

MHSM Interpretation – Definition of Pesticides # 1-2011

Issue

Definition of Pesticides in MHSW Rules for Stewards January 1 to December 31, 2011

Pesticides include fungicides, herbicides, insecticides and certain repellents registered under the Pest Control Products Act (Canada) bearing the “DOMESTIC” classification. By definition, commercial, agricultural and restricted classifications are excluded.

The description of Pesticides in the Phase 1 MHSW Program Plan (Section 3.10) includes the following words:

“that are required to display on the label the symbol shown in Schedule III of the Pest Control Products Regulation (Canada) the signal words “danger” or “warning”, and “poison” and represented by the skull & crossbones inside the precautionary symbols diamond or octagon”

The definition of Pesticides in the MHSW Rules for Stewards for the period January 1 to December 31, 2011 should be interpreted as if it includes these words and would therefore read:

Pesticides include fungicides, herbicides, insecticides and certain repellents registered under the Pest Control Products Act (Canada) bearing the “DOMESTIC” classification that are required to display on the label the symbol shown in Schedule III of the Pest Control Products Regulation (Canada) the signal words “danger” or “warning”, and “poison” and represented by precautionary symbols octagon or diamond and the skull and crossbones. By definition, commercial, agricultural and restricted classifications are excluded.

The order of the symbols has been changed to align with the signal words for accuracy and clarity.

All pesticides in Aerosol containers which meet the above definition are included within the scope of the MHSW program.