

Important Rodenticide Stewardship 2016: Information you need to know

Stewardship background

In 2015 we wrote to all of our Customers to highlight the incoming Rodenticide Stewardship issues and how they would affect all businesses and personnel that buy/use professional use Rodenticide. The issue has also been well documented by the various industry associations and Trade press.

Due to the widespread contamination of UK wildlife with Rodenticide residues, especially in birds of prey, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) requested an independent not for profit organisation: the Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use (CRRU) to develop new rules governing purchase and use professional rodenticides and to develop these rules into a stewardship scheme. CRRU consulted with all stakeholders over a two year period, with representatives of end users including the British Pest Control Association (BPCA), National Pest Technicians Association (NPTA), National Farmers Union (NFU) etc. with a scheme that is now acceptable to the HSE requirements.

Rodenticide Stewardship labels

From April 2016 the first products with stewardship label conditions will start to come on to the market and End users wishing to buy and use these products will need to follow the Rodenticide Stewardship rules. For Professional Pest control Companies and Technicians this will mean holding the required/approved certification.

There will continue to be “**Non Stewardship**” Professional use products on the market for a transitional period that will be allowed to be used without certification; however, these ‘**Non stewardship**’ products will need to be used up by the 31st March 2017 and Manufacturers/Distributors will stop supplying “Non Stewardship” labelled product on to the market as of 30th September 2016. Thereafter only “Stewardship Labelled product will be supplied on to the market for professional use. *(dates may be subject to change as at the time of writing we are having to work with unconfirmed information)*

	Remaining stocks can sold to end user until	Use by
Products authorised for stewardship conditions but do not yet have the new stewardship labels:	30/09/2016	31/03/2017

The new Stewardship conditions and “Stewardship labelled products” will be applicable to all of the sector groups (PCO/ Agricultural/ Game keepers / Distributors and on-line point of sale).

For Stewardship labelling we can expect the label phrases to state something similar to the following: **“For supply to and use only by professional users holding certification demonstrating compliance with UK rodenticide stewardship regime requirements”**

Approved training courses/certificates accepted for purchasing Stewardship labelled Rodenticide:

The CRRU Training and Certification Work Group approved certification (04.01.2016), acceptable at the point-of-sale for purchase of professional use rodenticides under the terms of the UK rodenticide stewardship regime:

“Grandfather” Certification	Current Certification	Update Certification
RSPH/BPCA Level 2 Certificate in Pest Control(2004 – 2010)	RSPH/BPCA Level 2 Award in Pest Management (2010 onwards)	CRRU Wildlife Aware (accredited by BASIS) N.B. Approved in conjunction with current Wildlife Aware accreditation, as an update into approved status, for those holding approved ‘grandfather’ or ‘current certification’ issued before the dates shown in brackets.
RSPH Level 2 Certificate in Pest Control (2000 – 2004)	RSPH/BPCA Level 2 Certificate in Pest Management (2010 onwards)	
RSH Certificate in Pest Control (pre-2000)	RSPH Level 3 Diploma in Pest Management (2010 onwards)	
BPCA Diploma in Pest Control Part 1 (Previously ‘BPC Diploma Part 1’, ‘RSH/BPC Certificate in pest control’, ‘BPC Diploma’, ‘Operators certificate of proficiency’, ‘Certificate in pest control’ and ‘Certificate pre-1988’) (pre-2004 inclusive)	City & Guilds NPTC Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides for Vertebrate Pest Control for Rats and Mice (QCF) (PA-R&M) (2013 onwards)	
NPTC Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Vertebrate Pest Control (2002 – 2014)	LANTRA: Responsible and Effective Control of Commensal Rodents (2015 onwards)	
LANTRA: Rodent Control (2009 – 2015)	LANTRA: Rodent Control on Farms(2015 onwards)	
LANTRA: Rodent Control on Livestock Units (2013 – 2015)	Rat Control for Gamekeepers (2015 onwards, through BASIS)	
Killgerm Principles of Rodent Control (previously Killgerm Rodent Biology and Control) (2004 – 2015)	Killgerm Principles of Rodent Control (2016 onwards, through BASIS)	
	RSPH Level 2 Award in the safe use of rodenticides (2015 onwards)	
	BPCA Using Rodenticides Safely (2015 onwards, exam through BASIS)	

- 1) If you hold a certification / qualification listed under the ‘Grandfather’ or ‘Current’ headings and within the date range in brackets in the table, you already hold certification in line with stewardship requirements. You can purchase and use professional rodenticides labelled under stewardship requirements.

- 2) If you have completed a certification / qualification listed under the 'Grandfather' or 'Current' headings but did so before the date range in brackets, you need to update it. One option is the CRRU Wildlife Aware course with BASIS accreditation; other options are the courses listed under the 'Current' heading.
- 3) If you do not hold a certification / qualification listed anywhere in the table, you need to complete one of the courses listed under the 'Current' heading in order to demonstrate proof of competence at the point-of-sale.

As we draw closer to the Stewardship scheme going live, we now need to ask you to complete the document in Appendix A "Document 2 - Approved Certification Declaration". Please return your completed form to Barrettine at training@barrettine.co.uk along with copies of any approved Training certificates no later than the **end of March 2016**.

What if I do not hold an approved Training certificate:


If you do not hold one of the approved certificates, Barrettine Environmental Health can provide you/your business with the required training so that you can continue to access Professional products with Stewardship Conditions.

Please contact our Sales office (Tel: 01179 672222. Email: beh@barrettine.co.uk) for details of the course options available. There are both tutor-led Classroom as well as online course formats to choose from.

We will continue to do our utmost to send the latest information to keep you informed during this transitional period but if you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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Barrettine Environmental Health

DOCUMENT 2: FOR CERTIFICATED USERS		 <small>Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use</small>					
<h2 style="margin: 0;">UK Rodenticide Stewardship Regime</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">CRRU Approved Certification Declaration</h3>							
<p>I _____ as senior person in authority at _____ declare that only Certificated User(s) will use the Rodenticide products with Stewardship conditions.</p> <p>Listed below are the designated delivery addresses for _____ and the name of at least one Certificated User at each designated delivery address and I have provided copies of the Proof of Competence (PoC) Certificate(s) to the Supplier Company.</p>							
	Address	Certificated User(s) Name					
Registered / Invoice Address							
Additional Delivery Address							
Additional Delivery Address							
Additional Delivery Address							
<p>Should _____ require to collect Rodenticide with Stewardship conditions from the Supplier Company or to deliver to a new additional delivery address, then I give permission for the below named person(s) to purchase/collect with the understanding that only the Certificated User(s) will use the Rodenticide with Stewardship conditions.</p>							
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<p>I also recognise that it is the responsibility of _____ to immediately notify the Supplier Company of any changes to named Certificated Users, eg if they leave the company</p> <p>Signed: _____</p> <p>Print Name: _____</p> <p>Position: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>							
<p>www.thinkwildlife.org</p>							
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