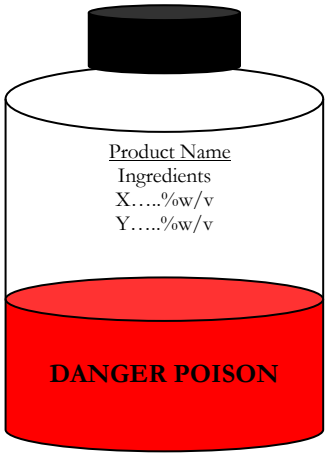
DID YOU KNOW THAT ALL PESTICIDES ARE COLOUR CODED?

As part of their registration process all labels affixed to retail packages of pesticides must conform with the Voluntary Labelling Standard: 'Requirements for labelling of Retail Packages of Pesticides

This standard provides for a simple colour coding system which can be used by consumers to identify products based on their Toxicity. This is represented by a colour band at the base of the label along with a warning phrase.

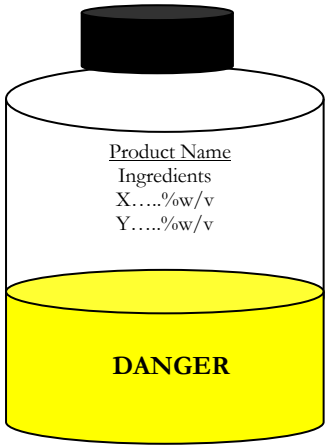
Class 1A & 1B



E.g. Aluminium Phosphide

Products in this class are the most toxic pesticides available and **must** Be handled with **extreme** caution. Only farmers actively involved in Production should use these items.

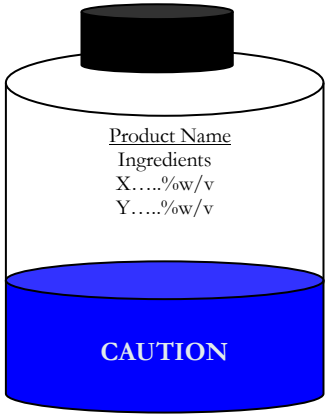
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E.g. Sevin Power

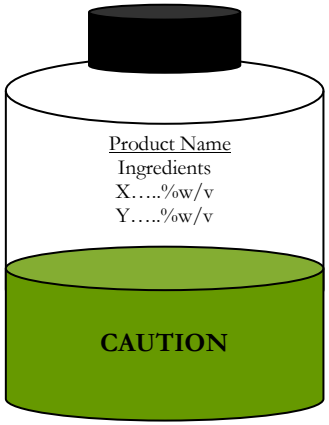
Products in this class are less toxic but can still do serious harm if not applied correctly. Always wear protective gear as outlined on the label before using any pesticide.

Class III



E.g. Malathion

Class IV



E.g. Aerosol Insecticides

Products in these classes while less toxic than the previous two categories must still be handled with care as they can be irritable to the skin, and respiratory passages especially at high doses.

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DID YOU KNOW?



COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT PESTICIDES

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WHAT ARE PESTICIDES?

When people think of pesticides they usually think of agricultural chemicals such as Gramoxone or Malathion; but pesticides encompass many more products which we come into contact with ,many on a daily basis.

According to The Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Act No. 42 of 1979 a Pesticide is legally defined as :

'Any substance which by itself or in combination with other substances, is proposed, represented, or used for destroying or controlling pests but does not include any antiseptic, disinfectant , drug or preservative'.

Other products which are considered pesticides include:

- *Aerosol insecticides (fly sprays, roach and ant sprays, etc)*
- *Mosquito Coils*
- *Vapour Mats (e.g. Bug Mats)*
- *Insect Baits (e.g. for roaches, flies)*
- *Bacchac Baits*
- *Boric Acid (for insect control)*
- *Flea and Tick Shampoos & Collars*
- *Flea and Tick Applications (e.g. Frontline)*
- *Insect Repellents (e.g. Off, Cutter,)*
- *Rodenticides (e.g. Klerat)*
- *Naphthalene balls/ Moth balls/Camphor balls*
- *Electric Vaporizers*
- *Wood preservatives/wood cures*
- *Mange applications*
- *Slug baits*

DO WE USE BANNED PESTICIDES?

This is another commonly held misconception concerning the use of Pesticides within Trinidad and Tobago.

All pesticides that are imported for any purpose into our country has to be registered with the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board of Trinidad and Tobago.

The Core members of this Board are :

- *The Chief Medical Officer of The Ministry of Health*
- *The Chief Chemist of The Chemistry Food & Drugs Division*
- *The Chief Technical Officer of The Ministry of Agriculture*
- *The Director of The Bureau of Standards*
- *The Industrial Safety Supervisor of The Factory Inspectorate*

All pesticides are carefully screened in terms of efficacy, toxicity, carcinogenicity, human health exposure, among many other criteria

After consideration and before the products are approved, a list of these products is published in the daily newspapers for public comment as well.

Additionally the State has a number of internationally banned pesticides on a negative list which also acts to prevent the entry and use of these items locally.

Finally if any pesticide becomes banned internationally due to newly discovered scientific data these items will also be added to the negative list and withdrawn from the local market if it exist. Many of us seek the assistance of such persons or companies when we have a serious pest problem such as termites, German cockroaches, rats, mice, etc.

PEST CONTROL OPERATORS

Did you know that according to law ALL Pest Control Operators must have a licence from the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board?

According to the Amendment Act No.11 of 1986 -
No person shall-
'(e) carry on the business of a pest control operator without a licence obtained under this Act'

A pest control operator is legally defined as :'any person who, by himself or his employees, assistants, workers or agents applies pesticides or carries out extermination for a remuneration.'

As a consumer it is in your best interest to ask for the following before any pest control work is performed on your property:

- *A current Licence from the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board*
- *A copy of the M.S.D.S. (Material Safety Data) Sheets for any pesticides to be used*
- *A copy of the operators liability insurance (to protect your property from any inadvertent damage which may be caused)*