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The Register of Accredited Metallic Phosphide Standards in the United Kingdom



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This year the professional pest control and agricultural industries will be affected by the introduction of the 'Sustainable Use Directive for Pesticides'. As a user of Metallic Phosphide products you will need to be aware of this new European legislation and how it is likely to impact on your profession. It will undoubtedly require all of the affected industries to improve the controls of these materials through the entire distribution chain down to the end-user.

The purpose of this notice is to ensure that you are aware of the implications of this new legislation. Further regular notices will follow to help you take the necessary steps to allow you to continue to sell and use these substances lawfully.

A key objective of the forthcoming legislation is to help prevent accidents and any possible misuse that might be caused. By supporting this initiative you will help to maintain the availability of the Metallic Phosphides for the foreseeable future. The principle changes to their sale and use will be:

 Stockists will be required to 'register' and be subject to independent inspection as 'Accredited Sellers.'

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 All stockists will only be allowed to sell products to professional users who can demonstrate that they have successfully received appropriate training in the use of Metallic Phosphides and carry the required Certification. All users will be required to be trained in the use of the correct application equipment when applying the products and be able to demonstrate they are competent in its use.

'Grandfather Rights' will no longer be accepted as 'proof of competence'. Companies and individuals will be expected to comply with the requirements of these new regulations. Any breaches resulting in an incident may result in you being found to be liable and held to account.

In order to assist you in dealing with this new legislation, RAMPS (UK) has been formed as a new trade association. We are currently consulting widely and developing plans to help ensure all traders and users are given correct and timely advice.

Further information can be found at

www.ramps-uk.org

