

# PESTICIDE SALES

## Holder of a retail sales permit for Class 1 to Class 3B pesticides

### YOUR OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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Retail sales refer exclusively to sales for the purpose of use. In other words, your client does not sell the pesticide but uses it. A Subclass B1 permit, “Retail Sale of Class 1 to Class 3B Pesticides,” is required to offer for sale and retail Class 1 to 3B pesticides.

- Raise customer awareness of the risks associated with pesticides.
- Offer the required personal protective equipment when selling a product.
- Cooperate with Ministère inspectors in the performance of their duties.
- Ensure that the offer for sale and the sale are carried out at all times by the holder of a Subclass B1 [certificate](#), or by a person working under the supervision of the holder of such a certificate.
- Display your permit in a clearly visible location in each of your establishments.
- Using the [form](#) provided, inform the Ministère of any change to your file (merger, sale, transfer, change of name or address, etc.) within a maximum of 30 days.
- Comply with the requirements concerning [pesticide storage](#) (e.g., storage conditions, distances from lakes, watercourses, water withdrawal sites or flood zones, the requirement for a containment works, posting of emergency numbers and civil liability insurance for damage caused to the environment).
- Ensure that your client holds a Class C or D permit. You can also sell pesticides to a farmer holding a Class E certificate, or to a forest manager holding a Class F certificate. For each sales transaction, you must ensure that the permit or certificate has not expired.

To verify the validity of a permit or certificate in the absence of the document, search [the public registry of permits and certificates](#) to check its expiry date. This registry also allows you to determine the class or subclass of the permit or certificate.

- You may only sell pesticides that correspond to the classes and subclasses of your client’s permit or, in the case of a farmer or forest manager, to the classes or subclasses of their certificate.

**Example** The holder of a Subclass C8 permit, “Application on Cultivated Land,” wishes to purchase a Class 3 rodenticide. You cannot sell them this pesticide, as rodenticide control is not covered by this permit subclass.

**Example** The holder of a Subclass E1 farm producer’s certificate wishes to purchase a magnesium phosphide-based fumigant. You cannot sell them this pesticide, since they do not hold a Subclass C6 or D6 permit or a Subclass E5 certificate.

Pesticides	Obligations
Class 1 to Class 3 pesticides containing any of the following active ingredients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Aluminum phosphide</li><li>- Carbon dioxide</li><li>- Ethylene oxide</li><li>- Magnesium phosphide</li><li>- Methyl bromide</li><li>- Phosphine</li><li>- Sulfuryl fluoride</li></ul>	Make sure your client holds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a Subclass C6 or D6 permit, “Application by Fumigation”</li></ul> OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a Subclass E5, “Farmer’s Certificate for Application by Fumigation”</li></ul>
Oat, wheat, canola, feed corn, grain corn, sweet corn, barley, or soybean seeds coated with an insecticide that is not a biopesticide (Class 3A)	Make sure your client provides an <a href="#">agronomic prescription</a> and holds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a Subclass C8 permit, “Application on Cultivated Land”</li></ul> OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a Subclass E1, “Farm Producer’s Certificate,” E2, “Farmer’s Certificate”, or E4, “Farmer’s Certificate for Sowing Pesticide Coated Seeds” (if not, your client has at their service someone holding such a certificate)</li></ul>

