

Dear Member

## POLICY UPDATE

Over recent weeks, I have had a number of discussions and meetings with Defra as they continue to develop the new National Action Plan relating to weed, pest and disease management as well as implementation of The Official Controls (Plant Protection Products) Regulations 2020. I recently issued a note and press release about the latter. Just this week, I had a discussion focused on key issues of the Amenity Standard, enforcement and regulation. Our points, set out in the response to the last NAP consultation, are fully taken on board as is their understanding of our progressive approach to integrated management.

In relation to the Official Controls Regulations, they are now undertaking a further fact-finding review of pesticide use in the amenity sector linked to the delivery of the Official Controls (Plant Protection Products) Regulations (OCR). Resulting from a discussion this week, I was asked to identify a small number of organisations representing the various sub sectors of amenity so that over the next two weeks, they might have short one to ones with them hopefully to re-enforce what I have already provided and further increase their understanding of the issues in implementing the new Order.

I have done this and am grateful to those who have agreed to help at short notice. If you or organization have not been approached by me, be assured that I have provided good coverage of our sector. If I could have involved all I would but numbers they were able to talk to were limited. As matters develop be sure that I will keep all informed and if you have particular points or concerns relating to implementation of the OCR, please let me know so I can feed into the process.

As a further development, Defra have now released further guidance on the implementation of the OCR as below:

*“ We recently contacted you about [The Official Controls \(Plant Protection Products\) Regulations 2020](#), which apply the [EU Official Controls Regulation \(OCR\)](#) to plant protection products (PPPs) in Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales). They introduce a new requirement for operators throughout the PPP supply chain to notify their competent authority. Read more in this [policy statement](#).*

*Cysylltwyd â chi'n ddiweddar ynghylch [Rheoliadau Rheolaethau Swyddogol \(Cynhyrchion Diogelu Planhigion\) 2020](#), sy'n cymhwyso [Rheoliad Rheolaethau Swyddogol yr UE \(OCR\)](#) at gynhyrchion diogelu planhigion (PPPs) ym Mhrydain Fawr (Cymru, Lloegr a'r Alban). Maent yn cyflwyno gofyniad newydd i weithredwyr ym mhob rhan o'r gadwyn gyflenwi PPPs hysbysu eu hawdurdod cymwys. Darllenwch ragor yn y [datganiad polisi](#) hwn.*

*There is a single notification process for Great Britain operated by DEFRA. Operators must complete a notification if they import, manufacture, process, distribute PPPs authorised for professional use, adjuvants or PPP ingredients; including active substances, safeners, synergists and co-formulants.*

*Mae yna un broses hysbysu ar gyfer Prydain Fawr a honno'n cael ei gweithredu gan DEFRA. Rhaid i weithredwyr gwblhau hysbysiad os ydyn nhw'n mewnforio, yn gweithgynhyrchu, yn prosesu, yn dosbarthu PPPs sydd wedi'u hawdurdodi at ddibenion proffesiynol, adjiwfantau neu gynhwysion PPPs; gan gynnwys sylweddau gweithredol, diogelyddion, synergyddion a chydfformiwlantau.*

***To notify, operators should complete the simple form that is now [available on GOV.UK](#). Guidance on how to notify that your business imports, manufactures, processes, distributes or sells professional plant protection products has also been published.***

**Er mwyn hysbysu, dylai gweithredwyr lenwi'r ffurflen syml sydd [ar gael ar GOV.UK](#) erbyn hyn. Mae canllawiau ar sut i hysbysu bod eich busnes yn mewnfario, yn gweithgynhyrchu, yn prosesu, yn dosbarthu neu'n gwerthu cynhyrchion diogelu planhigion proffesiynol wedi'u cyhoeddi hefyd.**

**The deadline for notification is 22 September 2021.  
Y dyddiad cau ar gyfer hysbysu yw 22 Medi 2021.**

*Other operators, including professional users of PPPs, will need to follow a similar process in future. They do not need to register now. More information will be provided over the coming months.*

*Bydd angen i bobl sy'n defnyddio PPPs yn broffesiynol ddilyn proses debyg yn y dyfodol. Does dim angen iddyn nhw gofrestru nawr. Bydd rhagor o wybodaeth yn cael ei darparu dros y misoedd nesaf.*

*For help with any related questions please email [defra.helpline@defra.gov.uk](mailto:defra.helpline@defra.gov.uk). You should clearly label your query 'plant protection products – official controls' to help your enquiry to be allocated to the right team.*

*I gael help gydag unrhyw gwestiynau cysylltiedig, anfonwch neges ebost at [defra.helpline@defra.gov.uk](mailto:defra.helpline@defra.gov.uk). Dylech labelu'ch ymholiad yn glir â'r geiriau 'cynhyrchon diogelu planhigion – rheolaethau swyddogol' i'n helpu i ddyrannu'ch ymholiad i'r tîm cywir."*

If you have any questions or need further information please do let me know

Many thanks

John