

# **Trained Professional Users of Rodenticides must register with Dept of Agriculture by 31 December 2017 and must have CRRU-IASIS Wildlife Aware Certification**

Newly introduced requirements for those offering rodent pest management services require that Trained Professional Users (PMUs) offering such service register with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM). From 1st January 2018, only persons that are included on the register of 'trained professional users' (PMU) may offer a service for the control of rodent infestations using trained professional use rodenticide products outdoors, around buildings, in open areas and in sewers and further will need to provide proof of competence at the point of sale when purchasing product for use in the course of their work. This proof will be the PMU Number issued on registration.

The training requirements accepted by DAFM for those currently working in the sector are the IPCA Diploma in Pest Management, or the RSPH Level 2 Award in Pest Management or other course deemed equivalent by the Pesticide Registration and Control Divisions (PRCD) of the Department, **and** the CRRU-IASIS Wildlife Aware Certificate.

In order to accommodate those Trained Professional Users who need to acquire the Wildlife Aware Certificate, CRRU Ireland, in association with IASIS, are offering an additional series of Wildlife Aware courses during October and November 2017. This is to facilitate the completion of PMU registration requirements by persons that wish to register but have not yet obtained the CRRU-IASIS Wildlife Aware Certificate.

These courses will take place as follows:

**20 October Teagasc Moorepark, Co. Cork**

**26 October DAFM Backweston Co. Kildare**

**2 November Teagasc Moorepark, Co. Cork**

**20 November DAFM Backweston Co. Kildare**

**27 November Teagasc Athenry Co. Galway.**

**28 November Teagasc Ballyhaise Co. Cavan**

Places on one of these courses can be reserved *via* the CRRU <http://www.crru.ie/courses/> or IASIS <http://www.iasis.ie/PestControl/CoursesEvents.aspx> websites.

For more information on the Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use in Ireland log on to [www.crru.ie](http://www.crru.ie) or call Eanna Ni Lamhna on 087 6147506,

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