

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

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## SMR 10

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 the authorised or permitted plant protection product in accordance with any requirements or conditions of the authorisation, permit or in any extension of use

- products must be authorised or permitted for use on the crop, land or situation
- products must be authorised for method of application
- observe application dates/harvest intervals
- follow the maximum dose/concentration
- follow the maximum number of applications

2. Comply with label conditions for the authorised or permitted plant protection product, for example:

- safe storage (e.g. keep out of reach of children, in original containers, protected from frost and stored to prevent environmental contamination)
- safe disposal (e.g. empty containers disposed of safely and containers not reused)
- operator safety (e.g. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) available for use when handling concentrate)
- general warnings (e.g. extreme care should be taken to avoid spray drift)

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](#)

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