

BASIS Rodenticide Point of Sale (RPoS) Audit

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RODENTICIDE POINT OF SALE AUDIT

The Rodenticide Point of Sale audit forms an important part of the UK Rodenticide Stewardship regime operated by CRRU (Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use) UK.

Conducted by BASIS, the annual audit ensures that rodenticide distributors have the appropriate mechanisms in place at the point of sale to check that stewardship-approved qualifications are fulfilled by all purchasers and users of rodenticide baits.

RODENTICIDE STEWARDSHIP

The way we currently use professional rodenticides, particularly the second-generation anticoagulants (SGARs), leads to widespread contamination of UK wildlife. We know that a high proportion of some bird populations, including barn owls, kestrels, sparrowhawks and red kites, and many mammals, such as stoats, weasels, foxes, hedgehogs and polecats, carry residues of these substances in their bodies.

The UK Competent Authority for biocides, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), has said that in future it will only authorise rodenticides for use outside of buildings *if* a programme of rodenticide stewardship is in place.

The CRRU UK Rodenticide Stewardship Regime aims to educate users about the risk to wildlife of exposure to rodenticides and explains how to prevent it. Unless the regime is successful, HSE will consider further restrictions on who can use rodenticides and where they can be applied. One such restriction might be to permit use only indoors. That would seriously affect our ability to control rodents, especially rats, quickly and easily.

WHY DO WE NEED STEWARDSHIP

Demands of consumers for high quality and safe food mean that there is a need for higher standards in all stages of food production. This has led to strict quality assurance requirements from buyers, such as supermarkets and food processing companies. Among these requirements is the need for highly effective control of rodents, which otherwise contaminate and destroy food at every stage from the farm to the supermarket shelf.

At the same time, government agencies responsible for the regulation of rodenticides have raised concern that many species of wildlife, such as barn owls, kestrels and red kites, are being accidentally exposed to these products. These agencies have called for better stewardship of rodenticides to prevent wildlife exposure.

The Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use (CRRU) is a response to that call. Under the banner "Think Wildlife", CRRU promotes best practice and responsible rodent control, thereby protecting wildlife from rodenticide exposure.

For more information about CRRU and the stewardship scheme, please visit:
www.thinkwildlife.org/crru-uk/.

WHAT IS THE STEWARDSHIP REGIME AND WHO RUNS IT?

The regime covers all rodenticides sold to, and used by, professionals outside buildings. It does not involve rodenticides restricted to use indoors, nor the fumigant gases which are the responsibility of the Register of Accredited Metallic Phosphide Standards (<http://www.ramps-uk.org/>). It also does not involve rodenticide products sold to and used by the general public.

Implementation of the regime is co-ordinated by the CRRU UK Task Force. This is a broad-based group comprising representatives of the 16 CRRU UK Member Companies, invited CRRU Technical Advisors from government and academia, the leaders of the six implementation CRRU UK Work Groups (www.thinkwildlife.org/stewardship-regime/) and representatives from a wide range of stakeholder agencies, including professional pest control, farming, gamekeeping and conservation.

Cornerstone of the regime is a CRRU UK: [Code of Best Practice](#)

Application of rodenticides according to the Code will prevent unnecessary exposure of wildlife, and other non-target animals, and help deliver the objectives of the regime.

KEY INFORMATION

1. Since April 2016, rodenticide products with 'stewardship conditions' labels for use outside by professionals, including farmers, have carried the following statement: "For supply to and use only by professional users holding certification demonstrating compliance with UK rodenticide stewardship regime requirements".

2. Farmers, Professional pest controllers, gamekeepers and other users who have completed an approved training course and obtained a certificate are permitted to buy and use these products.

Please check the current list of approved certification providers here:

www.thinkwildlife.org/training-certification/

CHANGES TO RODENTICIDE POINT OF SALE AUDIT FOR 2026

From 1st January 2026 the following two options will be the only criteria at the point of sale which sellers of professional use rodenticides will consider as proof of competence for the purchase and subsequent use of professional use rodenticides in the UK.

Either :

1. Proof of certification to a CRRU UK approved training course within the past 5 years.

Or :

2. Proof of certification to a CRRU UK approved training course more than 5 years ago **and** current membership of a CRRU UK approved Continuing Professional Development (CPD) scheme.

