

Procedure for registration of pesticides in Ghana

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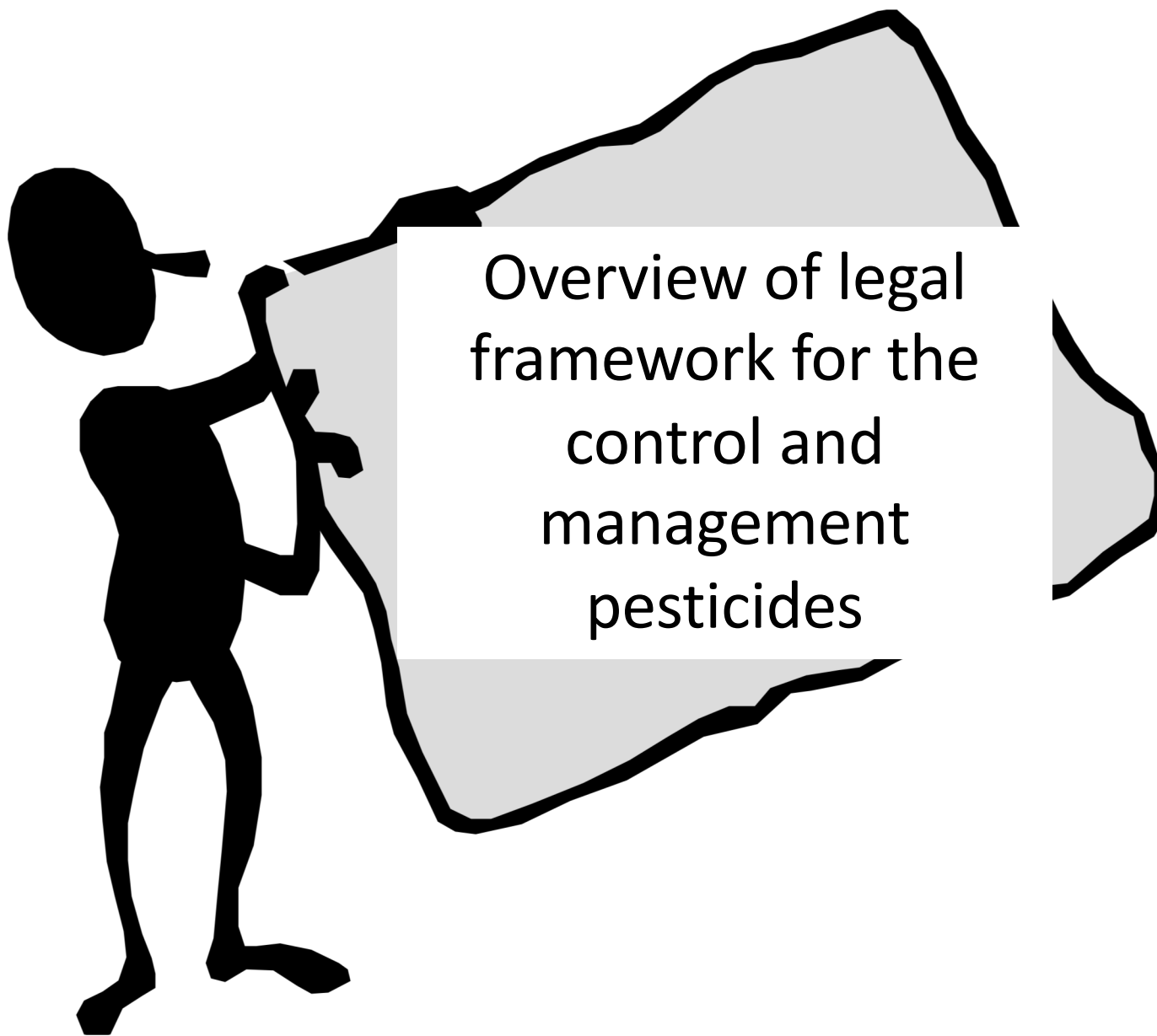
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Overview of legal
framework for the
control and
management
pesticides

THE EPA ACT OF 1994
(ACT 490)

What does the EPA Act say about EPA and pesticides

.....(r) to regulate,

manufacture

the import

export

distribution

sale

and use

..... of pesticides..



***QUESTION IS ?
ARE YOU USING PESTICIDES?***

What is a pesticide

**Pesticide is defined in Act 490
as:**

(a) a substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or reducing the destructive effects of a pest, or

**Pesticide is defined in Act 490
as:**

(b) a substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant, desiccant or wood preservative

Pesticide law

What does it say

- **Part Two of the EPA Act, 1994 (Act 490) is the legal framework for control and management of pesticides in Ghana**
- **Requires that pesticides must be registered before they can be imported, manufactured, distributed, advertised, sold or used in Ghana**
- **Dealers must be licensed before they can deal in pesticides**

To comply,
you must know:

1

Know the law

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Comply with provisions of the law

▣ **An Act to provide for the control, management and regulation of pesticides in Ghana and to provide for related matters.**

▣ **The objective of regulating pesticides is to protect society from the adverse effects of pesticides without denying access to the benefits of their use.**

▣ **The Environmental Protection Agency is the implementing body.**

Sections of the EPA Act

Sections 28-39

▣ **Registration**

Sections 40-46

▣ **Pesticides Dealers**

Sections 54-60:

▣ **Enforcement**

Sections 61-62:

▣ **Miscellaneous**

Sections 28 -39 - Registration of Pesticides (1)

Section 28 (1) of the Pesticides Law stipulates that, A person shall not import, export, manufacture, distribute, advertise, sell or use any pesticide in Ghana unless the pesticide has been registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with this Act.

