

COSHH 2002 reg 6: exposure is assessed BEFORE the work starts; reg 7: it is prevented, or adequately controlled, working down the hierarchy — eliminate, substitute, engineer, then RPE last. This assessment covers the substance family below; it is completed against the actual products (their safety data sheets alongside) and the actual task, and briefed to the people exposed. The current workplace exposure limit, where one applies, comes from EH40 and the SDS on the day — write it in below.

1 ASSESSMENT DETAILS

SITE / PROJECT

TASK ASSESSED

PRODUCTS IN USE (SDS TO HAND)

ASSESSED BY

DATE

2 THE SUBSTANCE — WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT DOES

WHERE IT IS MET: Vegetation clearance, weed control on hard landscaping and Japanese knotweed treatment, insecticide treatment of timber and nests, and biocidal washes. Applied by knapsack sprayer, usually outdoors, sometimes in wind.

THE HARM: Herbicides and insecticides irritate skin and eyes, some are harmful if absorbed or swallowed, and concentrates are far more hazardous than the diluted spray. Drift reaches other people, watercourses and gardens. Some products are classed as hazardous to reproduction or are suspected carcinogens — the SDS says which.

3 EXPOSURE — ROUTES, PEOPLE, LIMIT

Inhalation — dust, fume, vapour or mist

Ingestion — hand to mouth

Skin and eye contact

Others affected — adjacent trades, occupiers, public

WHO IS EXPOSED, HOW LONG, HOW OFTEN

WEL / LIMIT (FROM EH40 AND THE SDS TODAY)

4 CONTROLS — IN THE REG 7 HIERARCHY, ALL IN PLACE BEFORE WORK STARTS

Herbicides and other plant protection products applied only by holders of a specified certificate, or under the supervision the regulations allow; biocides (timber insecticides, nest treatments, biocidal washes) used by trained people strictly to the label — the label says which regime the product is under

Mix and fill in the open, with gauntlets, face shield and coveralls; concentrate handled as the most hazardous form

No spraying in wind that drifts, near watercourses without the consent the RAMS requires, or near people — exclusion maintained until dry

Wash before eating, drinking or smoking; contaminated coveralls kept on site

Empty containers triple-rinsed into the sprayer and disposed of as the SDS requires

SITE-SPECIFIC CONTROLS FOR THIS TASK

RPE WORN (TYPE, AND FACE-FIT WHERE TIGHT-FITTING)

OTHER PPE FOR THIS SUBSTANCE

5 HEALTH SURVEILLANCE, HYGIENE AND FIRST AID

Regular applicators with symptoms referred; some products require health surveillance — the SDS and the assessment say so.

6 STORAGE, SPILLAGE AND DISPOSAL

Locked, banded, ventilated pesticide store away from accommodation, drains and watercourses; spill kit with it; the SDS set and the register of what is held.

WHERE IT IS STORED ON THIS SITE

SPILL RESPONSE AT THE WORK

7 SIGN-OFF AND BRIEFING

The assessment is complete when the people exposed have been briefed on it. Reassess when the product, task, quantity or location changes — not on an anniversary.

ASSESSOR — PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

WORKFORCE BRIEFED (DATE / RECORD REF)

R REVISION HISTORY

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