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Enforcement Bulletins

This section provides information on violations of the [Pest Control Products Act](#) and its Regulations that have resulted in warnings, penalties, and/or convictions. The [Agriculture and Agri-Food Administrative Monetary Penalties \(AMPS \) Act](#) provides a system of penalties and warnings for violations of several federal Acts including the *Pest Control Products Act*, which regulates pesticides. The AMPS Act allows Canadian pesticide regulatory officials to impose penalties without having to pursue formal prosecution.

Health Canada is responsible for the regulation of pesticides in Canada under the *Pest Control Products Act*. Each pesticide proposed for use in Canada is evaluated to determine if it meets Health Canada's standards for the protection of health and the environment, and whether the product is effective for its intended use. Pesticides that meet Health Canada's standards are registered for use.

The import, sale or use of unregistered pesticides in Canada is a violation of the *Pest Control Products Act*, as is using a pesticide in a manner other than directed on the product label. Health Canada verifies reports of illegal pesticides or misuse through its network of regional officers.

When purchasing a pesticide, consumers should verify that a pest control product number (PCP number) appears on the label. This number indicates that the pesticide has been registered by Health Canada. Consumers should carefully read, understand and follow label directions when using any pesticide, and pesticides must not be used for purposes other than indicated on the label.

To report a suspected violation, [pesticide incident](#), or obtain further information regarding specific enforcement bulletins, contact the [Pest Management Information Service](#). Media inquiries should be directed to Health Canada Media Relations at 613-957-2983.

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