

CHAPTER 8. PUBLIC HEALTH PEST CONTROL

71.—(1) Every premises shall be rid of pests of public health importance

(2) Every commercial premises shall be disinfested at least once every six months.

72.—(1) A report and certificate of disinfestations as prescribed in Schedule VIII shall be issued on such premises by the person or company carrying out the services.

(2). A copy of such report shall be forwarded to the Environmental Health Department of the Local Government by the person or company undertaking the pest control service.

73.—(1) Any person or company wishing to engage in the services of Public Health Pest Control shall apply to the Council for a license on a form as prescribed by the Council.

(2). No person or company shall undertake any services relating to pest control if the aim is for direct protection of public health without a licence issued by the Council.

(3) No Licence for pest control shall be issued to any company or person unless the minimum requirements as listed in Schedule IX herein, have been met and no license shall be renewed unless such a company conforms to the requirements in Schedule IX herein.

for all workers.

Disinfestations of Premises.

Proprietor to issue a certificate of disinfestations.

License to operate pest control service.

(4) A company wishing to obtain a licence for pest control shall have at least a member of its Management as a registered member of the Profession.

(5) A licence issued for this purpose shall be valid only for a period of three years.

(6) Any person or company granted a licence under these regulations shall obtain an Operational Permit from the Environmental Health Authority of the Local Government in which he intends to operate, and for that purpose, pay a prescribed fee. Such permit shall be renewable every three years.

(7) It shall be a breach of these regulations to operate Pest Control services without a valid licence.

Pest control
measures.

74. Control measures for Pest control shall be as contained in section 7 of the Policy Guidelines on Pest and Vector control 2005, issued by Federal Ministry of Environment, or any other provision for that purpose as may be in force.

Sale of
pesticides.

75.—(1) No person or company shall be allowed to display, sell or distribute any pesticides unless those approved by National Agency for Food Drugs Administration Control or such other authorized Government agency ;

(2) Any person wishing to sell or display for sale such chemicals shall obtain a permit issued by a designated authority ;

(3) Any person found displaying or selling unapproved pesticides as in Schedule XI shall be deemed to have committed a breach of these regulations.

SCHEDULE IX
REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE/RENEWAL OF PEST CONTROL
LICENSE

OFFICE AND FACILITIES

- (i) Adequate office space ;
- (ii) Adequate storage space ;
- (iii) Bath room/toilet ;
- (iv) Cloakroom ;
- (v) Adequate water supply.

PERSONNEL

Any pest control outfit shall have a minimum of 2 spray men. The head of operation of the company must be registered by the Council.

Equipment : This shall be as enumerated in applicable guidelines.

TRAINING OF EMPLOYEES

The pest control operator shall ensure that all his personnel are fully briefed and trained so that they are conversant with the following :

- (i) The requirements of this regulation and such other similar regulations ;
- (ii) Safe handling of pesticides and equipment ;
- (iii) Safe use of Personal Protective Devices such as face mask, hand gloves, eye goggles, boots, overall, nose mask, ear muffs, helmet etc/Universal precautions ;
- (iv) List of approved pesticides.

HANDLING OF PESTICIDES AND SAFETY OF SPRAY MEN

(i) In addition to provisions of section 10 of the Policy Guidelines on Pest and Vector control issued by Federal Ministry of Environment, 2005, the use of all chemical pesticides for pest control shall be done with extreme caution ;

(ii) All chemicals to be used shall conform with specifications as contained in section 8.3 of the Policy Guidelines on Pest and Vector control issued by Federal Ministry of Environment, 2005 and in Schedule X of this regulation ;

(iii) No Pesticides as contained in Schedule XI of this regulation shall be used for pest control :

(a) Every pest control outfit shall conform with provision of schedule IX.

(iv) Facilities must be provided for first aid treatment of spray men in cases of accident or for prompt medical attention to a recognized hospital ;

(v) Spray men and the head of operation must produce medical report of fitness once every six (6) months from a recognized medical practitioner ;

(vi) All equipment used for formulation of pesticides shall be properly washed and cleansed, and stored in such a way that would not constitute danger to health of the public.

DISPOSAL OF KILLED PESTS

(i) Killed pests shall not be disposed of as part of the domestic wastes but shall be considered as special wastes and be disposed of as such ;

(ii) Killed pests including rodents, cockroaches, etc shall be disposed of by burial under the ground or incinerated ;

(iii) Such disposal shall not be done within a distance of 30m to a source of ground or surface water supply.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLIENTS

1. Owners of premises infested with pest of public health importance must report such infestation to the Environmental Health authority.