What is pesticide registration?

- The process whereby the responsible national government authority approves the sale and use of a pesticide following the evaluation of comprehensive scientific data demonstrating that the product is effective for the intended purposes and does not pose an unacceptable risk to human or animal health or to the environment.

- Pesticides registration in simple term refers to the evaluation and acceptance by a statutory authority of extensive documented proof submitted in support of all claims for efficacy and safety made for a proposed pesticides product.

Who is responsible for pesticides registration in Ghana

- The Environmental Protection Agency is the sole government Agency responsible for the registration of pesticides in Ghana and in addition regulating the manufacture, distribution, sale or use of pesticides.

Who can apply to register a pesticide product in Ghana?

- Any person who is registered to do business in Ghana may apply for pesticide registration. Any non-resident of Ghana must designate an authorised representative in Ghana to act on his behalf in all pesticide registration matters. The representative's name and complete mailing address, together with an authorised letter of appointment, must accompany the pesticide registration application.

Procedure for registering pesticides in Ghana

- Any person who is required under the Act to register a pesticide must obtain and complete a pesticide registration application form “A” obtained from the Chemicals Control and Management Centre (CCMC) of the EPA.
- **A complete dossier of the product must be submitted together with an efficacy trial report done locally.**

How long does it take the Agency to complete the evaluation of the product?

- The Agency shall consider the application within ninety (90) days from receipt of the information required to complete the application.

Do I have to pay to register a pesticide

- Yes: the first payment of a non-refundable fee of.....is made on the time of submission of the application form and dossier. A second and final payment ofis paid when product is approved for full registration. When a product is given provisional clearance, it attracts a fee of

How will I know which pesticides products are registered in Ghana?

- Where the Agency grants approval for the registration or provisional clearance of a pesticide, the Agency shall assign a registration number for use in connection with the pesticide. The names and prescribed particulars of all registered, provisionally cleared, banned and restricted pesticides will be entered in the Register of Pesticides and any person may consult and make copies of the register.

Revised register of pesticide as at August 2020

Category	FRE	PCL	Banned	Total
Insecticides	145	92	32	237
a. Public health	22	10	0	32
b. Stored produce	10	1	0	11
Fungicides	61	31	0	92
Herbicides	178	120	0	298
Plant Growth Regulators	8	4	0	12
Molluscicide	0	0	0	0
Rodenticides	0	0	0	0
Nematicides	2	3	0	5
Adjuvants	2	0	0	2
Biocides	5	9	0	14
Bactericide	0	1	0	1
Repellents	0	2	0	2
Total	433	273	32	706

BANNED PESTICIDES

No	Name of Pesticide
1	2,4,5-T and its salts and esters
2	Aldrin
3	Binapacryl
4	Captafol
5	Chlordane
6	Chlordimeform
7	Chlorobenzilate
8	Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT)
9	Dieldrin
10	Dinoseb and its salts and esters
11	Dinitro- <i>ortho</i> -cresol (DNOC) and its salts (such as ammonium salt, potassium salt and sodium salt)

BANNED PESTICIDES (2)

12	Endrin
13	HCH (mixed isomers)
14	Heptachlor
15	Hexachlorobenzene
16	Parathion
17	Pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters
18	Toxaphene
19	Mirex
20	Methamidophos (Soluble liquid formulations of the substance that exceed 600 g active ingredient/l)
21	Methyl-parathion (emulsifiable concentrates (EC) with at or above 19.5% active ingredient and dusts at or above 1.5% active ingredient)
22	Monocrotophos (Soluble liquid formulations of the substance that exceed 600 g active ingredient/l)

BANNED PESTICIDES (3)

23	Parathion (all formulations - aerosols, dustable powder (DP), emulsifiable concentrate (EC), granules (GR) and wettable powders (WP) - of this substance are included, except capsule suspensions (CS))
24	Phosphamidon (Soluble liquid formulations of the substance that exceed 1000 g active ingredient/l)
25	Dustable powder formulations containing a combination of Benomyl at or above 7%, Carbofuran at or above 10% and Thiram at or above 15%
26	Methyl Bromide
27	Chlordecone
28	Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane
29	Beta hexachlorocyclohexane
30	Lindane
31	Pentachlorobenzene
32	Technical Endosulfan and its related isomers

Certificate or provisional clearance letter

- A duly authenticated certificate of the Agency is conclusive evidence of registration or provisional clearance of a pesticide's formulation. The registrant shall keep the certificate of registration and make it available for inspection by the Agency's authorised inspectors.

How long is my Registration valid?

- A pesticide registration shall remain valid for a period not exceeding 3 years from the date of registration
- A provisional clearance for any pesticide shall be valid for such period as the Agency may determine but shall not exceed 1 year

What happens when my registration expires?

- To continue using a registered or provisionally cleared pesticide, the registrant must apply to the Agency for renewal of the registration.
- The application for renewal of registration or provisional clearance should include all relevant information as may be required by the Agency.

Do I need a permit to import registered pesticides?

- All pesticides imported into the country must received prior approval or clearance from the Agency irrespective of the status of the pesticides.
- **Further information**
- For further information please contact the Chemicals Control and Management Centre of the EPA. or visit our website on www.epaghana.org

Sections 40 Pesticides Dealers

“A person shall not import, export, manufacture, distribute, advertise or sell a pesticide except in accordance with a license issued under this Act”

Pesticides Dealers - Categories of Licenses

- Pesticides activities which require licenses are Retailers; Importers; Distributors; Commercial Pest Controllers; Transporters; Manufacturers; Repackaging, Formulation, Warehouses and any other related pesticides activity.**

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