

PRE-MIXED PESTICIDES

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Background

A number of suppliers have been offering a service of pre-mixing approved pesticides with a carrier (adjuvant, marker or additive) for use with Controlled Droplet Application (CDA) equipment. They are either selling the combined product or selling the required products i.e. "carrier" and pesticide(s) and the associated "service" to amenity users such as local authorities and golf courses. This brief clarifies the legal position.

Stay Legal

Use approved
pesticides

and

Follow the label

Sale of Non Approved Pre-mixed Pesticides is Illegal

"The sale of pre-mixed pesticides is illegal. If two or more currently approved pesticides are mixed together and then sold, the mixture effectively constitutes a new product which requires its own approval. This also applies when a currently approved pesticide(s) is/are mixed with a marker, adjuvant, or other additive before sale. It follows that the storage and use by Local Authorities is also illegal." PSD advice on pre-mixed pesticides

• Own Use - Immediate Use on Same Day

One of the specific points in PSD's advice is that only enough material is mixed for immediate use i.e. for the same day's use. It is acknowledged that there may be unforeseen circumstances, such as where weather conditions make immediate use impractical, that make it necessary to retain material for use in the next few days. However in these cases a COSHH safety assessment under Health and Safety Legislation must be made with respect to labelling and safe storage to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practical, no unacceptable risks have been created.

Sensible Spraying

- When using a pesticide always follow the label instructions and ensure that application is carried out by a NPTC qualified operator
- Take care to avoid water pollution when mixing, filling, during application and disposal
- Check and calibrate your sprayer before use
- If you have any queries contact your BASIS qualified advisor at your supplier

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