

Restricted-use – for purchase and use only by certified pesticide applicators or persons under their direct supervision. Designation is placed on the product by EPA. The label will state “restricted-use.”

State-Limited-Use (SLU) Pesticides or Regulated Herbicides (RH) – can affect nontargeted vegetation even when used according to direction. Classified as SLU/RH when distributed in containers larger than one quart for liquids or 2 pounds for dry or solid products.

State-Limited-Use Pesticides

- 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D)
- 2,4-dichlorophenoxy butyric acid (2,4-DB)
- 2,4-dichlorophenoxy propionic acid (2,4-DP)
- 2-methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetic acid (MCPA)
- 3,6-dichloro-o-anisic acid (dicamba)
- 3,4-dichloropropionilide (propanil)
- 5-bromo-3-sec-butyl-6-methyluracil (bromacil)
- 2,4-bis(isopropylamino)-6-methoxy-s-triazine (prometon)
- 3,7-dichloro-8-quinolinecarboxylic acid (quinclorac)
- Sodium fluoroacetate (Compound 1080)
- Sodium cyanide (M44)
- A pesticide product otherwise classified as general use is classified as a state-limited-use pesticide when, and only when, applications are made by aerial application or with power-driven fogging equipment for the purpose of public health pest control
- A pesticide product containing the active ingredient warfarin when used only as a feral hog (*Sus scrofa*) toxicant

Regulated Herbicides

- 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D)
- 2-methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetic acid (MCPA)
- 3,6-dichloro-o-anisic acid (dicamba)
- 3,7-dichloro-8-quinolinecarboxylic acid (quinclorac)

TDA Offices

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Houston, TX 77023
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San Antonio, TX 78217
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900-B E. Expressway 83
San Juan, TX 78589
(956) 787-8866

Hearing impaired please call
800-735-2988 (voice) or 800-735-2989 (TTY)

Other important numbers

Texas Poison Center Network
1-800-222-1222

National Pesticide Information Center
1-800-858-7378

To report spills, call the Texas Commission on
Environmental Quality at 1-800-832-8224



Commissioner Sid Miller

Pesticide Stop Use, Stop Distribution or Removal Orders

The Texas Pesticide Law helps ensure that pesticide use and distribution in Texas are both safe and efficient. You will need a Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) license to distribute restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides or regulated herbicides in Texas. Pesticide distribution is defined as offering for sale, holding for sale, selling, bartering or supplying.

TDA conducts regular inspections of pesticide dealer establishments to check for compliance with law and regulation requirements. Both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Legislature require TDA to perform a certain number of inspections each year. Most inspections are unannounced. TDA inspectors will identify themselves, present a Notice of Inspection and explain the reason for the inspection.

Inspectors check to see that products offered for sale or distribution are registered with TDA and are stored and displayed properly. Containers must have legible labels and not be leaking, and bags cannot be broken. Pesticides must be stored or displayed in a closed building or fenced area. Inspectors also determine if any custom mixing or blending is performed at that site.

Products that are not properly registered or stored may be placed under a stop use, stop distribution or removal order (SUSDRO).

Reasons to Issue a Stop Use, Stop Distribution or Removal Order

- A pesticide is not currently registered with EPA and/or TDA.
- A pesticide does not bear a legible label.
- A pesticide has an adulterated or incomplete label.
- A pesticide is in a broken, leaking or otherwise unsafe container.
- A pesticide classified as a restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticide or a regulated herbicide is being distributed without a current pesticide dealer license.
- A pesticide classified as a restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticide or a regulated herbicide is being used by a person that is not an appropriately licensed or certified applicator or working under the direct supervision of an appropriately licensed applicator.
- A pesticide's use has been prohibited or cancelled.

Dealer's Responsibility

After a SUSDRO is issued, it is the distributor's responsibility to:

- Immediately remove the SUSDRO item(s) from distribution area;
- Hold the lot for exchange with the supplier;
- Properly dispose of product(s) (open container, leaking, etc.); and/or
- Provide proof of disposal by means of a receipt from a hazardous waste disposal facility or a signed statement that the dealer applied the pesticide or an application record indicating that the product was applied by a properly licensed applicator.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

Dealers should first attempt to return unregistered products to the manufacturer.

However, if the manufacturer has gone out of business and the dealer cannot properly apply the product, the TDA Agricultural Pesticide Program may offer ideas for disposal. You can reach them at (512) 463-7622.

Applicator's Responsibility

SUSDROs may be issued if an applicator has restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides or regulated herbicides without being properly licensed or certified.

A SUSDRO may also be issued if an applicator has pesticides on hand that are not labeled for crops or sites under his or her control.

Follow-up

The TDA inspector can discuss the procedures for releasing a SUSDRO product.

For example, if the product is not registered with TDA, the manufacturer will be sent a letter informing them of registration requirements and the fact a SUSDRO was issued on the product. When the product is registered, the manufacturer and distributor will receive letters releasing the product for sale or distribution.

If a dealer is not licensed, any restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides or regulated herbicides will be tagged with a SUSDRO.

When the dealer licenses, the products will be released.

Pesticide Classifications

General-use – can be purchased and used by the general public. Does not require a license to distribute or use.