

PUBLIC NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 45 OF THE PESTICIDES ACT 1989

Please take notice that I, Alan Hugh Crawley, the Registrar of Pesticides, give the following PUBLIC NOTICE pursuant to section 45 of the *Pesticides Act 1989*:

REQUIREMENT FOR STORAGE FACILITIES WHEN DEALING WITH PESTICIDES IN THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY.

With effect from the date of publication of this Public Notice, the following instructions shall be observed by persons carrying on the business of pest control when dealing with pesticides in their possession. The classes of pesticides to which this Public Notice applies are herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, fumigants, repellents, nematicides, growth regulators, microbicides, baits, lures, algaecides and defoliants, particulars of which are listed in the Pesticides Register which may be inspected at the Office of the Registrar of Pesticides, Level 1, Homeworld Building, Anketell Street Tuggeranong, or the ACT Government Shopfront, Ground Floor, Homeworld Building, Anketell Street Tuggeranong.

1. The storage area must be:
 - (a) A covered installation having walls, roof sheeting and main structural members constructed from materials which are non combustible and impervious to the pesticides stored, or;
 - (b) With the written approval of the Registrar;
 - (i) an enclosed room or compartment that complies with Instruction 1(a) and located within a non residential building that may be used for another purpose, or
 - (ii) an indoor storage cabinet, securely locked, located within a non residential building that may be used for another purpose, or
 - (iii) an open storage installation that is enclosed by a security fence, capped with two strands of barbed wire.
2. The storage area must be secured against unauthorised entry and locked when unattended.
3. The storage area must be separate and isolated from a private dwelling.
4. The storage area must be constructed in such a manner that the floor is impervious to pesticides and banded to contain (in the event of a spill):
 - (a) at least 25% of the total liquid stored, or
 - (b) 110% of the largest container stored, which ever is the greater volume.
5. The storage area must be provided with either adequate natural ventilation or forced draught ventilation.

6. The storage area must be illuminated to at least 200 lux (unit of illumination) when in use.
7. The storage area must be constructed in such a manner to allow for the segregation of different classes of pesticides with appropriate shelving.
8. The storage area must be provided with **NO SMOKING, POISON** and where appropriate **FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS** warning signs prominently displayed at all entrances to the storage installation. The exact size and positioning of these signs must comply with Australian Standard 1216, Part 1 - Classification and Class Labels for Dangerous Goods.
9. The storage area must have fire fighting equipment installed in such quantities and of such type as advised by the ACT Fire Brigade. This equipment must be regularly maintained and inspected, and kept accessible at all times.
10. The storage area must conform with all relevant sections of the *Dangerous Goods Act 1984* and the *Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act 1933*.
11. Pesticide containers must be kept securely sealed when not in use.
12. Empty pesticide containers, and unused pesticides, must be disposed of in accordance with product label instructions and, in addition, those given by the Hazardous Chemicals and Wastes Section of the Office of the Environment.
13. Under no circumstances should pesticides be allowed to enter a drain, watercourse, or water supply.

Subject to the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1989*, an application may be made to the Tribunal for a review of the decision to issue a notice or to include an instruction in that notice and except where subsection 26 (11) of that Act applies a person whose interests are affected by that decision may request a statement pursuant to section 26 of that Act.

Alan Hugh Crawley
Registrar of Pesticides

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