



**REQUIREMENTS TO BE
CERTIFIED BY CROPLIFE SA
AS A RECYCLER AND
STANDARD OPERATING
PROCEDURES**

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

1. RECYCLERS MAY ONLY COLLECT AND RECYCLE TRIPLE RINSED, EMPTY PESTICIDE PACKAGING. PACKAGING THAT IS NOT ADEQUATELY CLEANED (TRIPLE RINSED) IS CATEGORISED AS HAZARDOUS WASTE AND MAY NOT BE RECOVERED, TRANSPORTED OR RECYCLED WITHOUT THE REQUIRED HAZARDOUS WASTE LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION, AND DANGEROUS GOODS TRANSPORTATION LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION.
2. CROPLIFE SOUTH AFRICA CERTIFIED RECYCLERS MUST ISSUE CROPLIFE SOUTH AFRICA CODI INTEL DECLARATIONS OF ADEQUATE DISPOSAL TO ALL FARMERS, NOT ONLY THOSE WHO ARE CERTIFIED AS GLOBALGAP PRODUCERS. SIMILAR CODI INTEL DECLARATIONS MUST ALSO BE ISSUED TO ANY OTHER PERSONS WHO DISPOSE OF ADEQUATELY CLEANED PESTICIDE PACKAGING VIA THE SERVICES OF CROPLIFE SA CERTIFIED RECYCLERS

DISCLAIMER

CropLife South Africa accepts no responsibility for services rendered by any service providers.

CropLife South Africa reserves the right to cancel its certification of a recycler at any time if a recycler fails to abide by the requirements set out in this document or transgresses statutory laws.

COMPANIES INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE CROPLIFE SA WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME SHOULD PLEASE CONTACT:

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- Recyclers who only **collect** triple rinsed empty pesticide packaging do not need to be registered or licensed in terms of the NEM: Waste Act, 2000 (Act No. 59 of 2008).
- Recyclers who **process** (rinse, shred, extrude, pelletise) any recovered pesticide packaging must be licensed for waste management by the relevant provincial authorities to operate recycling plants in terms of the NEM: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008).
- Recyclers must have secure storage cages or buildings where triple rinsed empty packaging may be stored for no longer than three months before they are disposed of at a licensed processor. Interrogate the CLSA guidelines for storage cage specifications on <https://croplife.co.za/ContainerStorageCage>.
- Recyclers must comply fully with their license requirements especially as far as disposal of treatment water is concerned, if such is applicable.
- Recyclers must have at least one mobile telephone number and e-mail address through which they can be reached.
- Recyclers must have fixed addresses and premises from where they operate.
- Triple rinsed empty pesticide packaging may be transported without complying with the conditions of the National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No. 93 of 1996), its regulations and SANS 10231 for the transportation and classification of dangerous goods because such packaging is classified as nominally empty according to SANS10406:2016 clause 3.1.6.
- Triple rinsed empty pesticide packaging may not be sold, donated or used as packaging for any purposes

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- Recyclers must check every package (container) to ensure it is triple rinsed according to the CropLife SA protocol; unrinsed packaging may not be collected or received from farmers.
- Recyclers must issue the CropLife SA CoDi Intel Declaration of adequate disposal to owners of such materials as a form of record keeping for every batch of triple rinsed empty packaging that is collected from the owners.
- Recyclers must submit statistics at the end of each calendar year to CropLife SA on the quantity of material that was recovered.
- CropLife SA may at any time request recyclers to declare that they comply with statutory laws and CropLife SA requirements.
- CropLife SA encourages certified recyclers to report malpractices with empty packaging by any parties to CropLife SA.
- CropLife SA encourages certified recyclers to call CropLife SA for support when faced with any issues.
- CropLife SA encourages certified recyclers to trade with reputable companies that uphold the statutes of the country.