

# Restrictions on the Supply and Use of Certain Agricultural Chemical Products in Tasmania

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Restrictions applying under the various provisions of the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1995*, *Agvet Code Act 1994* and *Poisons Act 1971*

ACTIVE CHEMICAL CONSTITUENT	SOME TRADE NAMES OF PRODUCTS	RESTRICTIONS ON SALE OR SUPPLY BY RESELLERS	RESTRICTIONS ON USE	COMMENTS
Alphachloralose	Rentokil Alphachloralose	Only supplied to persons authorised by Biosecurity Tasmania.	Users must hold an Ag Spraying Permit. <sup>1</sup>	Used by Pest Management Technicians & DPIPWE Invasive Species Management Officers.
Aluminium Phosphide	Fumotoxin, Fostoxin, Celphide	Suppliers must be authorised under the Poisons Act to possess & supply. Sale and supply only to authorised users.	<p>1. <i>Rabbit Burrow Fumigation</i> Users must hold a current "Pest Management Technician Certificate of Competency"<sup>2</sup> or a valid "ChemCert"<sup>3</sup> accreditation certificate.</p> <p>2. <i>Silo &amp; Grain Storage Structure Fumigation</i> Users must hold a current "Pest Management Technician Certificate of Competency"<sup>2</sup> or a valid "ChemCert"<sup>3</sup> accreditation certificate which includes endorsement for aluminium phosphide fumigation.</p>	<p>1. Used by farmers, Pest Management Technicians or DPIPWE Invasive Species Management Officers.</p> <p>2. Used by farmers, Pest Management Technicians or fumigation contractors.</p>
4- Aminopyridine hydrochloride	Scatterbird	Only supplied to persons authorised by Biosecurity Tasmania.	Users must hold an Ag Spraying Permit. <sup>1</sup>	Used by Pest Management Technicians.
Chloropicrin	Chloropicrin, Bromafume, Telone C-35	Suppliers must be authorised under the Poisons Act to possess & supply. Sale and supply only to persons holding a current "Methyl Bromide User Certificate of Competency". <sup>4</sup>	<p>Users must hold a current "Methyl Bromide User Cert. of Competency".<sup>4</sup></p> <p>Note: Because there are no training courses currently available for fumigation with chloropicrin, methyl bromide training is considered acceptable.</p>	Used by farmers, horticulturalists and fumigation contractors.
Cyanides (sodium cyanide or potassium cyanide)			Must not be used for vertebrate pest control, unless authorised by the Chief Veterinary Officer.	
2,4-D	Amicide, Surpass	No restrictions on sale or supply. Application for Agricultural Spraying Permit <sup>5</sup> should be provided to user at time of sale or supply.	Cannot be used between 15 September & 15 April unless users hold an Agricultural Spraying Permit <sup>6</sup> authorising use during this period.	
1,3-Dichloropropene	Telone	Suppliers must be authorised under the Poisons Act to possess & supply. Sale or supply only to persons holding a "Telone Training Certificate". <sup>7</sup>	Users must hold a "Telone Training Certificate". <sup>7</sup>	Used by farmers, horticulturalists and agricultural fumigation contractors.

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Fenthion (for bird control)	Avigel, Avigrease	Only supplied to persons authorised by Biosecurity Tasmania.	Users must hold an Agricultural Spraying Permit. <sup>1</sup>	Used mostly by Pest Management Technicians.
Methyl Bromide	Methyl Bromide 1000, Agrigas M, Agrigas MC. (Some products also contain chloropicrin)	Sale and supply only to persons holding a current "Methyl Bromide User Certificate of Competency". <sup>4</sup>	Users must hold a current "Methyl Bromide User Cert. of Competency". <sup>4</sup>	Used by Pest Management Technicians and fumigation contractors.
Mevinphos	Phosdrin Insecticide	Can only be sold or supplied to persons holding appropriate Agricultural Spraying Permit <sup>1</sup> authorising them to use this chemical / product.	Users must hold an Ag Spraying Permit. <sup>1</sup>	Can only be used by on Brassica crops for Diamondback Moth control, with appropriate application equipment.
Phosphine gas	Phosfume, Eco2fume	Suppliers must be authorised under the Poisons Act to possess & supply. Sale or supply only to persons holding a "Phosphine User Certificate of Competency". <sup>8</sup>	Users must hold a current "Phosphine User Cert. of Competency". <sup>8</sup>	Used by Pest Management Technicians and fumigation contractors.
Pindone concentrate	Pindone 25, Rabbait Aqueous Concentrate	Only supplied to persons authorised by Biosecurity Tasmania.	Users must hold an Ag Spraying Permit. <sup>1</sup>	Used mostly by hobby farmers, DPIPWE Invasive Species Management Officers or licensed vertebrate pest control contractors.
Pindone ready to use baits	Bunnybait, Rabbait Oat Bait	No restrictions on sale or supply. Application for Agricultural Spraying Permit <sup>5</sup> should be provided to user at time of sale or supply.	Users must hold an Ag Spraying Permit. <sup>1</sup>	Used by hobby farmers and farmers.
Schedule 7 poisons (as per the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons)	Various	Various	Must not be applied by aerial spraying other than in accordance with a specific permit issued by the Registrar of Chemical Products.	
Strychnine			Must not be used for vertebrate pest control, unless authorised by the Chief Veterinary Officer.	
1080	1080 baits	Can only be supplied by "Competent" DPIPWE Invasive Species Management Officers.	Users must hold an "Authority to Purchase, Possess and Use 1080" issued by a DPIPWE "Competent Officer".	Used by farmers, forestry companies & contractors, DPIPWE Invasive Species Management Officers.
Zinc Phosphide	Mouse Off	Can only be supplied to licensed Pest Management Technicians & DPIPWE Invasive Species Management Officers.	Users must hold a current "Pest Management Technician Certificate of Competency" <sup>2</sup> or be an authorised DPIPWE Invasive Species Management Officer.	Very rare use only in "agricultural plague" situations by farmers or Pest Management Technicians.

## Notes

1. Agricultural Spraying Permits for alphachloralose, 4-aminopyridine hydrochloride, pindone, mevinphos and fenthion may be issued by the Registrar of Chemical Products for a period of 5 years.
2. Pest Management Technician Certificates of Competency are issued annually by the Registrar of Chemical Products.
3. ChemCert Accreditation Certificates are issued by Rural Industry Training & Education (Tas). The ChemCert aluminium phosphide fumigation endorsement for treating silos and grain storage structures can be obtained after completing a specifically designed unit of training.
4. Methyl Bromide User Certificates of Competency are issued annually by the Registrar of Chemical Products.
5. Application forms for an Agricultural Spraying Permit are available from the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Program.
6. Agricultural Spraying Permits for 2,4-D are issued annually by the Registrar of Chemical Products for a specific time during each season's period of restriction.
7. Telone Training Certificates are obtained after successfully completing a recognised Telone Training course.
8. Phosphine User Certificates of Competency are issued annually by the Registrar of Chemical Products.