

**Title 2—DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE  
Division 70—Plant Industries  
Chapter 25—Pesticides**

**PROPOSED RULE**

**2 CSR 70-25.140 Certification Categories for Private Applicators and Certified Provisional Private Applicators.**

*PURPOSE: This rule details the certification categories for private applicators.*

(1) Category 20—General Agricultural Pest Control. This category is provided for private applicators who are required to obtain private applicator certification to use restricted use pesticides for the purpose of producing any agricultural commodity, excluding soil and non-soil fumigants and the aerial application of restricted use pesticides.

(2) Category 21—Soil Fumigation Pest Control. This category is provided for certified private applicators certified in Category 20 who are required to obtain proper category certification for the use of soil fumigants classified as restricted use pesticides for the control of pests found in or on soil during the production of any agricultural commodity.

(3) Category 22—Non-soil Fumigation Pest Control. This category is provided for certified private applicators certified in Category 20 who are required to obtain proper certification for the use of non-soil fumigants classified as restricted use pesticides for the control of pests in the production and storage of any agricultural commodity.

(4) Category 23—Aerial Pest Control. This category is provided for certified private applicators certified in Category 20 who are required to obtain proper category certification to apply restricted use pesticides with manned or unmanned aircraft, either fixed wing or rotary wing, in the production of any agricultural commodity.

*AUTHORITY: section 281.040, RSMo 1986.\* Original rule filed May 15, 2024.*

*\*Original authority: 281.040, RSMo 1974, amended 1977, 1988.*

*PUBLIC COST: This proposed rule will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.*

*PRIVATE COST: This proposed rule will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.*

*NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed rule with the Missouri Department of Agriculture, PO Box 630, Jefferson City, MO 65102. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. A public hearing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m, July 22, 2024, Missouri Department of Agriculture, Third Floor Boardroom, 1616 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, MO, 65109.*