



## Requirements for Selling Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides

### What is happening?

In response to wildlife poisoning from certain rodenticides, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy amended the Integrated Pest Management Regulation to restrict the use and sale of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs).

**Effective Jan. 21, 2023**, rodenticides containing the active ingredients **brodifacoum, bromadiolone or difethialone** are restricted to authorized essential services and service licensees assisting essential services.

To use SGARs, essential services require training and oversight through obtaining both a pesticide applicator certificate and pesticide use licence. Essential services may only use SGARs as part of an Integrated Pest Management program.

### What is the issue?

Wildlife may become poisoned by eating rodenticides (primary poisoning) or through eating rodents that have consumed rodenticides (secondary poisoning).

Compared to other rodenticides, SGARs are highly toxic and are retained longer in the body tissues of rodents that consume them. Birds of prey (e.g., owls, hawks, eagles) and other predators or scavengers of rodents are especially at risk of secondary poisoning from SGARs.

### What are the new requirements?

#### SGAR Display Requirements

- SGARs must be displayed in a manner that restricts customer access. A customer must not be able to access SGARs without assistance from a certified dispenser.
  - Example: SGARs could be displayed behind a counter or in a locked cabinet.

#### Key Points

- ▶ Most commercial and residential uses of SGARs are now prohibited.
- ▶ To protect public health, food supply and critical infrastructure, limited SGAR use is allowed in certain essential services.
- ▶ Pesticide vendors may only sell SGARs to verified licensed pest control companies or essential services, including agricultural operators.
- ▶ SGARs displayed for sale must be stored in a manner that restricts customer access and post a ministry-produced sign.
- ▶ Pesticide vendors will require written verification for essential services at the point of purchase for SGARs.
- ▶ Pesticide vendors will be required to keep additional records for each SGAR sale.
- ▶ Certified dispensers must now provide additional information to the customer.

- Where SGARs are displayed for sale, a sign indicating risks to wildlife must be displayed. An electronic template of this sign for printing is available on the [ministry website](#).

## SGAR Purchaser Requirements

- SGARs may ONLY be used and purchased by:
  - Essential services, including agricultural operators
  - Licensed pest control companies if servicing essential service clients

A complete list of essential services has been provided at the end of this document (Schedule A).

- Other uses of SGARs for non-essential purposes are no longer permitted. For example, SGARs **cannot** be used in or around most residential buildings, office buildings, parks, schools or non-food retail shops.
- **Only the pesticide licence holder of the service company or essential service is permitted to purchase SGARs.** An agent or certified pesticide applicator working for the licensee is not allowed to purchase SGARs.

## Dispenser Duties when selling SGARs

Certified dispensers employed by a pesticide vendor may only sell SGARs to licensed essential services or pest control companies. Before each SGAR sale, certified dispensers employed by a pesticide vendor must confirm the purchaser is authorized to purchase SGARs. If the purchaser fails to provide any of the necessary documentation, or the certified dispenser cannot reasonably confirm the purchaser is authorized to purchase SGARs, they must refuse to sell the SGARs.

- **For sales to service licensees**, the certified pesticide vendor must confirm that the licensee has presented:
  - their valid pesticide service user licence; and
  - either their own pesticide applicator certificate or provide the name and certificate number of the pesticide applicator certificate holder employed by the pest control company who will use the SGAR.
- **For sales to essential service non-service licensees**, the certified pesticide vendor must confirm that the licensee has presented:
  - their valid pesticide non-service user licence;
  - either their own pesticide applicator certificate or provide the name and certificate number of the pesticide applicator certificate holder employed by the essential service who will use the SGAR; and
  - documentation that demonstrates that the business or service is an essential service (see table below).

| Type of essential service | Examples of acceptable verification documents  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Agriculture               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Farmer ID Card</li><li>• PST Exemption Certificate for Farmers</li><li>• AgriStability Statement</li><li>• AgriInvest Statement</li><li>• B.C. Property Assessment Notice (showing proof of farm status)</li></ul> |
| Other services            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A letter on company letterhead</li><li>• A business card</li><li>• Employee ID card</li></ul>  |

## Dispenser-Customer Interaction

In addition to the existing customer interaction requirements of the certified dispenser for pesticide sales, certified dispensers must also provide the following information when selling SGARs.

- For each SGAR sale, certified dispensers must verbally communicate the following information to the customer:
  - SGARs present a risk to non-target wildlife;
  - The use of SGARs is subject to new Integrated Pest Management requirements and record keeping requirements; and
  - Unused SGARs and dead rodents must be properly disposed of.
- The certified dispenser does not need to explain what the new Integrated Pest Management, record-keeping or disposal requirements are. They must only advise the customer that there are new requirements they must follow. It is the responsibility of the customer to follow the new requirements when using SGARs.

