

#### 11.8.03 (Reference number taken from OF&G guidance)

If an external pest control contractor is used, the contractor should be a member of the British Pest Control Association or equivalent body and be made aware that the site is organic and that appropriate treatments should be used. The contractor should be asked to provide a letter confirming this, and this letter should be placed in the site pest control manual.

If pest control is carried out in-house, the person should be trained to understand COSHH issues etc. There should be an appropriate bait plan, a safety data sheet for each chemical used and all treatments should be recorded. (A copy of OF&G Record Sheet 48 may be used).

Only chemicals that are suitable for use in the food or feed industry (as appropriate) may be used.

#### 11.8.05

A preventive programme is the basis of effective pest control. The operator must therefore be able to demonstrate, including written records, that:

- (i) All storage and production premises, whether operator or third party controlled are managed as set out below;
- (ii) The design and construction of the premises are suitable for the prevention of pest and infection build up;
- (iii) Adequate control measures are taken to prevent imported pests. This should include raw materials via checks on incoming products, supplier audits and also on other risks, in particular second-hand plant;
- (iv) Good stock rotation has been maintained;
- (v) The operator must be able to demonstrate that they have taken the necessary precautions to ensure that newly employed plant or premises are free from contamination by non-permitted materials;
- (vi) Potential entry points for pests are controlled, e.g. drains, door, windows, ventilation ducts are screened;
- (vii) The site is well managed, e.g. outside walls kept clear, spillage cleared and appropriate waste management practices in place;
- (viii) There exists an effective cleaning program, clearly documented, thoroughly implemented and accurately recorded;
- (ix) Regular monitoring and pest activity should be undertaken by a registered pest control contractor or suitably trained person and records kept.

#### 11.8.06

In the event that the preventative measures are not effective, the following requirements must be met:

- (i) Exact records must be kept of all pest control measures taken;
- (ii) Substances used for pest control must be correctly labelled and stored under lock and key when not in use;
- (iii) Any measures using controlled substances must prevent direct contact with organic raw materials or product;
- (iv) All treatments must be carried out by a suitably qualified person and in accordance with latest COSHH Regulations.

#### 11.8.07

Those parts of the site that are not used for organic production or storage, and which are under the control of the operator should be treated, where possible, using only methods permitted or restricted below.

Use of other methods must ensure the prevention of contamination of organic production or storage by migration, contact, personnel etc.

In cases where fumigation of premises, plant or equipment is required the treatment must be carried out in accordance with the COSHH Regulations. Adequate clearance time must be allowed for the fumigant to disperse and effective steps must be taken to ensure that fumigant residues do not remain on product contact surfaces before the premises, plant or equipment is used again for organic production. Organically produced raw materials, semi-finished or finished

products must not be present when fumigation treatments are carried out.

11.8.08

The following substances and processes are permitted:

**Name description, compositional requirements, conditions for use**

Freezing, heating and vacuum.

Carbon dioxide, nitrogen.

For treatment of products and packaging.

Ozone (gas) Fumigation of food processing and storage premises, particularly against mould in dairies. Neither personnel nor organic products should be present during fumigation.

Mechanical barriers, sound and light, including UV.

Electrical insect killers.

Legally approved rodenticides or insecticides

Tamper evident bait stations containing legally approved rodenticides or insecticides in locations where there is no risk of contamination.

Pheromone traps and sticky boards not containing pesticides.

Where the latter are used for rodent control, they must be in accordance with British Pest Control Association Code of Practice.

Dessicant dust Dessicant dusts (e.g. diatomaceous earth and amorphous silica) derived from naturally occurring sources and where there is no risk of contamination.