

## MEDIA STATEMENT

# CROPLIFE SOUTH AFRICA'S NEW COMPENDIUM ON INDOOR PESTS TAKES THE GUESSWORK OUT OF HOUSEHOLD PEST CONTROL

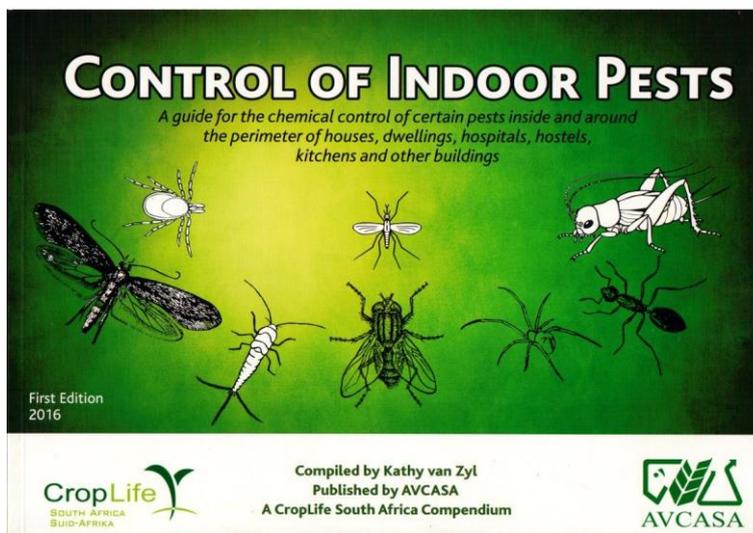
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CropLife South Africa (CLSA) offers a new tool to inform decision making on responsible control of indoors pest with its new Control of Indoor Pests compendium. This compendium is a guide to the chemical control of certain pests inside and around the perimeter of houses, dwellings, hospitals, hostels, kitchens and buildings. A quick glance at the contents reveals a simple layout listing registered pesticides with the pests that they can be used for as well as the active ingredients and directions for use.

This compendium compiled by Kathy van Zyl for CLSA is a first for South Africa and is aimed at home owners and professional pest control operators. The days of standing in front of shelves looking for a product to control a particular pest are over; the compendium will guide the consumer to pesticides that are registered for indoor and perimeter use. It has a separate section on rodenticides with instructions for use. CLSA strongly advises the public to acquire bait stations at hardware stores and apply rodenticides ONLY in bait stations to prevent poisoning of dogs and children.



One of the main reasons for publishing a compendium of this nature is to take the guess work out of indoor pest control. Consumers often buy pesticides that are not registered for domestic use with dire consequences to themselves, their families and their pets. Only products that are registered for domestic use should be used for indoor and perimeter pest control event though some outlets such as hardware stores and cooperatives sell pesticides for household and agriculture applications. Members of the public should take note of the products listed in this compendium; if it not listed it is most probably not registered for domestic use. Some active ingredients such as cypermethrin are available both for domestic use and for agriculture. The

agriculture products will mostly be of much higher concentration than the products for domestic use and pose a definite risk if used in indoor situations.

CLSA also urges all consumers to read labels of pesticides before using them and if uncertain about the application to call the Griffon Poison Information Centre on 082-446-8946 for advice. Consumers often use pesticides without taking note of warnings, precautions or directions for use. This may lead to undue exposure of people and animals to pesticides.

With this compendium the consumer also has a tool to check on pest control operators to ensure they use products that are registered for indoor and perimeter use. Pesticides that are registered only for pest control operator use are indicated as such in the compendium and may only be acquired and used by these professional operators.

The Control of Indoor Pests compendium will be updated as often as possible to keep track of changes in products. It can be ordered by using the order form on the CLSA website at <http://croplife.co.za/images/croplife/publications/AVCASABookOrderForm.pdf>.

The second edition of CLSA's compendium on plant pest management is currently being finalized by Kathy van Zyl and should be available within the next four weeks

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