

PESTICIDE SALES

Holder of a wholesale pesticides permit

YOUR OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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Wholesale is defined as the sale of a pesticide for resale, i.e. your client does not use the pesticide, but resells it to a vendor or user. Wholesale activities include pesticides in Classes 1 to 5.

- 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 Class A [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, notify the Ministère of any change to be made 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 or water withdrawal sites, storage and loading in an area with retention facilities, posting of emergency numbers and civil liability insurance for damage caused to the environment).
- Ensure that you sell pesticides to a person holding a sales permit. The only exceptions are the following pesticides:
 - [Class 5 pesticides](#);
 - topical medication for animals (e.g., flea shampoo, collars and medallions for dogs or cats, and insecticide ear tags for cattle).

To verify the validity of a permit in the absence of the document, you can 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.

- Ensure that you sell to your client only products that their class or subclass of permit allows them to sell.

Pesticides	Obligations
Classes 1, 2, 3, 3A*, 3B**, 4 and 5 pesticides	Ensure that your client holds a Class A, “Wholesale Permit.”
Classes 1, 2, 3, 3A* and 3B** pesticides	Ensure that your client holds a Subclass B1 permit, “Retail Sale of Class 1 to Class 3B Pesticides.”
Class 4 pesticides	Ensure that your client holds a Subclass B2 permit, “Retail Sale of Class 4 Pesticides.”
- Class 5 pesticides - Topical medication for animals	Ensure that your client retails these pesticides, although they do not necessarily hold a permit.

* Oat, wheat, canola, feed corn, grain corn, sweet corn, barley, or soybean seed coated with an insecticide that is not a biopesticide

** Oat, wheat, canola, feed corn, grain corn, sweet corn, barley, or soybean seed coated with a fungicide or a biopesticide

- 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 to the Ministère, no later than January 31 of each year, the annual sales of Class 4 and Class 5 pesticides (domestic use). This declaration includes the information recorded in your register for the period from January 1 to December 31 of the previous year. Accordingly, no later than January 31, 2026, you must declare sales of these pesticides made in 2025. The same requirement applies for subsequent years.

Please direct any questions to:

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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.

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).

The information contained in this document does not cover all aspects of regulation, and in no way replaces the regulatory texts published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.