



Establishment of a Pesticide Management Business

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The following are minimum requirements in establishing a pest management business.

1. Storage Facility (apart from storage on a vehicle)

If pesticides and fumigants are to be stored on the property compliance with the *Health (Pesticides) Regulations 2011* in addition to AS 2507:1998 (as amended) are required. The standards include the following:

- The storage area must be capable of being locked.
- Must be roofed for protection from the weather.
- Storage shelves to be constructed from impervious materials.
- Water must be available for washing down any spills that may occur.
- Storage facility must be situated away from sensitive areas i.e. Drains, water courses etc.
- Have adequate ventilation and lighting.
- Non-compatible chemicals need to be separated.
- All pesticides must be stored in their original containers.
- A first aid kit and a fire extinguisher should be located within easy access of the storage facility.
- Strict compliance with AS 4332:2004 (as amended) for the storage of gaseous cylinders.
- Additional storage requirements for 1080 and Strychnine must comply with the relevant Code of Practice(s).
- Warning sign should be erected, restricting unauthorised entry and prohibiting smoking and other ignition sources. It is also suggested that the appropriate Dangerous Goods Class label be displayed.

Below is an example:



Note: Depending on the quantity of pesticides (including fumigants) stored, a Dangerous Goods Permit may also be required.



2. Washdown Facility

Where a washdown facility for vehicles is provided, it must be roofed, have an impervious floor that is bunded, graded and connected to an impervious sump, which is protected from rainwater runoff.

Where a washdown facility is not provided, contaminated vehicles must be cleaned by using a damp cloth only, to hand wipe the vehicle. The clothes are now considered contaminated and must be disposed of appropriately.

Further information is provided in the Code of Practice 'Disposal of Pesticide Residues from Pesticide Spray Applications'. Copies of this code can be obtained from the Department of Health (WA) or downloaded from the public health website www.public.health.wa.gov.au

Boomspray equipment can be decontaminated by flushing out at the site of application but at least 100 metres from any water body or occupied dwelling.

3. Vehicles

- The name of the pest management business and registration number (issued by the Department of Health WA) must be displayed on the vehicle in letters not less than 50mm in height.
- The driver's compartment should be isolated from all pesticides and fumigants carried on the vehicle.
- Pesticides are to be carried in a lockable metal container firmly secured to the vehicle, such as bolted through the vehicle tray.
- Emulsion tanks are to be securely fixed to the vehicle, and labelled "*Poison*".
- All pesticide concentrates are to be clearly labelled and in their original containers.
- Spraying equipment is to be clean with no leaks apparent when the pump is operating.
- Spillage equipment such as cloths and absorbent material etc, are to be carried on the vehicle.
- Additional security is required for the 1080 and Strychnine, refer to the Code of Practice(s).
- Transportation and storage of gaseous cylinders must also comply with AS4332:2004 (as amended).

The following items of **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** are required:

- Chemical resistant (Poly Vinyl Chloride or Nitrile) gloves and boots
- Respirator and spare cartridges are to be stored in an air tight container
- Two pairs of overalls
- Eye protection
- Washable hat
- First aid kit (must include an eyewash)



- Towel and soap
- All PPE must be stored separately from pesticides
- 20L container of clean water

Recommended the following are carried on each vehicle:

- Fire extinguisher
- Material Safety Data Sheets
- Manifest of pesticides on vehicle

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