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Significant changes to the Missouri Pesticide Use Act (MPUA) effective Jan. 1, 2025.

Pesticide Dealers

Q: Will there be any “delays” regarding the new changes, or must all requirements be met as of Jan. 1, 2025?

A: The department will “delay” requiring certification in the six new categories (12, 13, 20, 21, 22, 23) added to the Act on Jan. 1, 2025, for existing certified applicators (those having valid certification remaining on their license on Jan. 1, 2025) until their existing certification expires. Applicators with a delayed license can renew their license until their existing certification expires. All new requirements will be in effect when their existing certification expires.

Q: Can Pesticide Dealers still sell restricted use pesticides (RUPs) to people with “delayed” licenses?

A: Licensed Pesticide Dealers can continue to sell RUPs to “delayed” certified applicators, in accordance with the MPUA as it existed on Dec. 31, 2024, until the applicator’s existing certification expires.

Q: Can Pesticide Dealers hold more than one Pesticide Dealer license?

A: 281.050.1 removes the ability for individuals to hold more than one Pesticide Dealer license.

Q: Who can Pesticide Dealers distribute RUPs to?

A: 2CSR 70-25.170 (2) requires pesticide dealers to only sell, offer for sale, or distribute RUPs to other licensed dealers or to certified applicators holding valid certification in the appropriate category.

Q: Is the definition of “use” changing?

A: 281.020 (34) expands the definition of “use” to include loading any pesticide; cleaning pesticide equipment; and storing or disposing of pesticide containers, pesticides, spray mix, equipment wash waters, or other pesticide containing materials.

Q: What other changes should I be aware of?

A:

- 281.060.1 requires all licensed applicators and dealers to notify the department within 10 days of any conviction of or plea to any offense listed in this section.
- 281.101 adds various acts to the list of unlawful acts, including: the use of cancelled or suspended pesticides; the purchase or acquisition of restricted use pesticides without a proper license; the theft of examination materials; and cheating on examinations.