## Record Keeping Requirements

When selling SGARs, pesticide dispensers must record additional information to the information already required under the Integrated Pest Management Regulation.

The following information is required for each SGAR sale:

- Date of sale
- Name, address, and phone number of the person buying the SGAR
- Product trade name and PCP number
- Weight of container and number of containers sold
- If the buyer is a licensed pest control company:
  - Licence number
  - Certificate holder's name and certificate number
- If the buyer is a licensed essential service:
  - Licence number
  - Certificate holder's name and certificate number
  - Column 2 (Category of Essential Service location) as listed in Schedule A at the end of the document (e.g., "health services" or "agriculture and food")
- Certified dispenser's name and certificate number

New record keeping templates are available on the [ministry website](#) for vendors selling SGARs.

## Schedule A: Essential Services

Essential services are those working in the following locations:

| Column 1<br>Item | Column 2<br>Categories of essential service locations                           | Column 3<br>Essential service locations  |
|------------------|---|--|
| 1                | Health services   | Hospitals  |
| 2                | Health services   | Facilities, other than hospitals, where emergency health care services are provided  |
| 3                | Health services   | Primary health care facilities, including but not limited to assisted living facilities and facilities where day surgeries are performed |
| 4                | Health services   | Subsidized housing facilities that make available on-site supports for adults, if they are at risk of or are experiencing homelessness   |
| 5                | Health services   | Safe use injection sites   |
| 6                | Emergency response services, emergency management services and national defence | Department of National Defence facilities  |
| 7                | Emergency response services, emergency management services and national defence | Canadian Armed Forces, Canadian Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary facilities   |
| 8                | Emergency response services, emergency management services and national defence | Local, regional, provincial and federal emergency response and emergency management facilities   |
| 9                | Emergency response services, emergency management services and national defence | Facilities associated with emergency responders, including police, fire, ambulance and 9-11 dispatch                                     |

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| Column 1<br>Item | Column 2<br>Categories of essential service locations | Column 3<br>Essential service locations   |
|------------------|---|---|
| 10               | Electricity, water, oil and gas and similar services  | Infrastructure and facilities associated with the generation, transmission or distribution of electricity, but not including charging stations  |
| 11               | Electricity, water, oil and gas and similar services  | Infrastructure and facilities associated with drinking water, including but not limited to water filtration facilities and water distribution facilities  |
| 12               | Electricity, water, oil and gas and similar services  | Wastewater processing facilities  |
| 13               | Electricity, water, oil and gas and similar services  | Infrastructure and facilities associated with petroleum, natural gas and propane gas production, processing, transmission, distribution and storage, but not including gasoline stations  |
| 14               | Agriculture and food                                  | Places where land is used for agriculture   |
| 15               | Agriculture and food                                  | Aquaculture operations  |
| 16               | Agriculture and food                                  | Facilities for food production, processing, storage and transportation  |
| 17               | Agriculture and food                                  | Grocery stores, convenience stores, food banks and other places engaged in the provision or retail sale of food, but not including vending machines or stores that primarily sell beverages, pet food, cannabis, liquor or snacks |
| 18               | Transportation  | Infrastructure and facilities associated with commercial or industrial shipping, including commercial ports, passenger terminals and commercial terminals and shipyards   |

This summary provides guidance and is not a legal document. In all cases the *Integrated Pest Management Act* and Regulation will prevail.

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| 19               | Transportation  | Airplane hangars   |
| 20               | Transportation  | Infrastructure and facilities associated with the transportation of passengers and goods by rail   |
| 21               | Sanitation, waste and recycling services              | Waste (garbage and organics) processing facilities   |
| 22               | Sanitation, waste and recycling services              | Recycling processing facilities, including but not limited to recycling transfer stations and recycling collection locations   |
| 23               | Sanitation, waste and recycling services              | Waste disposal facilities, including landfills and waste-to-energy facilities, but not including residential and commercial waste collection areas   |
| 24               | Communications  | Infrastructure and facilities associated with radio, cable television and telecommunications systems and services, including but not limited to cellular towers, broadcasting structures, undersea cable landing stations and internet exchange points, but not including offices and call centres |
| 25               | Coroner, mortuary and similar services                | Facilities for coroners and facilities where forensic services are performed   |
| 26               | Coroner, mortuary and similar services                | Facilities where mortuary services are performed, including funeral homes, crematoria and cemeteries   |
| 27               | Coroner, mortuary and similar services                | Facilities associated with the storage, transportation and certification of human remains  |

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| 28               | Environmental protection                              | Places where the government of British Columbia or an agent of the government of British Columbia, the government of Canada or an agent of the government of Canada, or a First Nation engage in a program that has the purpose of conserving or protecting a species or an ecosystem from the impacts of non-native rodents |