

Guidance for Professional Rodenticide Users and Suppliers

- These regulations apply to professional rodenticide users, such as farmers, gamekeepers, and pest controllers.
- Suppliers refers to any entity - manufacturer, importer, distributor or retailer - that makes available or places on the market a rodenticide used for professional use only.
- The use of anticoagulant rodenticides by professional users in Great Britain and Northern Ireland must follow the requirements of one of the UK rodenticide stewardship regimes.
- Recognised rodenticide stewardship schemes in the UK are managed under the Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use (CRRU) UK initiative, specifically the “Think Wildlife” regime. These schemes are designed to ensure that professional users of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs) are properly trained to minimize environmental impact, specifically reducing risks to non-target wildlife.

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Changes to the Stewardship Scheme:

From **1 January 2026** you need to either:

Provide proof of training on a CRRU UK approved course, that must have been completed in the past 5 years.

OR

Provide proof of certification on an approved course more than 5 years ago and be part of an approved Continuing Professional Development (CPD) scheme.

- Evidence that you meet one of these requirements is obligatory at the point of sale.
- Membership of farm assurance schemes is no longer acceptable as proof of competence; and so, as a user of rodenticides you must ensure you meet the new requirements now.
- Suppliers must verify competence and keep records to demonstrate compliance with stewardship requirements.
- Updated declaration forms were published April 2025, these must be completed and returned to the rodenticide supplier, a declaration form is also required by the supplier.
- To find out more about approved training, CPD schemes and declaration forms, scan the **QR code** below.
- Failure to comply with the requirements could result in enforcement action being taken by Enforcing Authorities.



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