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PART NO. 1 PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

5E-14.102 Definitions.

In addition to those terms contained in Section 482.021, F.S., the following terms shall mean:

- (1) "Application of fumigant(s)" – Release of fumigant(s) into structure or enclosed space.
- (2) "Fumigation operation" – All details prior to application of fumigant(s), the application of fumigant(s), fumigation period and post fumigation details as herein outlined.
- (3) "Fumigation period" – Period of time from application of fumigant(s) until the ventilation of structure is completed, and the structure is declared safe for occupancy.
- (4) "General fumigation" – Application of fumigant(s) to one (1) or more rooms or their contents in a structure or to entire structure; or to commodities under gas-tight sheets or tarpaulins.
- (5) "Preventive treatment" – Application of measures for the purpose of preventing infestation(s) or infection(s) of structures by wood-infesting organisms.
- (6) "Residential area" – Any area other than an agricultural area or as otherwise specifically exempted by Chapter 482, F.S.
- (7) "Spot fumigation" – Application of fumigant to localized harborage or infestation within, on or under a structure or enclosed space, or to a lawn under tarpaulins.
- (8) "Spot treatment" – Treatment restricted to specific area(s) of a structure to control or prevent pests.
- (9) "Multi-Unit structure" – A structure, consisting of one or more stories, composed of functionally distinct units, such as stores, offices, apartments, townhouses, and condominiums, in which units share a common wall of wood or metal studs or single masonry walls, including fire walls.
- (10) "Classroom" – A student or students studying a subject in a setting conducive to learning, other than field training as required by Section 482.091(3), F.S., with an instructor or other multimedia instructional tools, computer instruction, or correspondence courses.
- (11) "Multi-unit dwelling" is defined as a multi-unit structure whose primary function is to serve as living quarters for people, such as apartment buildings, condominiums, duplexes, and townhomes.
- (12) "Direct Supervision" requires the personal presence of either the certified fumigation operator or his or her special fumigation identification cardholder at the fumigation job site.
- (13) "Breathing Zone" is defined as the area of space in each room of a fumigated structure located anywhere between the floor and ceiling.
- (14) "Secondary Locking Device" is defined as any device, method or barricade, in addition to existing locking mechanisms, that is demonstratively effective in preventing an exterior door or entrance from being opened or entered by normal means by anyone other than the certified operator in charge or his special fumigation identification cardholder.
- (15) "Barricade and Barring" is defined as the use of any material(s) that would physically prevent a person's access to the structure by way of any entrance or opening by normal means.
- (16) "Access device" is defined as a lockbox or other on-site device that stores the key to the fumigated structure.

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5E-14.103 Licensee Identification - Vehicles, Equipment.

To assist the Department in enforcement of Chapter 482, F.S., and all regulations thereunder, the licensee shall identify all units or equipment used by him or in his behalf for pest control as follows:

- (1) All motor vehicles and all trailers used in behalf of or by any licensee or licensee's employees in the conduct of pest control shall be permanently marked for easy identification with the licensee's name or trade name, as registered with the Department. The term "permanently marked" shall mean paint or decals applied to the vehicle body itself. Magnetic signs are prohibited. This requirement may be waived by the Department for a period of time not to exceed fifteen (15) working days in authentic and verifiable emergencies when the licensee has given written notice to the Entomologist-Inspector in the area describing the cause of the emergency, the vehicle being replaced, the substituting vehicle, and the anticipated termination date of the emergency.
- (2) The licensee's name or trade name shall appear conspicuously on both sides of each motor vehicle and each trailer, and shall be in bold lettering at least one and one-half (1 1/2) inches high, distinctly contrasting in color with the background, and shall be in plain view of the public.

Exception: Personal motor vehicles of principal owner(s) and of certified operator(s) in charge of pest control activities of a licensee, as registered with the Department are exempt from the requirements of subsections 5E-14.103(1) and (2), F.A.C., when such vehicles are not actively, constantly and regularly used in the conduct of pest control for the licensee.

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5E-14.104 Prohibited Acts.

(1) In solicitation of pest control business, no licensee or its employees shall claim that inspections or treatment are required, authorized or endorsed by the Department.

(2) No reference shall be made in any manner suggesting approval, endorsement or recommendation by the Department.

(3) No licensee, certified operator or identification card holder shall advertise or hold himself out in any manner in connection with pest control as an entomologist, horticulturist, public health engineer, sanitarian, and the like, unless such persons qualified in such field by required professional and educational standards for the title used.

