



## South African Wood Preservers Association

*SAWPA wishes all members and their loved ones a peaceful and blessed Christmas and festive break, and a safe return in the new year.*

*Please take note that the SAWPA office will close at 12:00 pm on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December and will only re-open on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025.*

### LATEST ON THE PUBLICATION OF RISK ASSESSMENTS AND NOTICES FOR DEROGATION AND CONTINUED USE OF GHS CLASS 1A & 1B CMR CLASSIFIED WOOD PRESERVATIVES

The process of publishing public notices in the Government Gazette, and a national newspaper, will be commencing soon, most likely early in the new year. The public will be able to view the risk assessments for the affected chemicals by means of online links given in the notices, and they will have 30 days to submit comments to the Registrar. Comments received will be forwarded to the registration holders of the chemicals to respond. Once this process has been completed the registration holders will submit applications for derogation to the Registrar. The deadline by which the derogation process must be completed is 31 May 2025.

### PEST CONTROL OPERATOR REGISTRATIONS

By now most member treatment plants should have commenced preparation of their PCO registrations, and getting ready to submit the original applications through SAWPA as per the detailed instructions and examples shared with members by email. To date we received and submitted 16 applications by hand to the Department of Agriculture, which is roughly 25 % of our member plants. Members who have not commenced with preparing their applications are again reminded of the urgency of this process and are requested to do so without undue delay. We will be making one final drop-off to the department on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December, before closing for the end of year. Any applications ready for submission should therefore be couriered to SAWPA in time to reach us by the latest before midday on 11 December. Thereafter we will only commence with receiving applications by courier from the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2025.

Kindly be reminded that the application forms (complete as per form sent to members), and supporting documents must be the original completed form, and signed and certified copies of all supporting documents certified by the commissioner of oaths, i.e. not photocopies. The certified documentation being:

- the Declaration on page 5 of the application form,
- ID document of management representative that completed the form,
- Certification permit/s issued by your designated certification body,
- Schedule/s to permit/s that specify your company details, the treatment standards, preservative chemicals, H classes and processes certified to, and
- the NRCS Letter of Authority (LOA) containing information that is in line with the information given on the certification permit/s and schedule/s.

The application and supporting document must also be accompanied by the proof of payment of the PCO application fee. Please do not hesitate to contact SAWPA if you have any questions. As previously advised, scan all the prepared documentation and email it to us for verification of completeness and correctness, before sending the original pack to SAWPA's offices by courier.

Regards  
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