

POISONS CONTROL INFORMATION SHEET

No. 319

FUMIGATION ENDORSEMENT ON PEST CONTROL LICENCE

The *Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act* (the 'Act') requires a person who intends to possess or use a Schedule 7 fumigant **for fee or reward** to be licensed as a Pest Control Operator (PCO) in accordance with Section 56 of the Act, with an endorsement for the intended fumigant at a site specific environment.

For the purpose of this information sheet:

- "fumigant" means methyl bromide, chloropicrin, phosphine, or any other Schedule 7 poison similarly used
- "fumigation" includes the treatment of a building, ship, soil, foodstuffs, produce or other goods, using a fumigant and
- "fumigator" means a person who is licensed to use a fumigant.

When applying for an **initial** PCO licence with a fumigation endorsement, the applicant must ensure that:

- the application form is completed
- the prescribed fee of \$20 is paid
- a certified photograph is provided
- documentation showing successful completion of **Unit PRMPM11 Eradicate pests through fumigation** or equivalent unit is provided. Evidence from the Registered Training Organisation should indicate the **site environment** in which competence was demonstrated eg stack and silo must also be provided
- a signed statement from a licensed fumigator to the effect that the applicant has actively assisted in at least 3 fumigations and provide the date and details of these fumigations is provided
- a copy of a **current** St John Ambulance Senior **First Aid Certificate** or **CPR certificate** or equivalent in the name of the applicant is provided
- a certificate from medical practitioner is provided certifying that the applicant does not suffer from a medical condition which could make the use of the fumigant(s) dangerous to the applicant or the public
- evidence is provided that the applicant possesses, or his/her employer possesses the equipment necessary to undertake fumigations and that all such equipment is maintained in efficient working order. This will require an assessment by an Occupational Hygienist or Dangerous Goods Inspector from NT Worksafe or other suitably qualified person and
- for fumigation of ships, evidence is provided that the applicant or his/her employer has been in contact with NT Worksafe about training and legal requirements for working in or around confined spaces.

When applying for an **addition of a new site environment** to a current PCO licence with a fumigation endorsement, the application must ensure that:

- written evidence from a licensed fumigator is provided stating that the applicant has actively participated in at least 3 fumigations in the new site environment and provide the date and details of these fumigations **or** a statement from a Registered Training Organisation is provided stating that the applicant is competent for the new site environment. For ships, the evidence presented must detail the type of ship, cargo, fumigant, date and place of fumigations or assessment

- evidence is provided that the applicant possesses, or his/her employer possesses the equipment necessary to undertake fumigations and that all such equipment is maintained in efficient working order. This will require an assessment by an Occupational Hygienist or Dangerous Goods Inspector from NT Worksafe or other suitably qualified person and
- for fumigation of ships, evidence is provided that the applicant or his/her employer has been in contact with NT Worksafe about training and legal requirements for working in or around confined spaces.

The completed application with the required documentation should be forwarded to the:

Chief Poisons Inspector
Poisons Control
Department of Health and Families
PO Box 40596
CASUARINA NT 0811

Mutual Recognition

Alternatively holders of a **current full fumigation licence in another Australian State or Territory** may apply under the Mutual Recognition Act. After a 12 month period, he or she must comply with all NT requirements prior to renewal of fumigant endorsements.

Renewal of Fumigation Licence

When applying for a Pest Control Operator licence with fumigant endorsement renewal, the applicant must ensure that:

- a copy of a **current St John Ambulance Senior First Aid Certificate** or **CPR certificate** or equivalent in the name of the applicant is provided
- a certificate from a medical practitioner is provided certifying that the licensee does not have significant blood halide levels and does not suffer from a medical condition which could make the use of the fumigant(s) dangerous to the applicant or the public and
- evidence is provided that the applicant possesses, or his/her employer possesses equipment necessary to undertake fumigations and that all such equipment is maintained in efficient working order. This will require an assessment by an Occupational Hygienist or Dangerous Goods Inspector from NT Worksafe or other suitably qualified person.

Endorsement Validity

A Pest Control Operator's licence with fumigant endorsement if granted shall, unless sooner cancelled, remains in force for 12 months and may be renewed for further periods of 12 months.

For further details please contact:

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