

# Pesticide Scheduling

Pesticides are placed into Schedules indicating the level of hazard associated with using the product. The level of hazard is determined by reviewing the toxicology of the active constituent, its concentration, product formulation and any other ingredients, particularly solvents. These Schedules are set by the Commonwealth Government and adopted under the State poisons legislation

Pesticides are classified as either exempt from Scheduling (unscheduled) or included in Schedule 4, 5, 6, or 7 of the classification.

SCHEDULE	TOXICITY	OLD LABEL INFORMATION	CURRENT LABEL INFORMATION	LD <sub>50</sub> mg/kg		LC <sub>50</sub> mg/l
				ORAL	DERMAL	INHALATION
Unscheduled	Low	<b>READ SAFETY DIRECTIONS BEFORE OPENING OR USING</b>	<b>READ SAFETY DIRECTIONS BEFORE OPENING OR USING KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN</b>	> 5,000	> 20,000	> 20
Schedule 4 (Drugs for animals)	Moderate - handle with caution	<b>CAUTION SUPPLY WITHOUT PRESCRIPTION ILLEGAL KEEPOUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY</b>	<b>PRESCRIPTION ANIMAL REMEDY KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN</b>			
Schedule 5 (Poisons)	Low to moderate - handle with caution	<b>WARNING KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN READ SAFETY DIRECTIONS BEFORE OPENING</b>	<b>CAUTION KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN READ SAFETY DIRECTIONS BEFORE OPENING OR USING</b>	500 – 5,000	2,000 – 20,000	2.0 - 20
Schedule 6 (Poisons - External use)	Moderate to high - poisonous	<b>POISON KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN READ SAFETY DIRECTIONS BEFORE OPENING</b>	<b>POISON KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN READ SAFETY DIRECTIONS BEFORE OPENING</b>	50 – 500	200 – 2,000	0.2 – 2.0
Schedule 7 (Poisons)	High to very high - exceptionally poisonous	<b>DANGEROUS POISON NOT TO BE TAKEN KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN READ SAFETY DIRECTIONS BEFORE OPENING</b>	<b>DANGEROUS POISON KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN READ SAFETY DIRECTIONS BEFORE OPENING</b>	< 50	< 200	< 0.2
Schedule 8	Drugs of addiction		<b>RESTRICTION ON MANUFACTURE, POSSESSION AND USE</b>			
Schedule 9	Research Only		<b>PROHIBITED BY LAW EXCEPT WHERE REQUIRED BY MEDICAL RESEARCH</b>			

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In respect to the new label headings, these were phased in over a period of time leading up to a complete change effective June 2000.