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## PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS REQUIREMENTS

The Malta Standards Authority shall be shortly conducting visits and inspections to verify the conformity of plant protection products to the Pesticides Control Act, Act XI of 2001.

Plant Protection Products are products intended to:

- a) protect plant or plant products against all harmful organisms or prevent the action of such organisms,
- b) influence the life processes of plants, other than as a nutrient,
- c) preserve plant products
- d) destroy undesired plants
- e) destroy plants of plants, check or prevent undesired growth of plants.

In order for a plant protection product to be placed on the Maltese market, it has to be registered with the MSA. Once duly registered, the plant protection product will be given a registration number which shall be visible on the label during the retailing process. Also, all plant protection products on the market must have a label which shall be in both Maltese and English. The label shall give the registration number of the product, as well as the required dosage and any applicable warnings and safety information, amongst others.

Importers and retailers of such products are advised that plant protection products that are found on the market and which are not registered with MSA shall be removed immediately from the market. This applies to both plant protection products that are used in fields as well as household plant protection products. The inspectors will also have the power to seize any product which are not in conformity. The importer and/or retailer found to be placing on the market plant protection products that are not properly registered, will be liable to legal actions as indicated in the Pesticides Control Act.

A complete list of registered plant protection products can be downloaded from the Malta Standards Authority web site [www.msa.org.mt](http://www.msa.org.mt). For any further information or clarification, one may contact the Malta Standards Authority on telephone number 23952000.

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