

# FACT SHEET: Pesticide Registration Management

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## What is a Pesticide?

A pesticide is any substance, or mixture of substances of chemical or biological ingredients intended for repelling, destroying or controlling any pest, or to regulate plant growth.

## What is Pesticide Registration?

Pesticide registration is the process through which the Pesticide Registration Unit examines the application and the product submitted for registration which includes its evaluation to ensure it is effective, will not have unreasonable adverse effects on humans, the environment and non-target species and appropriate directions for its use, storage and disposal practices on the pesticide's label. Pesticides must be registered by the Registrar of Pesticide before importing them, sold or use in Fiji.

## Types of Registration:

- Full Registration Permit
- Provisional Permit
- Experimental/Research Use Permit

## Procedure to register new pesticides:

- I. Requirements:
  - Completed application form
  - MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet)
  - Two copies of draft labels
  - Product sample
- II. Examination of the application;
- III. Product efficacy test
- IV. Evaluation
- V. Grant of registration.

## What a label should contain?

- Trade name
- Net weight or volume
- Directions for use
- Chemical name & percentage(s) of

## Active ingredients

- Manufacturing and Expiry Date
- Warning and cautionary statement
- Directions to proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in three main languages: English, i-Taukei and Hindustani
- Name & place of business of the manufacturer, distributor and importer
- Statement of registration which includes the registration number.

Registered under the Fiji Pesticides Act No. 41 of 1971  
Registration Number: I664/252G/179

## Requirements of a Proper Pesticide Storage Area

The storage area should have the following:

- Prohibition notice at the door of the storeroom(warning) (Fig.1)
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Fire Extinguisher
- Proper shelves for storage/display (Fig. 2).



*Fig 1: Prohibition notice*



*Fig 2: Proper shelves for storage*

### Pesticide Survey & Monitoring

- To improve the safety standard of pesticide sales in Fiji.
- To attain information on the pesticide and assessment of the pesticide storage facilities.

### Illegal activities often found include:

- Improper packaging, labelling and storage of pesticides (Fig. 3);
- Sales of unregistered and expired pesticides (Fig. 4) and,
- Sales of damaged pesticides (Fig 5).



*Fig 3: Rat bait without labels*



*Fig 4: Unregistered pesticides*



*Fig 5: Damaged pesticides*