"CRRU UK approved CPD schemes feature 3 points / hours / credits, of rodent control content that conforms to CRRU guidelines, required each year as part of the normal quota for membership"

CRRU UK approved training courses :

<https://www.thinkwildlife.org/training-certification/>

CRRU UK approved CPD schemes :

<https://www.thinkwildlife.org/training-certification/continuing-professional-development-cpd-and-stewardship/>

WHAT ARE RODENTICIDE POINT OF SALE AUDITS?

In order for companies to sell professional rodenticides they need to be able to *demonstrate* that they are meeting the controls listed above to ensure sales are only made to certificated users.

WHO WILL BE CONDUCTING THE RODENTICIDE POINT OF SALE AUDITS?

BASIS Registration provides an independent annual on-site audit on behalf of CRRU, which satisfies the Government Oversight Group, that the industry is complying with stewardship. BASIS has over 45 years' experience in auditing, achieved through our team of fully independent auditors who have a wealth of experience across all areas of the industry.

If you are already a BASIS registered Store Inspection Scheme audit member, then the Rodenticide Point of Sale audit will be conducted during your annual BASIS inspection visit and will add a small amount of time onto your audit. You will need to make sure that all your premises/depots are registered for an audit even if they only sell rodenticides and no other pesticides.

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE RODENTICIDE POINT OF SALE SCHEME?

If you have not been part of a BASIS Inspection Scheme or similar before, you will need to register each premise/depot from which you sell professional rodenticides.

To register your premise, please complete the application form which can be obtained by emailing: auditing@basis-reg.co.uk or visiting the BASIS website: www.basis-audit.co.uk.

You will then receive an invoice by e-mail which must be paid prior to any audit taking place. You can pay this through the BASIS website using the link contained in your invoice, which will be e-mailed to you.

Upon payment, BASIS will begin the audit process to ensure your premise/depot meets the requirements of the CRRU Rodenticide Point of Sale audit and Stewardship conditions.

Please note that membership is annual from 1st January to 31st December each year. Membership is not pro-rata.

WHAT TO EXPECT FOR YOUR RODENTICIDE POINT OF SALE AUDIT

One of the BASIS Auditing team will contact you to arrange the audit visit. You will be offered a date and time, which we hope you will do your best to accommodate as these are made in conjunction with others in your area to keep costs (and therefore fees) to a minimum.

It will take approximately 30 minutes to complete your Rodenticide Point of Sale audit. You will need to ensure a key (responsible) member of staff who is familiar with your system is available for the audit.

The auditor will need to see evidence of transactions and how the relevant certification was checked by the distributor prior to the sale being made.

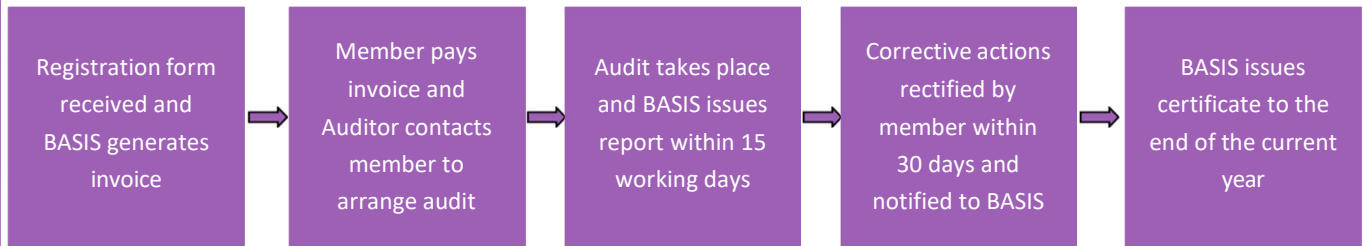
Following the audit visit you will receive an e-mailed report detailing any actions needed for the audit to be compliant or confirming compliance.

There are three audit grades available: Pass, Qualified Pass and Fail. A premise/depot needs to achieve 100% to be given a compliant 'Pass' status. Below this will give you a 'Qualified Pass' grade that will have corrective actions to complete. A score of under 25% will mean that your premise is immediately non-compliant and will need a follow-up inspection to check that the deficiencies have been rectified.

