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QUALIFICATION:	Pesticides – PA4A Granular Pesticide Applicators	Qualification Code:	0216-76				
		Units:	283				
Assessor Name:		Technical Verifier Name:					
Assessor BP No: NEW? DOB:		Technical Verifier BP No:					
Assessor Email:		Start Time:					
Invoice To: (Include Centre name if applicable)		End Time:					
CRITERIA: (Please refer to the following pages and current Qualification Guidance)		PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Circle):				JUSTIFICATION:	
M/C test paper to check PA1 knowledge and specific industry best practice (new assessors only)		1			4	5	5 = Pass with 20/20 4 = Pass with 18/20 or 19/20 1 = Fail
Knowledge of H&S regulations and industry best practice. Carry out SSRA, COSHH and environmental assessment		1	2	3	4	5	
Knowledge of range of application equipment (including all controls and components)		1	2	3	4	5	
Knowledge of machine preparation and safe driving considerations		1	2	3	4	5	
Knowledge of operator protection, sealed cab/open platform and PPE requirements and standards		1	2	3	4	5	
Interpretation of application guidance charts		1	2	3	4	5	
Interpretation of two appropriate product labels		1	2	3	4	5	
Calibrate the applicator (without use of calibration sheet/aids).		1	2	3	4	5	
Complete calibration test paper		1			4	5	5 = Pass with 100% 4 = Pass with <100% 1 = Fail
Knowledge of methods to reduce off target application		1	2	3	4	5	
Measure and fill applicator. Carry out an application. Knowledge of site marking options		1	2	3	4	5	
Knowledge of cleaning/decontamination/disposals. Complete an application record		1	2	3	4	5	
Assessment techniques (new assessors only)		1	2	3	4	5	
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COLUMN TOTALS:							= TOTAL SCORE:
Result of Technical Evaluation (tick):	MET	TOTAL SCORE REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE ASSESSOR STATUS:					52
	NOT MET	(NB. ACHIEVED IN PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COLUMNS 4 & 5 ONLY) If an existing PA Assessor then please adjust total score required to 44					
ACTION PLAN FOR ASSESSOR:							
Please continue on reverse if necessary							
ASSESSOR COMMENTS:							
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TECHNICAL VERIFIER SIGNATURE:						COST: £200 Half Day £300 Full Day	DATE:
ASSESSOR SIGNATURE:							

TECHNICAL EVALUATION RECORD

0216-76 L2 Award in the Safe Application of Pelleted or Granular Pesticides Using Mounted or Trailed Applicators (PA4)

Unit 283 Operating Mounted or Trailed Granular Pesticide Applicators (PA4A)

M/C test paper to check PA1 knowledge and specific industry best practice

- ☐ Minimum score of 18/20 achieved.
(Please note: this paper only needs to be completed by new PA assessors).

Knowledge of H&S regulations and industry best practice

Key principles and practical relevance:

- ☐ Health and Safety at Work etc. Act (HASAWA)
- ☐ Wildlife and Countryside Act
- ☐ Sustainable Use (PPP) regulations
- ☐ Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations (MHSWR)
- ☐ Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER)
- ☐ Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations (PPE Regs)
- ☐ Control Of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH)
- ☐ The Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations
- ☐ Reporting of Injuries Diseases Dangerous Occurrence Regulations (RIDDOR)
- ☐ Hazardous Waste Regulations
- ☐ Official Controls (Plant Protection Products) Regulations
- ☐ Work in accordance with the UK Pesticides National Action Plan (NAP)
- ☐ Pesticides Code of Practice
- ☐ 2 sources of industry best practice
- ☐ Operator certification
- ☐ Risk assessments
- ☐ Condition and guarding of equipment

Carry out COSHH assessment

- ☐ Using template provided or an approved template

Carry out SSRA

- ☐ Assessor to complete a Site Specific Risk Assessment, using provided template.
- ☐ Header and footer.
- ☐ Hazards and controls relative to site, task and equipment.

Carry out environmental assessment

- ☐ Environmental risks to site identified
- ☐ Methods to minimise risks explained.
- ☐ Additional risks not identified on site, (that may occur in typical assessment situations) to be discussed.

Knowledge of a range of application equipment (including all controls and components)

Applicable to equipment used for the TE and questioning to cover knowledge of variations:

- ☐ Operating controls
- ☐ Applicator components
- ☐ Granule flow
- ☐ Air flow (if applicable)
- ☐ Operating differences between fixed forward speed and variable forward speed (rate controller) applicators

Knowledge of machine preparation and safe driving considerations

- ☐ Pre-use checks to prime mover
- ☐ Compatibility and security
- ☐ Safe driving
- ☐ Contact with obstacles (e.g. overhead power lines)

Knowledge of operator protection, sealed cab/open platform and PPE requirements and standards

- ☐ Operator protection – sealed cab
- ☐ Operator protection – open cab/canopy/platform
- ☐ Closed transfer systems
- ☐ CE, UKCA and EN markings-relevance
- ☐ Overall specifications -Type4/5/6
- ☐ Glove specification
- ☐ Face shield
- ☐ Boot specification
- ☐ RPE – types and reasons
- ☐ Apron and reasons for use

Interpretation of application guidance charts

- ☐ Use of manufacturers handbook/application chart(s)

Interpretation of two appropriate product labels including reference to industry stewardship guidelines (where relevant)

- ☐ Product label 1
- ☐ Product label 2

Calibrate the applicator (without use of calibration sheet/aids).

- ☐ Calibration method 1 (carried out):
 - Required output
 - Amount of product for area

Complete calibration test paper

- ☐ Calibration test paper successfully completed
Note to TV: The assessor is expected to complete all the calibration test paper exercises. A marking sheet range has been produced to allow for variations in methods used and rounding up/down.

Knowledge of methods to reduce off target application

- ☐ Applicator levelled according to manufacturer's recommendations (if applicable)
- ☐ Applicator at correct height (if applicable)
- ☐ Correct settings of spreading/delivery mechanism
- ☐ Allowance for wind/slope
- ☐ Appropriate forward speed
- ☐ Accurate on/off

Carry out measuring of product

- ☐ Suitable site selected
- ☐ Correct PPE used
- ☐ Accurate measurement of granules
- ☐ Ability to use appropriate weigh scales
- ☐ Weight stated in kilograms
- ☐ Weight stated in grams
- ☐ Avoidance of spillage. Collection tray used

Carry out an application. Knowledge of site marking options

- ☐ Site marking options (to ensure accurate application)
- ☐ Safe and accurate application carried out
- ☐ Procedure for refilling during application

Knowledge of cleaning/decontamination/managing and disposals ☐

Dealing with surplus granules

- ☐ Dealing with spillages
- ☐ Cleaning procedure explained
- ☐ Disposal of waste arising from cleaning
- ☐ Empty container/packaging, washing, storage and disposal (Crop Protection Association Best Practice Guide 'Container Cleaning' 2012)

Complete an application record

- ☐ Application record correctly completed

Assessment techniques

- ☐ Clear and concise questions/instructions
- ☐ Question/instruction relative to unit.

(Please note: this section only needs to be completed by new PA assessors).

Note: *If an existing PA assessor is adding this as a new unit, the M/C test paper and assessment technique sections do not need to be completed.*

Total score required (on front sheet) can be adjusted to 44.

The calibration test paper must be completed by all potential assessors.