



Message from Southwark Trading Standards illegal insecticide / pest poison Are you selling banned goods?

1. Introduction

Trading Standards have recently found a product called **Sniper DDVP** on sale in the borough containing a banned substance called **Dichlorvos** also known as **DDVP** (dichlorovinyl-dimethylphosphate).

It is illegal to advertise, sell, or supply any products containing DDVP.

This leaflet explains more about the issue.

2. Ban on pesticides / insecticides containing DDVP

Pesticides and insecticides (which are both biocides) have the potential to kill or harm humans, pets and wild life. They can also cause permanent environmental damage. For these reasons strict safety and product licensing regulations control what substances can and cannot be sold.

You could be prosecuted for dealing in illegal and unlicensed pest control products and your stocks could be seized.

DDVP is a hazardous organophosphate and has been banned from general sale in the UK since 2002. Professional use DDVP products were also banned from 2007.

In 2012 the ban was applied across all European Union countries.

3. Why is DDVP banned?

The substance is banned due to its potential to damage the human nervous system, and concerns over carcinogenic (cancer causing) properties. It is highly toxic.

4. What should I do if my stock is not correct?

Check your insect and pest control products for any mention of **Dichlorvos or DDVP (dichlorovinyl-dimethylphosphate)**. As well as the product shown above it was previously found in insect strips and museum fly killers.

If you find any stop selling it, remove it from your shelves and contact us for further advice. We will ask for details of where you bought the goods from so always keep receipts and invoices.



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5. Can I still sell other pest control products?

Any product that claims to be a pesticide or insecticidal (i.e. has killing, controlling, deterring effects) will require a licence and prescribed labelling. Make sure you only stock products displaying such prescribed information and the licence details.

You should avoid buying goods from people who call into your shop uninvited. Only source your stock from traceable established businesses that provide you with invoices and receipts.

Be especially wary of buying any such products originating from outside the EU.

6. Other banned products to look out for

We have also found mothballs containing the banned substance **Naphthalene** on sale in the area and an illegally imported type of **Baygon** flyspray which was not manufactured for sale in the EU.

Note also that **Creosote** and coal tar creosote wood preservatives are also banned from sale to the general public.

Examples of other banned pest control products found



7. Poisons licensing – non medicinal poisons

You may need a poisons licence if you are selling products containing certain chemicals or ingredients. These are listed in the Poisons List Order 1982 and include some types of; rodent killers, weed killers, polishes, cleaning products, disinfectants and antiseptics etc. For further information contact our Licensing team or visit the licences section in the business pages of the Council's website.

8. Further information

If you require further assistance on these requirements, or would like additional information leaflets, please email us via tradingstandards@southwark.gov.uk or call the council's contact centre.

For more detailed advice on pesticides and biocides visit the HSE website at www.hse.gov.uk

Please note only the courts can interpret legislation with authority and this leaflet is subject to revision or amendment without notice (Ref DDVP 1.0 July 2014)