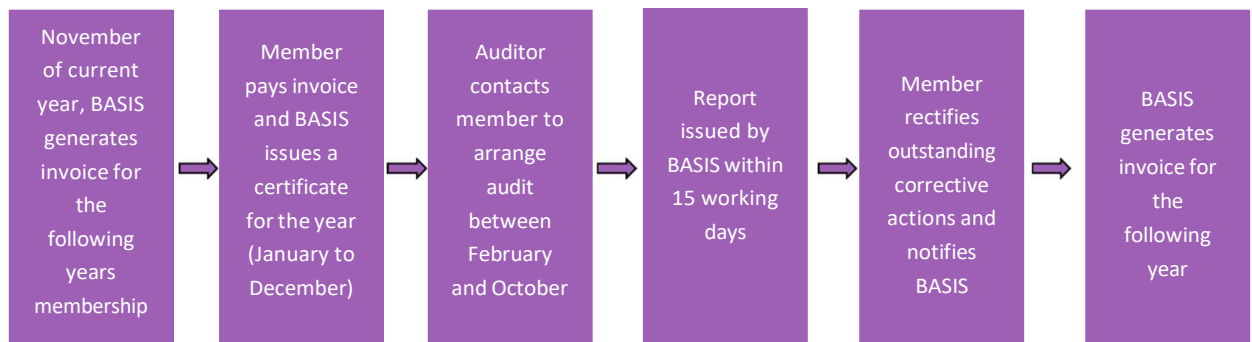
If your premise is compliant, you will receive a certificate of compliance valid from 1st January to 31st December for the year following the audit, i.e. an audit conducted in October 2023 will give you certification from 1st January 2024.

If you have non-compliances, which you do not rectify these will be reported to CRRU Point of Sale Work Group who may impose restrictions on future supply of the product and request additional audits (further charges will be necessary to cover costs) until compliance is proven.

Year 1 (*Process for a new member*)



Year 2 onwards (*Process for all members*)



THE RODENTICIDE POINT OF SALE STANDARDS

Each member is required to adhere to all of the Rodenticide Point of Sale audit scheme standards set out below and the membership requirements at all times, in order to remain on the scheme.

The standards that follow below are those that the Auditor will be discussing and checking compliance against as part of your audit, on an annual basis.

Each section contains the relevant standard and guidance to assist you with further information.

The standards are split into sections:

- RPoS Audit – Users (Farmers, Professional pest controllers, gamekeepers with Certification within 5 years or a member of a recognised)
- RPoS Audit – Supply chain

The standards are maintained and reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that they are in line with current industry regulations and best practice.

The standards are detailed below:

RPOS Audit – Users (Farmers, professional pest controllers and gamekeepers)		
1.1	Evidence of transaction to the user must be documented and types of sales recorded.	Serious
1.2	Photographic proof of ID for new customers must be obtained, matched to the certificate of competence and noted as seen (evidenced).	Serious
1.3	Sales must only be made to certificated users.	Serious
1.4	If sales are made to certificated users a declaration form must be in place.	Serious
1.5	Copies of approved certification within 5 years must be held on record.	Serious
1.6	Copies of approved certification over 5 years must have a qualifying CPD scheme and evidence kept. Basis Prompt https://basis-prompt.co.uk/ BPCA Registered https://bpca.org.uk/registered British Pest Register https://cpd.pest-register.co.uk/login.php	
RPOS Audit - Supply Chain Sales		
2.1	Evidence of transaction to the user must be documented and types of sales recorded.	Serious
2.2	If sales are made through a supply chain partner a declaration form or equivalent contract must be in place and a copy of a BASIS Rodenticide certificate must be kept on file.	Serious
Information		
Transaction details must include: Name of purchaser, address, delivery address (if applicable), name of product, date of transaction		
Guidance		
For a list of CRRU approved certificate of competence, please visit: www.thinkwildlife.org/training-certification/		
For a list of CRRU approved farm assurance schemes, please visit: www.thinkwildlife.org/stewardship-regime/just-for-farmers/training-certification/		
To download declarations, please visit: https://www.thinkwildlife.org/downloads/		
If a customer has proof of a CPD scheme showing the fulfilled membership criteria for 1 of the 3 schemes (points quota met and within that the 3 CRRU points) then the CPD scheme certificate/card would be enough.		

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information and frequently asked questions are available to view here:

www.thinkwildlife.org/download/point-of-sale-ga/?wpdmdl=15916.

The CRRU Code of Practice is available here: www.thinkwildlife.org/download/crru-uk-code-of-best-practice-2021.



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