

DAERA's responsibilities regarding plant protection products (PPPs)

DAERA is the Competent Authority responsible for policy and enforcement relating the following:

- ❖ Regulation (EC) 1107/2009;
- ❖ Plant Protection Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011
- ❖ The Plant Protection Products (Sustainable Use) Regulations 2012
- ❖ The Official Controls (Plant Protection Products) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020



DAERA's pesticide policy team

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What do we do?

- Liaise with counterparts in GB to develop PPP policy.
- Attend working groups and stakeholder forums to discuss and resolve issues relevant to pesticides.
- Monitor divergence between NI/EU and GB.
- Engage with authorities in the Ireland to address cross border issues.
- Collaborate with stakeholders etc, in the promotion of PPP best practice.
- Provide advice on matters relating to PPPs.
- Maintain the PPP List of Pesticide Operators.

What's new in the PPP Policy Arena.



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Action required: Do you use plant protection products such as herbicides as part of your work activity?

If you are a business, organisation or sole trader and store or use professional plant protection products (PPPs) to control pests and diseases or to eradicate weeds, as part of your work in agriculture, horticulture, forestry or the amenity sector, you must register your business details with the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA).

PPPs include herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, molluscicides and plant growth regulators.

This applies if you:

- Store PPPs and any adjuvants for your own use or to be applied by a third party.
- Use PPPs and any adjuvants as part of your work activity.
- Have PPPs applied by a third party as part of your work activity.
- Are a contractor hired to store or apply PPPs and any adjuvants for others.



PPPs and the Windsor Framework

How does this affect your business?

The regulatory regime for the placing on the market, storage and use of plant protection products (PPPs) in Northern Ireland will remain **unchanged**.

You will still only be allowed to buy, store and use PPPs authorised for use in Northern Ireland



UK National Action Plan for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides

Update



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Scottish Government
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Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

UK National Action Plan for the
Sustainable Use of Pesticides

Increasing IPM across all sectors will be at the heart of the plan to minimise the environmental impact of pesticides

What is new from the EC



Proposed Regulation on the Sustainable Use of Plant Protection Products:

- EU-wide targets to reduce by 50% the use and risk of chemical pesticides by 2030.
- New measures to ensure the uptake of Integrated Pest Management practices.
- A ban on pesticides in sensitive areas which includes a high proportion of non-agricultural areas where PPPs would be applied.



DOES NOT APPLY TO NORTHERN IRELAND



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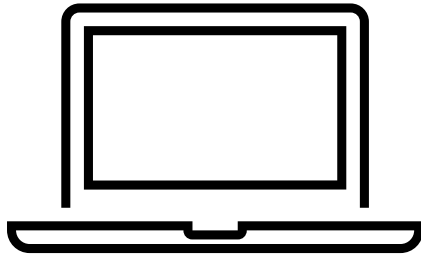
Regulation (EU) 2023/564 on the content and format of PPP records to be kept by professional users



- ❖ It will apply to all professional users.
- ❖ It will apply from 01 January 2026.
- ❖ Electronic Records must be held.
- ❖ Records must be submitted to the competent authority on request
- ❖ The records must include the geolocation of the land where PPPs are applied.

List of Pesticide Operators Registration

Register as a professional user



DAERA

NI Pesticide User Register

The Official Controls (Plant Protection Products) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 REGISTRATION FOR INCLUSION ON THE NORTHERN IRELAND LIST OF PESTICIDE OPERATORS

Important Notes:

This registration portal is only for those business, organisations or sole traders that use professional Plant Protection Products (PPPs) and any adjuvants as part of your work activity.

You need to register if you:

- Store PPPs and any adjuvants for your own use or to be applied by a third party.
- Use professional PPPs and any adjuvants as part of your work activity
- Have professional PPPs applied by a third party as part of your work in agriculture, horticulture, amenities or forestry
- Are a contractor hired to store or apply PPPs and any adjuvants for others

Note: All businesses and organisations must register but not all the individuals who use plant protection products within that business or organisation.

You must register a main business address. This can be your head office or where you do one or more of the following:

- Use PPPs and any adjuvants
- Store them
- Keep records

You must also register any additional addresses where you store PPPs and any adjuvants. You do not need to add addresses where you store or apply PPPs for clients on their land.

There is a separate registration process for businesses that manufacture, process, import, distribute or sell Plant Protection Products (PPPs) and their ingredients or adjuvants in Northern Ireland.

Businesses in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland) do not need to register with DAERA but must register for inclusion on the equivalent GB register.

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The Official Controls – List of Operators Registration

What information about my business will I have to provide?

- ❖ Business Name & Address
 - ❖ Contact Details
 - ❖ Other premises addresses
 - ❖ Your PPP related activities
- Optional Questions:
- ❖ Certificate of competence held
 - ❖ Membership of a QA Scheme



Official Controls Programme

How will Official Controls be conducted?

Official Controls may comprise:

- administrative audit: examination of records required to be kept under PPP law.
- inspection of premises:
 - PPP storage arrangements / facilities
 - details of how products are being used
 - certification held by users
 - records of equipment testing and checks

Our approach to compliance.

It is ultimately the responsibility of all individuals and businesses to comply with the law.

We provide advice and guidance on what you must do to comply:

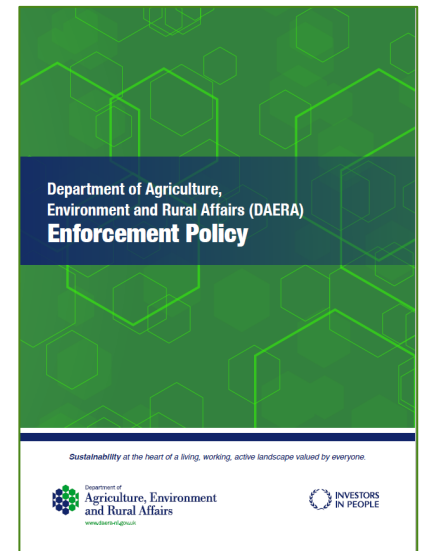
- Articles on the DAERA Website on Operator responsibilities and Official Controls;
- Best Practice Guidance including the Code of Practice; Integrated Pest Management Guide & Care in Pesticide Use near Waterways.



Our approach to compliance.

The Department expects full voluntary compliance

- Where compliance is not forthcoming, we have an obligation to respond.
- Enforcement activities/resource will be directed at those cases which are most harmful.
- We may take a multi-disciplinary approach to the investigation and consider joint action.



<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/daera-enforcement-policy>

Our approach to compliance.

What action could be taken?

We may:

- offer advice (either verbal or in writing)
- Provide a written warning
- Issue an improvements notice
- Issue a prohibition notice

Prosecution is a last resort



Thank you for listening.

Any Questions?



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