

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Sverre N. Omdahl, Director

ORDER NO. 674

REGULATIONS GOVERNING PESTICIDE POISONS

I, Sverre N. Omdahl, Director of Agriculture of the State of Washington by virtue of the authority vested in me in Chapter 127, Laws of 1951, do hereby make and promulgate the following rules and regulations relating to the issuance of permits, use, sale and control of pesticide poisons.

Sec. 1. Definitions. As used in this regulation, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, all terms specially defined herein shall be given the meaning contained in such definition.

A. Pesticide poison. Pesticide poisons shall mean those pesticide poisons used for control of rodents or predatory animals, which are highly toxic or have a definite secondary reaction, and for which there is no known or easily available antidote, and shall include pesticide poisons known as Sodium Fluoroacetate, (Compound 1080), Strychnine, and Thyaline.

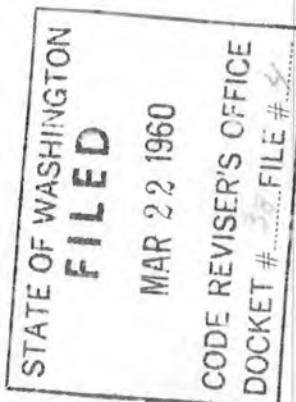
B. Qualified purchaser. The term "qualified purchaser" shall mean any person, individual, partnership, or corporation or any other organization of individuals, or any other business unit, device, or arrangement who has signed a "Statement and Agreement for Purchase of Pesticide Poisons" as defined in these regulations.

Sec. 2. "Statement and Agreement for purchase of pesticide poisons." A "statement and agreement for purchase of pesticide poisons" shall provide for the sale of such pesticide poisons to qualified purchasers ONLY and shall further provide:

1. That the pesticide poisons shall not be resold or otherwise distributed.
2. That the purchaser is covered by public liability insurance.
3. That the purchaser is acquainted with the information and instructions regarding the use of pesticide poisons.
4. In addition to the above, where Compound 1080 is to be purchased the statement and agreement of purchase shall further provide:
 - (1) that the purchaser shall signify that he has read the National Research Council Brochure (October, 1948) on the use of Compound 1080 and that he is acquainted with its poisonous properties.
 - (2) the purchaser shall require all personnel in his organization to read the National Research Council Brochure (October, 1948) before they use the product.

Sec. 3. Before a qualified purchaser of pesticide poisons shall use or distribute the same in the State of Washington, he first shall obtain from the Director of Agriculture, a permit as provided in Chapter 127, Laws of 1951 after duly being examined.

(a) For the sale of exposed baits, a separate application shall be made and a separate permit shall be required for each bait.



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- (b) Such permits shall be issued only to a specified qualified purchaser or specified employee for a specified location, and for a specified period or date. Permits are not transferable and shall be valid only for the specified location, date, and person.
- (c) The issuance of such permits shall be at the discretion of the Director of Agriculture, who shall give consideration to the qualifications and fitness of the applicant. In issuing such permits, the Director of Agriculture may impose such conditions as he shall deem necessary to safeguard the public health.

- Sec. 4. Pesticide poisons for use as rodenticides shall not be exposed in private homes, apartment houses, or similar places where dangerous to pets, children, and others.
- Sec. 5. The exposure of water solutions of pesticide poisons shall normally be made only within buildings at floor levels and in strategically located, substantially constructed, securely fastened and covered stations or bait boxes which are labeled with not less than two inches in height stating the name of the pesticide poison used and in containers of such design to prevent ready access to the pesticide poison by pets and persons other than the operator.
- Sec. 6. The use of ordinary paper souffle cups as bait containers is prohibited. Open exposures of conspicuously labeled, specially designed cups, glass castors, and other durable containers of glass, rust-resistant metal may be satisfactory when all of the following conditions prevail; (a) food contamination cannot occur (b) entrances to the buildings or portions of the buildings under treatment are closed to access by domestic animals and persons other than the employees carrying out treatment.
- Sec. 7. Crumb-type baits discolored with an appropriate warning dye shall be placed only in securely fastened and covered stations or bait boxes, except that such crumb-type baits may be carefully exposed in selected locations on guarded public dumps which are properly posted and remotely situated.
- Sec. 8. During the course of treatment and at the close of operations, the recovery and disposal of all containers and stations shall be carried out by the qualified employee who placed the poison. This responsibility shall not be delegated except in the case of emergency. Written records shall be kept showing locations of all bait placements, with diagrams where necessary, giving total number of placements, date set out and total number of containers recovered. These records shall be retained for at least one year after the close of operations.
- Sec. 9. Provision shall be made for the proper early disposal of all recoverable dead rodents and predatory animals by thorough burning or deep burial. Such recoveries shall be made daily by the employee who places open exposures of the pesticide poisons, except that this responsibility may be delegated to others which such placements are confined to protected stations.

- Sec. 10. Appropriate warning cards describing precautions and first-aid treatment shall be conspicuously displayed in adequate numbers where pesticide poisons are exposed. When practicable, public warnings shall also be published in local newspapers prior to the initiation of community projects and at periodic intervals during the course of operations.
- Sec. 11. Pesticide poisons when used for "bait" purposes, shall be colored with an approved dye and used only in percentages recommended for bait formulations.
- Sec. 12. The alternate use of less toxic chemicals and other control measures shall be employed in all instances where proper safeguards cannot be taken.
- Sec. 13. When qualified purchasers of pesticide poisons fail to abide by these regulations or the agreement with the manufacturer and after investigation by the inspector of reported complaints or reported violations, the manufacturer of the chemical will be requested to discontinue further sales of such pesticide poisons to the offenders.

Signed at Olympia, Washington
this 10th day of August, 1953.

(signed) Sverre N. Omdahl

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