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BEST PRACTICES GUIDELINES FOR NURSERIES



Agricultural remedies (pesticides), stock remedies (animal health products), fertilizers and human health products.

1. Adherence to the laws and statutes of the Republic of South Africa

- a. Nurseries must adhere to the laws and statutes of the Republic of South Africa that are applicable to agricultural remedies (pesticides), stock remedies (animal health products), fertilizers and human health products. These include the following acts:
 - i. The Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, 1947 (Act No. 36 of 1947).
 - ii. The Medicines and Related Substances Control Act, 1965 (Act No. 101 of 1965).
 - iii. The Hazardous Substances Act, 1973 (Act No. 15 of 1973).
 - iv. The Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act No. 85 of 1993).

2. Promotion, advertising, marketing and sales of agricultural remedies (pesticides), stock remedies (animal health products), fertilizers and human health products

- a. Only agricultural remedies, fertilizers, animal health products and human health products that are registered either under Act No. 36 of 1947 or Act No. 101 of 1965 may be promoted, advertised, marketed and sold.
 - i. Agricultural remedies with valid L numbers: typical insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, adjuvants, stickers, wetting agents, repellents, attractants, etc.
 - ii. Fertilizers with valid B or K numbers: typical inorganic and organic fertilizers.
 - iii. Animal health products with valid L or G numbers: animal dips, shampoos, anti-parasiticides and deworming tablets.
 - iv. Human health care products with valid G numbers: insect repellent and insecticidal skin lotions and soaps.
- b. Adverts for any of the abovementioned commodities must comply with the regulations referred to in the relevant legislation as well as with the Advertising Standards Authority regulations.

3. Staff competency

- a. Knowledgeable and trained staff must at all times be available on site to offer sound advice and supervision on agricultural remedies (pesticides), stock remedies (animal health products), fertilizers and human health products, as well as personal protective clothing and equipment, application equipment and related topics.
 - i. Supervisory staff must have undergone the pesticide safety training.
 - ii. Service staff must have attended basic pesticide information training.
 - iii. Proof of training must be available.
- b. First aid training.
 - i. At least one member of staff must have undergone the first level of first aid training.

4. Information resources

- a. Sufficient information resources must be available on site:
 - i. The CropLife South Africa Compendiums.
 - 1. Control of invertebrate and vertebrate pests in agriculture, silviculture and horticulture.
 - 2. Control of invertebrate and vertebrate pests in storage, industrial and domestic premises.
 - 3. Control of fungal, bacterial and viral diseases in agriculture, silviculture and horticulture.
 - 4. Control of undesired, alien, invasive and poisonous plants.
 - 5. Complimentary agricultural remedies: adjuvants, plant growth regulants, defoliant desiccants, wetting agents and stickers.
 - ii. The CropLife South Africa Agricultural Remedies Database should be available on computer on site.
 - iii. Other information resources should be available on site:
 - 1. IVS Desk Reference.
 - 2. Reference books on alien and invasive plants.
 - 3. Reference books on insect pests, fungal, viral and bacterial diseases, and weeds.

5. Trading area

- a. The display and trading area for pest management and plant enhancement products must be separate from other merchandise and clearly demarcated.

6. Safety equipment

- a. Personal safety equipment must be on sale in the trade area:
 - i. Gloves.
 - ii. Facial masks/covers.
 - iii. Caps/hats.
 - iv. Rubber boots.
 - v. Overalls.
 - vi. Full kits including all of the above.
- b. Spill management, decontamination and fire management kits.
 - i. Equipment required to contain and manage pesticide spill and fires must be available on site.

7. General store and public safety.

- a. Emergency evacuation plan.
 - i. An emergency evacuation plan must be available.
 - ii. All staff members need to be fully informed about the plan and evacuation details.
 - iii. The evacuation plan must be practiced once every six months.
- b. Poison Information Centre details.
 - i. Telephone numbers of poison information centres must displayed in the nursery.
 - 1. Griffon Poison Information Centre 082-446-8946.
 - 2. Tygerberg Poison and Drug Information Centre 021-931-6129.
 - 3. SA Poison Information Centre 021-689-5227.
- c. Emergency and crisis services details.
 - i. Telephone numbers of the local emergency and crisis services must be on display in the nursery.

8. Public service

- a. Recovery of unwanted and left over home and home garden pesticides and empty containers.
 - i. Nurseries must participate in the recovery of unwanted and left over home and home garden pesticides and empty pesticide containers. (For more information contact the Griffon Poison Information Centre 082-446-8946).