

Plant Protection Products (Sustainable Use) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012 No. 1657)

These Regulations implement **Directive 2009/128/EC** in the UK. They implement a legal framework for the sustainable use of pesticides taking into account preventative and precautionary principles.

The key requirements include:

- **Regulation 3** – Secretary of State must review the operational effect of the Regulations in England and Wales and publish a report within five years after they become law and within every five years thereafter.
- **Regulations 5 and 6** – the UK Competent Authority (UKCA) must designate bodies to implement certification schemes for training and bodies that have responsibility for implementing inspection schemes.
- **Regulation 8** – prohibits use of plant protection products (PPPs) for professional use unless the user holds a relevant certificate or works under supervision.
- **Regulation 9** – distributors which sell to end users must have sufficient staff who hold specified certificates to provide advice at the point of sale.
- **Regulation 10** – all reasonable precautions must be taken to protect human health and the environment when using PPPs.
- **Regulations 11 to 14** – requirements for the inspection of PPP equipment.
- **Regulations 15 and 16** – prohibit aerial spraying unless permitted by an aerial spraying permit.
- **Regulation 17** – reasonable precautions to be taken in storing, handling and mixing PPPs and related activities.
- **Regulation 18** – enables UKCA to issue codes of practice.
- **Regulation 24** – makes it a criminal offence to contravene or fail to comply with regulations 8, 17, 22, 23 and 31.
- **Regulation 28** – states penalties for offences.