



PEST CONTROL OPERATOR GUIDELINES

CLEANING AND DISPOSAL OF EMPTY PAPER AND PLASTIC RODENTICIDE PACKS

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REGULATORY INFORMATION



- Only nominally empty rodenticide packaging may be recovered, transported and recycled. Such rodenticide packaging is not classified as dangerous goods by the SA National Standard 10406:2014 **Clause 3.1.6**, but are classified as nominally empty packaging:

- **Nominally empty packaging:**

Previously certified packaging from which contents have been removed as far as possible, by means of the practices commonly employed to remove materials from that type of container, for example pouring, scraping, pumping, or aspirating

NOTE: Packaging containing residual material of division 6.1 (main or subsidiary hazard, in accordance with SANS 10228) is not deemed empty unless it has been triple-rinsed with an effective solvent, or has been cleaned by a method proved to achieve equivalent removal.

- Rodenticide packaging that is contaminated with rodenticides is categorised as **hazardous** waste and **dangerous goods**, and must be treated as such, meaning transported **ONLY** according to **SANS10231** with vehicles **licensed** as dangerous goods vehicles, fitted with the required **dangerous goods placards** and driven by drivers that are **qualified and licensed** to drive such vehicles.
- Rodenticide packaging may not be **buried** or **burned**; it is a **criminal** offense in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008). Refer to SANS10206:2020 for verification of this.

THERE ARE CROPLIFE SA CERTIFIED RECYCLERS THAT CATER ONLY FOR PEST CONTROL OPERATORS; USE THEM TO DISPOSE OF EMPTY PESTICIDE PACKAGING TO COMPLY WITH THE NEM:WASTE ACT



CLEANING PROTOCOL FOR RODENTICIDE PAPER AND PLASTIC PACKAGING

Rodenticide packaging

- i. Remove all the rodenticide from the packaging
- ii. Shake the packaging vigorously to clear it of all particles
- iii. Wax blocks, paste, pellets and grain baits in plastic or paper/plastic or cardboard packaging do not stick to the packaging, hence the packaging is not contaminated
- iv. Dispose of the paper backing or cardboard box in normal paper recycling
- v. Dispose of the plastic bags, clear plastic covers or plastic tubs *via* a CropLife SA Certified Recycler marked as **PCOs ONLY**
[https://croplife.co.za/Collectors Recyclers](https://croplife.co.za/Collectors_Recyclers)
- vi. The recycler must complete the CoDi Intel Declaration and issue a copy to the PCO as proof of responsible disposal

