

CROPLIFE SA PRODUCT RESPONSIBILITY ORGANISATION (PRO)

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR THE RECOVERY AND THERMO- DESTRUCTION OF OBSOLETE PESTICIDES

EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

**SOP FOR WASTE GENERATORS (FARMERS AND
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES)**



**ALL WASTE GENERATORS WHO WISH TO MAKE USE OF THE
FREE SERVICES OF THE CROPLIFE SA PRO FOR THE
RECOVERY AND DESTRUCTION OF OBSOLETE PESTICIDES
MUST READ THIS SOP BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH ANY
ACTION**

SEPTEMBER 2026

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NB: ONLY PESTICIDES (AGRICULTURAL REMEDIES) WILL BE ACCOMMODATED; THIS MEANS CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS REGISTERED UNDER ACT NO. 36 OF 1947 WITH L-REGISTRATION NUMBERS.

NO FERTILIZERS, NO ANIMAL FEEDS, NO ANIMAL HEALTH PRODUCTS, NO LABORATORY CHEMICALS, NO ACIDS (UNLESS REGISTERED AS PESTICIDES), NO ALKALIS AND NO OXIDANTS SUCH AS HYDROGEN PEROXIDE AND PERCHLORATES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

1. **Duties of the waste generator.** The waste generator in this context is a farmer (or the designated representative of the farmer) or designated representative of a government agency.
 - a. The waste generator must complete the CropLife SA PRO Obsolete Pesticides Inventory accurately. Make sure that the container volumes, number of containers and total left-over quantities per pesticide are correctly recorded.
 - i. The completed inventory must be sent to the CropLife SA PRO Manager Dr Gerhard Verdoorn gerhard@croplife.co.za.
 - b. The waste generator may ONLY list agricultural remedies (pesticides registered under Act No. 36 of 1947 with L-registration numbers). No other materials such as fertilizers, foliar feeds, soil nutrients, stock remedies, veterinary medicines or industrial chemicals such as lubricants may be included in the inventories.
 - i. All pesticides without labels must be marked with “**UNKNOWN**” in bold lettering on the container/packaging.
 - c. **THE DEADLINE FOR INVENTORIES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CROPLIFE SA PRO MANAGER IS FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 2026.**
 - d. The CropLife SA PRO Manager will audit each submitted inventory and return it to the waste generator.
 - e. The waste generator **MUST** safeguard any leaking or compromised containers/packaging in heavy gauge LDPE bags which must be sealed with cable ties or duct tape, and the names of the products must be written on the bags with indelible pens.
 - f. The waste generator must pack the obsolete pesticides securely on wooden pallets as follows:

- i. Plastic and steel drums of 20 and 25 litre volume on the base of the pallet.
 - ii. Smaller containers and bags on top of the first layer.
 - iii. Wrap all the containers and bags securely with cling wrap so that there is no physical movement of any containers or bags.
 - iv. A printed copy of the audited inventory must be sealed in a zip-lock bag and attached to each of the pallets.
- g. The palletised obsolete pesticides must be stored under cover in a lockable facility. A cardboard sign board bearing the inscription **OBSOLETE PESTICIDES TO BE DESTROYED BY THE CROPLIFE SA PRO** must be clearly displayed.
- h. No obsolete pesticides may be delivered or handed over to any third parties unless the waste generator is instructed to do so by the CropLife SA PRO Manager.
- i. The waste generator will be notified by the CropLife SA PRO Manager about the dates of delivery of the obsolete pesticides to the designated temporary collection points.
 - i. The delivery dates **MUST** be strictly adhered to. No late deliveries will be accepted.
 - ii. Obsolete pesticides must be delivered together with the two printed copies of the inventory.
 - iii. One copy of the inventory will be signed by the responsible person at the temporary collection point and handed back to the waste generator for safekeeping.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- A. The CropLife SA PRO does not charge any fees for the bulk transportation and thermo-destruction of any waste generator's obsolete pesticides. However, if a waste generator's reckless handling of obsolete pesticides causes any spillage, will the waste generator will be charged for the clean-up expenses.
- B. The CropLife SA PRO expects the waste generator to deliver the securely palletised obsolete pesticides to the designated temporary collection points within the three-day period that will be communicated to the waste generator.
- C. Persons assigned at the temporary collection points are mandated by the CropLife SA PRO to refuse to accept batches of obsolete pesticides that contain products that are not listed on the inventories or if the obsolete pesticides are not securely palletised.

