



MEMORANDUM

To: Pesticide Manufacturers, Retailers, and Dealers
From: Ryan A. Okey, Assistant Director
Subject: Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) – South Carolina Restricted Use Pesticide

You have received this memorandum because you may manufacture, sell, or distribute second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides Brodifacoum, Difethialone, Bromadiolone, and Difenacoum in the state of South Carolina. On January 1st, 2025, the South Carolina Department of Pesticide Regulation classified products containing these ingredients as a state-restricted-use pesticide for a period of no less than one (1) year. The Department will begin to enforce this state classification on February 1st, 2025.

South Carolina requires that a pesticide dealer must be licensed to sell restricted use pesticides and that he or she must ensure that the purchaser is a properly licensed pesticide applicator. In fulfilling the first requirement, you must be licensed as a pesticide dealer to sell, hold for sale, or distribute a restricted-use pesticide. In fulfilling the second requirement, you should verify that each purchaser of restricted-use products holds a valid certification as a commercial, noncommercial or private applicator.

A separate individual must be licensed as a dealer at each store or sales location, including multiple sales locations owned by the same person. The dealer licensee is responsible for the actions of every person working under his or her direction. Applicants for a dealer license must submit the dealer application exam and pay a license fee of \$50.00. Persons who are currently certified as commercial applicators may obtain a license simply by completing the application exam and paying the \$50.00 license fee (in addition to the fee for the commercial applicator license). The dealer license expires each year on December 31st, but it can be renewed by paying the \$50.00 license fee. A 25% penalty will be charged for renewal applications filed on or after January 1st. Licenses that are not renewed by April 1st of the calendar year following their expiration, may not be renewed without the applicant's passing another application exam and re-applying for the license.

Pesticide dealers must maintain records of all sales or other distributions of restricted-use pesticides for a period of two (2) years after the date of such sale or distribution. Records must include, at a minimum, the name and pesticide applicator's license number of the

individual to whom the sale or distribution was made. These records must be presented to the Director or his agents for review and duplication upon request at the expense of the Department. Additionally, all restricted-use pesticides must be separated from general-use pesticides in displays of pesticides offered for sale to the public.

Inspectors with the Department of Pesticide Regulation routinely conduct marketplace and pesticide dealer inspections to determine that only certified applicators are purchasing restricted-use pesticides and to determine if pesticides are being displayed, stored, and sold according to state regulations. The Department of Pesticide Regulation will provide compliance assistance to all retailers selling SGARs who are currently not certified as a South Carolina licensed dealer. Retailers will be given no less than thirty (30) days to gain compliance as licensed dealers.

If you need assistance or have questions about the safe storage, sale, and display of pesticides, please contact your nearest Department of Pesticide Regulation Field Inspector.