

Importing pesticides for personal use in Canada



Anyone who imports pesticides into Canada must comply with the requirements of Canadian regulations.

Any pesticide imported into Canada must be registered by Health Canada: herbicide, insecticide, flea treatment for animals, insect repellent, rodent poison, etc.

However, there is an exemption for personal use if the pesticide meets **all** the following conditions:

- ✓ the product is imported by a person¹ for personal use
- ✓ the product is in its original packaging
- ✓ the original label of the product is in English or French and **clearly** indicates:
 - the active ingredient and its concentration
 - the quantity of the product
 - An authorization number from the country of origin (e.g. U.S. EPA registration number)
- ✓ the **total** quantity does not exceed 500 g or 500 mL
- ✓ the imported product would be classified under the domestic class if it were registered in Canada
- ✓ the product **is not**: an organism, a device of a type described in Schedule 1 of the PCPR, or a treated article. Exceptions can apply for antimicrobial-treated items.

¹ The product must be in the importer's possession at the time of importation. **Online purchases of unregistered pesticides and their shipment to Canada are not permitted** under the exemption for pest control products imported for personal use.

The Canada Border Services Agency will refuse entry of ineligible pesticides. Health Canada may impose a monetary penalty on the person importing them.

IMPORTANT

The health and environmental safety of pesticides not registered in Canada has not been assessed by Health Canada. They may also not be properly labelled or packaged to ensure safe use, even if the imported pesticide has the same name as a pesticide registered in Canada.

Recognizing a product registered in Canada

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

To find a pesticide label, use the Health Canada online [label search tool](#), or search for "Health Canada pesticide labels" using your favourite search engine.

For more information

[Pest Control Products Regulations \(PCPR\)](#). The PCPR is the official Health Canada document. In the event of any discrepancy with the contents of this factsheet, the contents of the PCPR shall prevail.

Health Canada's Pesticides Compliance Program (PCP) is responsible for enforcing compliance with the *Pest Control Products Act*. Visit canada.ca/pesticide-compliance