements come into effect for everyone using aluminium phosphide

How you are affected by the new legal requirements.

If you intend using aluminium phosphide for the control of moles, rabbits or rodents from November 26th of this year it is a legal requirement that you hold a certificate of training in aluminium phosphide.

1. Certificates of training awarded by non-accredited bodies before November 2013 can be accepted but only until 26th November 2015 .
2. Anyone undergoing training after 26th November 2013 will have to obtain an accredited qualification provided by an Ofqual regulated awarding body.
3. On and after 26th November 2015, everyone must have an accredited certificate in order to be able to buy and use products. This is the ultimate deadline by which time all pest controllers and other users must have an accredited certificate.
4. This affects all professional users including pest controllers, farmers, gamekeepers, amenities managers, smallholders and everyone else having a professional need for the product.
5. It is an offence under the existing Poisons Rules 1986 to fail to complete the register or to provide false information. You must complete and sign the Poisons Register on every occasion you make a purchase.

Please note:

- i. Do not wait until the last moment to take up the qualification as there will be large numbers of professionals needing to be qualified.
- ii. We recommend that a detailed user log is maintained for every treatment including the reference number of each flask used.*
- iii. User logs will be available from your supplier or RAMPS-UK free of charge to assist in this.
- iv. To meet product stewardship requirements your supplier may at their discretion refuse to accept some non- accredited certificates.
- v. Please go to the web site www.ramps-uk.org or contact your supplier for details of how to attain the required certification

* New stock is now being issued with individual flask reference numbers

** Please refer to the RAMPS-UK code of good practice for further information

WASTE DISPOSAL BY STOCKISTS AND USERS

- Plan pest control activities so that the whole contents of aluminium phosphide flasks are used during daily session.
- Empty the flasks completely.
- Up-end the flasks and tap out any residues into the burrow system and bury. Residue however small should not be left exposed on the surface.
- Empty flasks can be re-sealed only for transport to waste storage area (see below).
- Do not store or reseal part used flasks.

Waste Treatment Methods

- All pesticides must be disposed of as hazardous waste.
- Never wash out empty flasks with water.
- Once pest control activity has been completed, ensure that all residues of product are removed.
- Empty the flasks completely at site of use by upending and tapping the flask so that any remaining powder residue is deposited in the treatment burrow or run.
- Check that the flask is visibly empty.
- If residue remains, repeat upending and tapping until fully removed.
- Ensure that the empty flask is kept dry.
- Tap out any residues from the applicator at the site of use as for the flasks.

Product/packaging disposal

- Disposal of waste flasks:
 - Handle and store empty flasks as if they still contained product.
- Flasks must never be rinsed or cleaned.
- Screw the cap back onto the empty flask loosely (this action should only be carried out prior to transporting to designated storage area, flasks should NOT be re-capped if they still contain tablets, ensure that all product is used during the pest control treatment), this will help to ensure that any gas generated within the flask during transport from the treatment area is contained.
- Place the flask into a suitable bag.
- Label the bag and place the written confirmation that the waste treatment methods have been completed, date and sign.
- Seal the bag using tie wraps.

- Once at designated storage area and prior to waste collection, whilst wearing a full-face respirator with appropriate gas filter cartridge (which meets P₃ standard for particulates) or SCBA (contact your PPE supplier for advice on suitable PPE and RPE) and whilst wearing suitable gloves and skin protection such as rubber/PVC gloves and coveralls, remove the flask from the sealed bag.
- Remove caps, taking care and pointing flask away from face and other people, as any generated gas may be present.
- Invert the flasks on a mesh shelf in a secure caged area until all gas has vented from the flask.
- We recommend venting the flasks for 48 hours.
- Once venting is complete, re-cap flask and replace into and seal the plastic bag.
- Record on the written confirmation that the flasks have been vented.
- Store in a designated secure storage area until collection by a licensed waste-disposal contractor.
- The written confirmation should include the name of the waste disposal contractor and the date they were contacted to collect the flask.

Waste EWC Codes

- European Waste Catalogue codes:-
- Packaging containing residues or contaminated by Talunex – 15 01 10* hazardous waste. Consign using a consignment note for hazardous waste.
- Redundant stock, damaged containers, transport casualties – 20 01 19*. Pesticides. Consign using a consignment note for hazardous waste.

AS A USER OF METALLIC PHOSPHIDES YOU WILL:

- Demonstrate to stockists that you are a trained and competent user of such products.
- Provide reassurance to your customers that you are qualified and professional in your business practices.
- Be able to use the RAMPS (UK) Approved logo on your vehicle and business documents.
- Benefit from being recommended to customers by RAMPS (UK).

As a stockist of metallic phosphides you will be able to:

- Demonstrate that you are a trained and responsible stockist.
- Evidence that you comply with the restricted sale of such products.
- Use the RAMPS (UK) approved logo at your shop, store and on business documents.
- Benefit from being a recommended stockist by RAMPS (UK) to the membership.

As a trainer you will be able to:

- Complete one of the relevant level 2 qualification in The Use of Aluminium Phosphide (as approved by OfQual)..
- Use the RAMPS (UK) Approved logo on business material.

All members will have an opportunity to lobby decision makers regarding emerging issues, concerns and regulation.

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