



Government Notice

Office of the Registrar of Pesticides

Department of Agriculture

Sale of Pesticides, Issue of Sales Certificates and Formalizing the Sales Network

Control of Pesticides Act No. 33 of 1980

As per Section 21(a) (1) of the Control of Pesticides Act No. 33 of 1980 amended by Act No. 06 of 1994 and Act No. 31 of 2011 it is mandatory that all the shops selling pesticides within the island should sell pesticides under a Pesticides Sales Certificate and the Pesticides Sales Certificate will be issued by the authorised officer in charge of the area after a thorough evaluation as per Section 21(a) (3) of the said Act. Field regulatory activities will be carried out by all authorized officers serving on district level under Provincial and inter-provincial Departments of Agriculture and Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority nominated by the Director General of Agriculture under the said Act.

02. Orders have been enacted to formalize the pesticide sales mechanism of pesticides as to confirm evidence required in marketing pesticides (Issuing of valid receipts, receiving of valid wholesale receipts and maintaining stock reports), the presence of a formally trained person in the marketing mechanism as per the provisions provided by the Control of Pesticides (Sales and Supplies) Order No. 01 of 1999 (Published in the Gazette Extraordinary of the Government of Sri Lanka under No. 1113/15 dated 05.01.2000 and No. 1716/23 dated 27.07.2011). Further it is compulsory to confirm that all pesticide sales shops do possess the Pesticide Sales Certificate and that the said certificate should be displayed in a prominent visible place.
03. Further, as per Section 14 of the Control of Pesticides Act No. 33 of 1980 amended by Act No. 06 of 1994 and Act No. 31 of 2011, unless a pesticide,
 - a. Is registered by the Registrar of Pesticides;
 - b. Is packed in a package approved by the Registrar of Pesticides
 - c. A label approved by the Registrar of Pesticides is posted prominently on the packageIt is prohibited to distribute, sell, after for sale and handing over.
04. Any person violating any provision under the said Act in any manner and is made guilty by a magistrate under Section 24 of the Act, a person will be subjected to a fine of not less than Rupees Fifty Thousand and not more than Rupees One Hundred Thousand and if a business company, each Director will be subjected to fine of not less than Rupees One Hundred Thousand and not more than Rupees Five Hundred Thousand or 02 years imprisonment or both the fine and imprisonment.
05. As Control of Pesticides (Amended) Act No. 06 of 1994 if found guilty by a Magistrates for marketing pesticides without Sales Certificate issued as Pesticide Section 21(a) by an authorized officer, all the stocks of pesticides (registered and unregistered) made available for marketing will be forfeited as per Section 25 of the Act. Further, a special time period will not be determined for the issue of a Pesticide Sales Certificate under Sub Section 21(a) (4) (b), it would be in force for a period of 12 months from the date of issue (except when there had not been a cancellation previously).

General offences regarding the sale of Pesticides

1. **Selling pesticides without a valid Sales Certificate** (21(a) Subsection and Order 1113/15 dated 05.01.2000)
2. **Sale of Pesticides without displaying the valid Sales Certificate** (21(a) (e) Subsection and Order 1113/15 dated 05.01.2000)
3. **Not maintaining Stock Books and Stocks Received of Pesticides** (21(a) Subsection and Order 1113/15 dated 05.01.2000)
4. **Sale and offer for Sale of illegal Pesticides** (Sections 9, 14 and 15)
5. **Running a Pesticides Shop without an Agro-Chemicals Sales and Technical Assistant** (Order No. 1716/23 of 27.07.2011)
6. **Storage of Pesticides in a dangerous and informal manner** (Section 19 and Order 1113/15 dated 05.01.2000)

It is the responsibility of every citizen to act as per Control of Pesticides Act No. 33 of 1980 and the Orders issued under the said Act. I wish to request everyone to inform the authorized officer or the Registrar of Pesticides regarding any instances of not abiding the legal requirements and of defaulters.

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