



Self-Assessment Checklist

The following checklist can be used at any time to check that you are 'on track' with your chemical use practices.

If you are arranging for a formal workplace assessment with a *ChemCert* assessor you should ensure you use this as a pre-assessment checklist and only arrange for an on-site assessment when you can answer 'Yes' to all the questions.

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<i>Storage</i>	<p>Is the storage area secure and does it meet the requirements of legislation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can you explain the correct way to store chemicals? ▪ Are MSD's displayed in a prominent place within the storage area? 	
<i>Select Chemicals according to recommendations</i>	<p>Are chemical labels clear and easy to read, and are chemicals easily accessible?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can you demonstrate that you can select the correct chemical product for a job and follow recommendations for chemical use? 	
<i>Label Reading</i>	<p>Can you read a product label to determine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The application rate? ▪ Limitations for use (environmental safety, restrictions on use, resistance management information, disposal, withholding periods etc)? ▪ Hazards associated with using this chemical? ▪ Protective clothing required when using this product? ▪ Recommendations for applying the chemical? 	
<i>Protective clothing</i>	<p>Appropriate protective clothing for the job must be available. Do you have appropriate clothing and can you demonstrate that you can use it correctly? eg:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overalls, boots, apron and gloves for mixing ▪ Respirator with current cartridge ▪ Apron for mixing ▪ Eye protection for mixing ▪ OR AS REQUIRED ON THE LABEL 	
<i>Measuring</i>	<p>Can you demonstrate that you can accurately measure the required amount of chemical for a job? Suitable equipment must be available e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suitable measuring jugs or scales must be available. ▪ A safe place for mixing chemical must be available. 	

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Calibration	<p>Can you accurately calibrate the application equipment you are using to make sure you apply the label rate of chemical?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can you calibrate the equipment you are using (e.g. how many litres per hectare the equipment is applying, or how many animals the equipment will treat and the dose applied per animal)? ▪ Do you have evidence of calibrations you have conducted? 	
Application	<p>Can you correctly adjust and operate the application equipment you are using for the chemical and situation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can you demonstrate suitable spraying technique on the job? ▪ Can you provide evidence that you can do the job effectively? eg by your application records? 	
Weather constraints	<p>Can you describe suitable weather conditions for spraying or other application, including things you need to think about when applying the chemical product?</p>	
Clean up	<p>Can you effectively clean up equipment, waste chemical, empty containers and yourself after applying chemicals? Can you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Demonstrate that you have equipment and a suitable area to clean up at the end of spraying? ▪ Demonstrate that there is an area for storing empty containers? ▪ Demonstrate that there are personal washing facilities? 	
Records	<p>Do you have a suitable recording system for chemical use and know how to use it?</p> <p>This can be a record book or reasonably detailed diary entries of the products being used, location and rates etc.</p>	
Safe Practices	<p>Overall, your spraying practices should be safe. Do you have appropriate equipment to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Treat emergencies? ▪ Clean up spills? ▪ Is the area tidy? 	