Pesticides	Obligations
<p>Oat, wheat, canola, feed corn, grain corn, sweet corn, barley, or soybean seeds coated with a fungicide or a biopesticide (Class 3B)</p>	<p>Make sure your client holds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a Subclass C8 permit, “Application on Cultivated Land”</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a Subclass E1, “Farm Producer’s Certificate,” E2, “Farmer’s Certificate”, or E4, “Farmer’s Certificate for Sowing Pesticide Coated Seeds” (if not, your client has at their service someone holding such a certificate)</li> </ul>
<p>Class 1 to Class 3 pesticides, applied for agricultural purposes, containing any of the following active ingredients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Atrazine</li> <li>- Clothianidin</li> <li>- Imidacloprid</li> <li>- Thiamethoxam</li> </ul> <p>Please consult the dataset <a href="#">Trade names of pesticides for which there is an agronomic prescription</a>.</p>	<p>Make sure your customer provides an <a href="#">agronomic prescription</a> and holds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a Subclass C1 or D1 permit, “Aerial Application,” or C8 permit, “Application on Cultivated Land”</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a Subclass E1, “Farm Producer’s Certificate,” or E2, “Farmer’s Certificate” (if not, your client has at their service someone holding such a certificate)</li> </ul>
<p>Class 2 and Class 3 pesticides, other than those applied for agricultural purposes and containing any of the following active ingredients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Atrazine</li> <li>- Clothianidin</li> <li>- Imidacloprid</li> <li>- Thiamethoxam</li> </ul>	<p>Make sure your client holds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a Class C, “Work for Others Permit,” or D, “Work Permit for Own Activities,” of a subclass that authorizes them to use the pesticide</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a Class E, “Farmer’s Certificate for the Application of Pesticides,” or F, “Forest Manager’s Certificate for the Application of Pesticides,” of a subclass that authorizes them to use the pesticide (if not, your client has at their service someone holding such a certificate)</li> </ul>
<p>Class 1 to 3 pesticides containing one of the active ingredients listed in Schedule I of the <i>Pesticides Management Code</i> and intended for the maintenance of green spaces*</p> <p>Please consult the dataset <a href="#">Trade names of pesticides banned in urban areas</a>.</p>	<p><b>Do not sell</b> to holders of a Subclass C4 or D4 permit, “Application for the Maintaining Green Areas”.</p>
<p>Class 1 to 3 pesticides containing one of the active ingredients listed in Schedule III of the <i>Pesticides Management Code</i> and intended for the maintenance of indoor plants**</p> <p>Please consult the dataset <a href="#">Trade names of pesticides banned in urban areas</a>.</p>	<p><b>Do not sell</b> to holders of a Subclass C10 permit, “Application in Buildings for Horticultural Purposes,” or D10 permit, “Application in Buildings for Ornamental Horticulture Purposes”.</p>
<p>Class 1 to 3 pesticides containing one of the active ingredients listed in Schedule IV of the <i>Pesticides Management Code</i> and intended for pest management inside homes**</p> <p>Please consult the dataset <a href="#">Trade names of pesticides banned in urban areas</a>.</p>	<p><b>Do not sell</b> to holders of a Subclass C5 or D5 permit, “Application for Pest Management”.</p>

\* Except if these pesticides are intended to be injected into decorative or ornamental plants or are used in solid form in traps, stations or containers that prevent any contact with a person or non-target animal.

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- Keep agronomic prescriptions you receive from your clients for five years.
- Keep the records of [purchases](#) and [sales](#) of pesticides up to date, including supplier and client contact information and transaction details. These records must be retained for five years.
- [Declare](#) the annual sales of Class 1, 2, 3, 3A, and 3B pesticides to the MELCCFP by January 31 of each year. This declaration includes the information in your records for the period between January 1 and December 31 of the previous year. By January 31, 2026, declare the sales of these pesticides made in 2025. The same requirement applies for subsequent years.

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- If you cease operations, declare sales made during the year within 30 days of ceasing operations.
- Ensure that you possess only pesticides that you are authorized to sell.

**Example** If you hold only a Subclass B1 permit, you are prohibited from possessing a Class 4 pesticide (for domestic use).

## ENHANCED ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATORY COMPLIANCE Since 2023

### Introduction of administrative monetary penalties (AMPs)

#### OBJECTIVES

Encourage prompt corrective action to remedy non-compliance and deter its recurrence.

#### DECISION TO IMPOSE AN AMP AND AMOUNT

The decision is based, among other factors, on the nature of the non-compliance, its actual or potential impact on human health and the environment, the vulnerability of the affected environment, and the offender's history. The amount is set by law or regulation according to the objective seriousness of the non-compliance.

#### OPERATION OF AMPs

AMPs are imposed following a case assessment after a non-compliance has been identified. The Ministère informs the individual or business concerned by issuing a notice of non-compliance. Where applicable, this notice precedes the imposition of an AMP.

### Modernization of the penal system

#### FINES

Increased minimum and maximum fines

#### LIMITATION PERIOD

Extended (5 years instead of 2 years)

#### REPEAT OFFENCES

New measures in the event of repeat offences (double or triple fines)

#### SENTENCING

Aggravating factors in sentencing

#### LIABILITY

Heightened liability of directors and officers

For more information, consult the [Directive sur le traitement des manquements à la législation environnementale](#) (in french only).

To dispose of registered, expired or unusable pesticides, Cleanfarms implements [a secure collection and disposal program](#) every three years.

For more information on pesticide-related requirements, please visit [Québec.ca](#).  
Do you have any questions? Use the [inquiry form](#) (link in French only).

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