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The Official Controls (Plant Protection Products) Regulations 2020

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We'd like to talk about:

- The Official Controls Regulations
- Registration requirement for users of PPPs
- How to register
- What information you need to supply
- When to register



Approach to pesticide regulation

We support effective regulation to provide a high degree of protection of people and of the environment.

We recognise the importance of pesticides to food production and infrastructure protection.

Regulatory decisions should be based on scientific assessment of risk.

Any decisions to impose restrictions should be proportionate, based on the identified risk.

Commitment in the 25-year plan to put *Integrated Pest Management at the centre of our approach, combining productive agriculture with reduced environmental impacts.*

What is the Official Controls Regulation?



[Regulation \(EU\) 2017/625](#) on official controls ('the OCR') - directly applicable in the UK since 14 December 2019.

Applies to food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products (PPPs).

Retained in UK law under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

Sets out framework for official controls and other activities to verify compliance with legislation.

The Official Controls (Plant Protection Products) Regulations 2020

- Domestic legislation which came into force in 2020
- Apply in Great Britain (England, Scotland, Wales)
- Businesses involved in manufacture, sale and use of PPPs
- Supplement existing pesticides legislation: enable regulators to carry out checks (official controls) throughout the supply chain to ensure compliance with:
 - The Plant Protection Products Regulations 2011, and
 - The Plant Protection Products (Sustainable Use) Regulations 2012

What do the 2020 Regulations mean for businesses?

Each operator must notify the competent authority of:

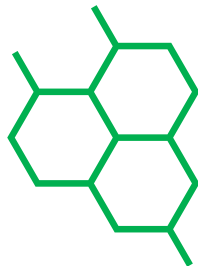
- **name**;
- **activities** they carry out that relate to the placing on the market and use of plant protection products and components and the sustainable use of pesticides;
- **premises** on which those activities are carried out



Who are “Operators”?

The OCR refers to operators as:

“any person or business who has legal requirements to meet because of the placing on the market and use of plant protection products and the sustainable use of pesticides, with the exception of pesticides application equipment”

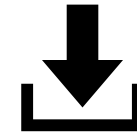
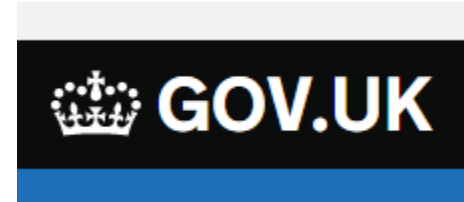


Registration Requirement

- The 2020 Regulations create a requirement for users of PPPs in a professional capacity to register.
- Manufacturers and distributors of professional PPPs were required to register by 22nd September 2021.
- Sellers of PPPs intended for amateur use are also required to register.

How to Register

1. Defra has published a simple registration form on GOV.UK.
2. To register, download the form and fill it in.
3. Save the form and email to Defra.



What does the form look like?

Professional plant protection products (PPPs) and adjuvants user registration form

You must answer all the questions in this form.

To select an answer from a list:

1. Select the answer cell.
2. Select the drop down arrow to see a list of answers to choose from.
3. Select an answer.

If you use a keyboard (instead of a mouse), press the 'alt' key plus the 'arrow down' key to access the list.

<p>Your organisation name</p> <p>If you are a limited company, enter the name you registered with Companies House.</p> <p>If you are another type of organisation, such as a partnership, sole trader, or Local Authority, enter your organisation or trading name.</p>	
<p>Your main address</p> <p>Enter the address that is most relevant to your professional PPP activity. This might be a head office, or where you keep your records. You can add other addresses later if you have them.</p>	
<p>Building and street, or farm name</p>	
<p>Town or city</p>	
<p>County</p>	
<p>Country</p>	Select an answer from the list
<p>Postcode</p>	
<p>Your telephone number</p> <p>Avoid giving a general organisation number if possible. It should be the contact details of someone with a good knowledge of your professional PPP activity. Enter only a number. Do not include an extension.</p>	
<p>Your email address</p> <p>Give the best email address to contact your business. This should be a person or department with a good knowledge of your professional PPP and adjuvant activity.</p>	

Information to Provide

How you work with PPPs and any adjuvants	
Select 'yes' for all that apply	
We store them	Select yes or no
We use them, or apply them	Select yes or no
We are a business or organisation in the agriculture, horticulture, amenity or forestry sector and have professional PPPs applied by a third party	Select yes or no
What quantity of professional PPPs and any adjuvants do you use, or have applied by a third party, in a typical year? Your products may be measured in either kgs or litres. If you have a mix of litres and kgs, combine these into one total. (You can consider one litre equal to one kg.) An estimated figure is OK. Do not add the unit of measure to your figure.	

Information to Provide

What is the main sector you work in when using or applying PPPs?	
Select 'yes' for all that apply:	
Agriculture or horticulture	Select yes or no
Amenity	Select yes or no
Forestry	Select yes or no
Other - in a few words, describe your main type of work	

Information to Provide

Assurance schemes that cover PPP use	
<p>If you are a member of any assurance schemes that cover the use of PPPs, enter the names of the schemes here.</p> <p>Leave this box blank if you are not a member of any such schemes.</p>	

Other addresses your organisation works from

You must register any additional address where you store PPPs and any adjuvants.

You should not register addresses where you store or apply PPPs for clients on their land.

[Go to the next tab to add more addresses](#)

Information to Provide

Extra address

Another business address where you store PPPs and any adjuvants. Do not repeat the address you have already given.	
Building and street, or farm name	
Town or city	
County	
Country	Select an answer from the list
Postcode	
Site telephone number	
Site email address	

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Registration Deadline

The deadline for users of PPPs in a professional capacity to register is



22nd June 2022

If you do not register by the deadline, you must do so as soon as possible.

What will be done with this information?

- Defra is receiving registrations from businesses in Scotland and Wales on behalf of the Scottish and Welsh Governments.
- This information will allow us to understand who is using PPPs around GB, where they are operating and how much they are using.
- Over time will allow us to build intelligence on issues across the supply chain and levels of compliance with PPPs legislation.

Are my data protected?

Strict data protection processes are in place at Defra to ensure data collection, storage and use complies with data protection laws.

Read Defra's OCR
Privacy Notice on
[GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

Privacy Notice – Defra The Official Controls Regulation 2020 - List of Operators

1. *Who is collecting my personal data?*

The data controller is the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). You can contact Defra's Data Protection Manager by email at: data.protection@defra.gov.uk

Any questions about how Defra is using your personal data and your associated rights should be sent to the above contact.

Who is collecting my personal data?

What personal data of mine is being used?

What is the legal basis in data protection law for Defra's use of my personal data?

How will OCR be enforced for LAs?

- HSE are the regulator for the relevant PPP legislation.
- The Health and Safety (Enforcing Authority) Regulations 1998 allocates enforcement responsibilities between LAs and HSE:
 - Enforcement will fall to the respective enforcing authority for the premises.
 - For premises that come under LA responsibility, HSE will work with LAs to agree an approach to visits and enforcement on a case-by-case basis.

Further information on



Register as a professional user of PPPs:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/professional-plant-protection-products-ppps-register-as-a-user>

Register as business that sells professional PPPs:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/professional-plant-protection-products-ppps-register-as-a-business-that-places-them-on-the-market>

Policy statement on the 2020 Regs:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-official-controls-plant-protection-products-regulations-2020-policy-statement/the-official-controls-plant-protection-products-regulations-2020-policy-statement>



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Thank you

Any questions?

You can send queries to:

ocr-ppp@defra.gov.uk

