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ATTENTION: WRLA Manitoba Retail Members

RE: New Pesticide Regulations

As of May 1, 2015 legislation came into effect in Manitoba regarding the sale of pesticides. This past April, a webinar hosted by the MB government concerning this new legislation was made available to all retailers in the province. A number of our WRLA members participated.

A recent audit of a number of lumber yards in Manitoba has identified a misunderstanding that retailers need to be licensed. Under the new legislation there is no requirement that the retailer be licensed to dispense domestic grade product.

This new legislation introduces two categories of products: Allowable List and Prescribed Pesticides. The “allowable” products are accessible to the public on open shelves without assistance from a sales associate. The “prescribed” products are available to the public but the retailer must restrict access, train staff to dispense, maintain records, educate the consumer on the appropriate use and provide a brochure to the customer. Commercial grade products including bear spray require dealer licensing through Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development.)

All of the retailer requirements, including a list of “allowable products” and a retailer specific FAQ are provided on the MB government website www.manitoba.ca/pesticide-reduction. Retailers can order brochures through pesticide.reduction@gov.mb.ca, (please indicate the quantity of brochures needed for one season). It is important that all WRLA retailers selling pesticides are compliant to this new legislation. If you have any specific questions, please direct them to:

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Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship
Phone: 204-945-7107 or email krystal.penner@gov.mb.ca
Or

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Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gary Hamilton'.

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