

End of registration of pentachlorophenol pesticides



All pesticides used in Canada must be registered under the *Pest Control Products Act*. Pesticides are re-evaluated to ensure that they continue to meet health and environmental requirements. Re-evaluation may result in the revocation of a product or product uses. Health Canada may also request changes to a product's label, including mitigation measures, use sites and application methods.

Pentachlorophenol is used as a wood preservative for industrial uses such as treating railway ties, transmission line poles and exterior building materials. The updated special review of the active ingredient **pentachlorophenol** was published on October 4, 2022.

All pesticides containing pentachlorophenol are cancelled.

As of October 4, 2023:

- Any use of pentachlorophenol wood treatment products is prohibited.
- The sale, importation or installation of wood treated with pentachlorophenol is prohibited.

Cancelled product	Registration No.
DURA TREAT40	26110
KMG PENTA BLOCKS	28838

Using unregistered pesticides is a violation of the *Pest Control Products Act*.

Read the label

All pesticides registered in Canada have a Health Canada-approved label with a registration number. Read the pesticide label carefully, as it contains specific information on how to use it.

To find the most up-to-date label, use our online [label search tool](#) or search for “Health Canada pesticide labels” using your favourite search engine.

For more information

Re-evaluation Note [REV2022-02](#), Update on the special review of pentachlorophenol. *The re-evaluation decision is the official Health Canada document. In the event of any discrepancy with the content of this factsheet, the content of the decision shall prevail.*

Health Canada's Pesticide Compliance Program (PCP) is responsible for the enforcement of the *Pest Control Products Act*. Visit: canada.ca/pesticide-compliance