

SALE OF POISONS

1. WHAT DOES THIS LEAFLET COVER?

- 1.1 The sale of products containing Poisons by shopkeepers, garden centres, Agricultural Merchants etc.
- 1.2 The leaflet does not cover:
 - (a) Sales by Pharmacists. (Controlled by the Pharmaceutical Society).
 - (b) Other dangerous products e.g. agricultural pest-icides (Controlled by the Health and Safety Executive and/or local Environmental Health Office).

2. WHAT PRODUCTS CONTAIN POISONS?

- 2.1 Typical examples include:
 - (a) Descalers (Kay Dee Fast Acting, Kleenoff).
 - (b) Sanitary Fluids (Elsan, Racasan).
 - (c) Drain Cleaners (Brillo Clearaway, Drainfree, Drano, Kleenoff Drain Cleaner, Mr Muscle Concentrated Drain Opener, Caustic Soda).
 - (d) Strong Disinfectants (Scrubbs Ammonia, but not Sanizal now).
 - (e) Weedkillers (Gramoxone, but not Weedol).
- 2.2 If in doubt, examine the container. Poisons should be marked with the name of the active substance. If the substance is included in List A, and the commodity is **not** included in List B, then the product is probably a poison.

3. WHAT CONDITIONS APPLY TO POISONS?

- 3.1
 - (a) Seller must be registered.
 - (b) Secure storage required.
 - (c) Restrictions on who may buy.
 - (d) May not be sold from mobile shops or market stalls.

4. HOW DO I REGISTER?

- 4.1 The seller must register with the authority using a form available from Environmental Health and Trading Standards. A fee is payable.

More details are given over.

- 4.2 Registrations are renewable on 1st May of each year. You will be sent a reminder. A fee is payable
- 4.3 Registration details (e.g. names of deputies) may be changed at any time. A fee is payable.

- 4.4 The registration is **NOT TRANSFERABLE** to another individual or company. A new Registration must be made.
- 4.5 A new registration must also be made for a change of address.
- 4.6 Deputies are persons nominated to sell in the absence of the registered seller. They need only be nominated for the poisons marked "Yes" in column 2 of List A.

5. HOW MUST POISONS BE STORED?

- 5.1 If marked "Yes" in column 2 of List A, then:
 - (a) in a cupboard or drawer reserved solely for storing poisons; or
 - (b) in a partitioned-off area to which customers do not have access; or
 - (c) on a shelf reserved solely for storing poisons, provided no food is kept below the shelf.
- 5.2 Otherwise, poisons must be stored:
 - (a) sensibly,
 - (b) out of reach of children,
 - (c) away from foodstuffs.

6. WHAT RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO BUYERS?

- 6.1 Some poisons may only be sold to persons having special occupations or needs. These are shown in column 3 of List A.
- 6.2 For the poisons marked "Yes" in column 2 of List A, the buyer must:
 - (a) be known to the seller as a person to whom poisons can legally be sold, and
 - (b) sign the Poisons Book, or give the seller a signed order stating his name, address, trade, purpose for use, quantity required.

Note: in emergencies the buyer may supply the signed order within 24 hours.

LIST A

	<u>Column 2</u> Special restrictions apply.	<u>Column 3</u> Purchasers restricted to the following groups (see key over- leaf).
<u>Poisons:</u>		
Aldicarb	Yes	1
Alpha-chloralose	No	2
Ammonia	No	0
Arsenic, compounds of, the following:-		
Calcium arsenites		
Copper acetoarsenite		
Copper arsenates	Yes	3, 4
Copper arsenites		
Lead arsenates		
Barium, salts of, the following:-		
Barium carbonate	No	5
Barium silicofluoride	Yes	0
Carbofuran	Yes	1
Cycloheximide	Yes	6
Dinitrocresols (DNOC); their compounds with a metal or a base	Yes	1
Dinoseb; its compounds with a metal or a base	Yes	1
Dinoterb	Yes	1
Drazoxolon; its salts	Yes	1
Endosulfan	Yes	1
Endothal; its salts	Yes	1
Endrin	Yes	1
Fentin, compounds of	Yes	1
Formaldehyde	No	0
Formic acid	No	0
Hydrochloric acid	No	0
Hydrofluoric acid; alkali metal bifluorides; ammonium bifluoride; alkali metal fluorides; ammonium..... fluoride; sodium silicofluoride	No	0
Mercuric chloride	Yes	3, 4, 7, 8
Organic compounds of mercury except compounds which contain a methyl (CH) group directly linked to the mercury atom	Yes	4, 7, 8, 9
Mercuric iodide	Yes	4, 7, 8
Metallic oxalates	No	10
Methomyl	Yes	1
Nicotine; its salts; its quaternary compounds	Yes	0
Nitric acid	No	0
Nitrobenzene	No	3
Oxamyl	Yes	1
Paraquat, salts of	Yes	1

Poisons..... Column 2 Column 3

Phenols in substances containing less

than 60%, weight in weight, of phenols; compounds of phenols with a metal in substances containing.....	No	0
less than the equivalent of 60%, weight in weight, of phenols		
Phosphoric acid	No	0
Phosphorus compounds, the following:-		
Azinphos-methyl, chlorfenvinphos, demephion, demeton-S-methyl, demeton-S-methyl sulphone, dialifos, dichlorvos, dioxathion, disulfoton, fonofos, mecarbarn, mephosfolan,	Yes	1
methidathion, mevinphos, omethoate, oxydemeton-methyl, parathion, phenkapton, phorate, phosphamidon, pirimiphos-ethyl, quinalphos, thiometon, thionazin, triazophos, vamidothion		
Potassium hydroxide	No	0
Sodium hydroxide	No	0
Sodium nitrite	No	0
Sulphuric acid	No	0
Thiofanox	Yes	1
Zinc phosphide	No	5

Group	Restrictions
0	No special restrictions
1	Preparations for use in Agriculture, Horticulture, or Forestry
2	Indoors use for destroying rats and mice
3	Agricultural, horticultural, forestal insecticides
4	Agricultural, horticultural, forestal fungicides
5	Destroying rats or mice
6	Preparations for use in forestry
7	Treatments on seeds
8	Treatments on bulbs
9	Use in swimming baths (less than 5% phenyl mercuric acetate)
10	Photographic solutions

LIST B

GENERAL EXEMPTIONS

Adhesives; anti-fouling compositions; builders' materials; ceramics; cosmetic products; distempers; electrical valves; enamels; explosives; fillers; fireworks; fluorescent lamps; glazes; glue; inks; lacquer solvents; loading materials; matches; medicated animal feeding stuffs; motor fuels and lubricants; paints; photographic paper; pigments; plastics; propellants; rubber; varnishes; vascular plants and their seeds.