

Restrictions on the use of plant protection products (SMR 10)

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The aim of these rules is to ensure that plant protection products are used correctly and to minimise their risk to humans, animals and the environment.

You must:

1. use authorised or permitted plant protection products in accordance with any requirements or conditions which is:

- specified in the authorisation, permit or in any extension of use
- on the label of the product as required by the authorisation, permit or extension of use

Examples of what the requirements or conditions relate to are:

- approved crops / situations
- maximum individual dose
- maximum number of applications
- timing of application
- withdrawal period
- safe storage (keep out of reach of children, keep in original container, protect from frost, prevent damage to the environment, etc)
- safe disposal (triple-rinse containers, add washings to sprayer at time of filling, etc)

2. follow the principles of good plant protection practice, as set out in the Code of Practice for Using Plant Protection Products in Scotland

There are record-keeping requirements for plant protection products. These fall within the Cross Compliance rules for [SMR 4 – Food and feed law](#).

You must not:

1. use any plant protection product unless it is authorised or has a valid parallel trade permit

Further information

[Scottish Government pesticide pages](#)

[The Code of Practice for Using Plant Protection Products](#)

[Chemicals Regulation Directorate](#)

[Health and Safety Executive guidance on storing pesticides for farmers and other professional users](#)

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