

Proof of Competence required from 1 January 2017 at point of sale for those purchasing rodenticides

Newly introduced requirements for those offering rodent pest management services require that from 1st January 2018 both Pest Management Trained Professional Users (PMUs) and Professional Users of rodenticides (farmers, game keepers, property caretakers *etc.*) will need to provide proof of competence at point of sale. The required proof for PMUs will be the individual's PMU No as issued by the Pesticide Registration and Control Divisions (PRCD) of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), while for farmers it will be their herd number/flock number.

All Trained Professional users of rodenticides that provide rodent pest management services must register with DAFM and receive a PMU number that will allow them to continue to purchase products for trained professional use. Registration can be achieved *via* the following PRCD website page - <https://publicapps.agriculture.gov.ie/suds/welcome.jspx>.

An Industry Symposium will be held by PRCD on 7th December next in Backweston Laboratory Campus in Celbridge during which a detailed update on changes in the rules on distribution and use of anticoagulant rodenticides and on training courses for PMUs will be provided. The Symposium is intended for those involved in the Pest Control Industry, Rodenticide Product Authorisation Holders, Facilities Management Companies, Wholesalers, and Retailers, as well as Food, Agriculture, Pharma, Chemical, IT, Manufacturing, Warehousing, Management Services and other users of rodent pest management services

For further details and to reserve a place go to:

<http://www.pcs.agriculture.gov.ie/biocides/changestouseofanticoagulantrodenticides/industrysymposiumonrodenticideregulationtraining/>

The provisional programme for the Symposium can be viewed at

<http://www.pcs.agriculture.gov.ie/media/pesticides/content/biocides/Provisional%20Programme%20for%20PRCD%20Industry%20Symposium%20on%20Rodenticide%20Regulation%20&%20Training.pdf>

For more information on the **Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use** in Ireland log on to www.crru.ie or call Eanna Ni Lamhna on 087 6147506

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