

SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

**PESTICIDES CONTROL (LABELLING OF PESTICIDES)
REGULATIONS**

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**PESTICIDES CONTROL (LABELLING OF PESTICIDES)
REGULATIONS** 55/1986.

made under section 7

[3rd December 1987]

Commencement.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the –

Short title.

**PESTICIDES CONTROL (LABELLING OF PESTICIDES)
REGULATIONS.**

2. (1) For the purposes of these Regulations –

Interpretation.

“active ingredients” means any substance in a pesticide that is intended to have a toxic effect on a pest;

“common name” means –

(a) the name assigned by –

(i) the International Organisation for Standardisation;

(ii) the British Standards Institution; or

(b) where there is no name assigned under paragraph (a), the chemical name of the active ingredient.

(2) Other terms used in these Regulations have the meanings assigned to them in section 2 of the Act, except that “pest” shall not include endoparasites of animals.

3. These Regulations apply to all pesticides except pesticides manufactured exclusively for use in the control of endoparasites of animals.

Application of Regulations.

4. (1) Subject to subregulations (3) and (4), every container in which a pesticide is imported, transported within, exposed or offered for sale or otherwise distributed in, shall have affixed to it a label on which is set forth clearly and prominently to the satisfaction of the Board –

Labelling of pesticides.

(a) the trade or proprietary name of the pesticide;

- (b) the name and address of the distributor or manufacturer;
- (c) the common name of the active ingredients and its percentage content;
- (d) the net content by weight or volume of the container;
- (e) the precautions to be observed in the handling and use of the contents of the container;
- (f) adequate directions concerning the manner in which the pesticide is to be used;
- (g) specific information respecting the interval to be observed between application of the pesticide and –
 - (i) sowing or planting of crops in an area that has been treated;
 - (ii) harvesting, use or consumption of crops that have been treated;
 - (iii) re-entry of workers into field of treated crops and the handling of treated commodities;
 - (iv) the grazing of animals on pastures which have been treated; and
 - (v) the subsequent slaughter of animals that have grazed on pastures which have been treated;
- (h) for pesticides the toxic nature of which makes it necessary to indicate the degree and type of hazard, the relevant warning and risk symbols, colours and words as set out in the Schedule, and the first aid and medical treatment which should be carried out in the event of poisoning from the contents of the container;
- (i) appropriate instructions for the protection of users, operators, third parties, food commodities, livestock, domestic animals, wild-life and the environment;
- (j) adequate information and advice as to proper storage, disposal of containers, disposal of unwanted or contaminated products and similar matters; and
- (k) such other information as shall be required by the Board.

(2) The label requirements set out in subregulation (1) shall appear in the English language but not to the exclusion additionally of translations in foreign languages.

(3) Where a container is not large enough to permit all the information required by subregulation (1) to be stated on the label affixed thereto, the information required by paragraphs (e) to (j) of that subregulation may be omitted from the label.

(4) Information that may be omitted from a label that is affixed to a container shall be included on another label accompanying that container.

(5) Accompanying instructions shall include the substance of the label statements supplied under this regulation.

5. Any weights, volumes, concentrations or dosage rates set out on a label shall be stated in clear and unambiguous terms.

Weights, volumes, concentrations, or dosage rates to be unambiguous.

6. Any person who contravenes these Regulations is liable to the penalties imposed by section 8 of the Act.

Penalty.

SCHEDULE

Regulation
4(1)(h).

LABELLING OF PESTICIDES

The relevant colours, symbols and precautionary words for such classification, according to the degree of toxicity of a pesticide shall be as follows:

| CLASS | COLOUR | SYMBOL | PRECAUTION-ARY WORDS |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------|----------------------|
| I Extremely hazardous | Red | Skull & Cross Bones | Danger-Poison |
| II Highly hazardous | Yellow | " " " | Beware-Poison |
| III Moderately hazardous | Blue | " " " | Caution |
| IV Slightly hazardous | Green | " " " | Caution |

The relevant colour used on a label to indicate the degree of toxicity of a pesticide shall be fifteen per cent (15%) of the height of the label and the following toxicological classification shall be used:

LD50 (RAT) *mg/kg body weight*

| CLASS | SOLIDS | LIQUIDS | SOLIDS | LIQUIDS |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| I Extremely hazardous | 20 or less | 20 or less | 10 or less | 40 or less |
| II Highly hazardous | 21 - 50 | 21 - 200 | 11 - 100 | 40 - 400 |
| III Moderately hazardous | 51 - 500 | 201 - 2000 | 101 - 1000 | 401 - 4000 |
| IV Slightly hazardous | over 500 | over 2000 | over 1000 | over 4000 |

The terms "solid" and "liquid" refer to the physical state of the product or formulation being classified.
