

PESTICIDE SALES

Holder of a retail sales permit for Class 4 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 B2 permit, "Retail Sale of Class 4 Pesticides," is required to offer for sale or sell Class 4 pesticides.

No permit is required for retail sales of:

- [Class 5 pesticides](#)
- topical medication for animals (e.g., flea shampoo, collars and medallions for dogs or cats)

- 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 B2 [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., proper storage conditions, posting of emergency numbers and setback distances from sensitive elements).
- Ensure that you sell Class 4 pesticides only to individuals aged 16 or older.
- Ensure that Class 4 pesticides you offer for sale are kept out of reach of customers, except in specific cases, so that they cannot help themselves (for example, behind the counter or behind a locked gate or screen).

You are therefore authorized to leave certain [pesticides for domestic use freely accessible to clients](#).

- Ensure that you do not sell [certain pesticides for domestic use](#) intended to be applied:
 - for the maintenance of green spaces;
 - for the maintenance of indoor plants;
 - for pest management purposes inside homes.
- Ensure that you do not sell pesticides for domestic use in packaging containing more than one pesticide container, except in specific cases.
- Ensure that you possess only pesticides that you are authorized to sell. For example, if you hold only a Subclass B2 permit, you are prohibited from possessing a Class 3 pesticide (for industrial, commercial or agricultural 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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