(4) No licensee or its employees shall represent to any property owner or occupant of any structure that any specific pest is infesting said property, structure, or lawn or ornamental thereof, or that it requires a specific treatment for pest control when an infestation, or strongly supporting evidence of such infestation, does not exist. Exception: This prohibition shall not apply to bona fide preventive treatments which imply no infestation per se.

(5) Pesticides shall not be given or sold to the public except in unbroken, original and labelled containers in accordance with Section 487.031, F.S.

(6) No employee of a licensee shall perform pest control or “moonlight” pest control independently.

Specific Authority 482.051 FS. Law Implemented 482.021(13),(15), 482.051(1), 482.071, 482.091, 482.111, 482.152, 482.161, 482.191, 482.241 FS., Section 1, Chapter 92-203, Laws of Florida. History—New 1-1-77, Amended 6-27-79, Formerly 10D-55.104, Amended 8-11-93.

5E-14.105 Contractual Agreements in Public’s Interest - Control and Preventive Treatment for Wood-Destroying Organisms.

(1) Each licensee must enter into a written contract with the property owner or his authorized agent for each treatment for control or prevention of wood-destroying organisms.

(2) Such contract or an exact facsimile thereof must be given to the property owner or his authorized agent for acceptance or rejection before any portion of the work is done and before payment, in part or in full, is received by the licensee. The contract shall clearly set forth the following information:

(a) The complete name and address of the property owner or authorized agent and the complete address of the property to be treated.

(b) All buildings or structures on the property to be included for treatment.

(c) The complete name and business address of the licensee.

(d) The date upon which the written contract is entered into, the period of time covered by the contract, and renewal option, if any.

(e) The complete common name(s) of the wood-destroying organism(s) to be controlled or for which preventive treatment is intended under the contract.

(f) Whether the treatment is for control of existing infestation or prevention of infestation.

(g) Whether or not reinspections are to be made under the contract and, if so, approximate time intervals between reinspections, and fees other than renewal fees for same, if any.

(h) The conditions under which retreatments (for reinfestation) will be made; and conditions under which repairs will be made, if any.

(i) The total maximum price to be charged for treatment service, the exact annual renewal fees to be charged under the contract, if any; and the total maximum price to be charged for structural repairs, if any, shown separately.

(j) If the performance of the work is guaranteed by any type or form of bond, the obligations of the bond shall be set forth specifically: i.e., necessary retreatments, repairs, etc. in wording identical to that in the bond itself.

(k) The signature of the licensee or his authorized representative, and the signature, or when unavailable the verbal consent, of the property owner or authorized agent.

(3) In contracts covering treatments for the prevention of subterranean termites for new construction, it shall clearly set forth that should subterranean termite infestation occur to the structure treated during the warranty period, additional treatment shall be performed to control the infestation. The warranty shall show the date of treatment and shall be for a period no less than one year from date of treatment. The property owner at the time of each renewal, if a previous renewal was purchased, shall have the option of extending the warranty annually after the first year for no less than 4 additional years. The contract shall conform with Section 482.227, F.S., and paragraphs 5E-14.105(2)(a), (b), (c), (g), (i), (j), and (k), F.A.C. This section applies only to treatment for the prevention of subterranean termites for new construction which do not physically attach to or adjoin existing structures.

(4) In contracts covering spot treatments for wood-destroying organism(s), the requirements of subsections 5E-14.105(1) and (2), F.A.C. shall apply. In addition to these, specific areas in, on or under the structure to be treated shall be listed in the written contract.

(5) If no responsibility is to be assumed by the licensee for retreatment of the specific area(s) of a structure where spot treatment is to be made, the licensee shall furnish the property holder or his authorized agent with a signed statement to this effect, prior to treatment.

(6) When periodic reinspections or retreatments are specified in wood-destroying organisms preventive or control contracts, the licensee shall furnish the property owner or his authorized agent, after each reinspection or retreatment, a signed report of the condition of the property with respect to presence or absence of wood-destroying organisms covered by the contract and whether retreatment was made. A copy of the inspection report shall be retained by the licensee for a period of not less than three (3) years.

(7) A structure shall not be knowingly placed under a second contract for the same wood-destroying organism control or preventive treatment in disregard of the first contract, without first obtaining specific written consent in letter form signed by property owner or authorized agent.

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5E-14.106 Use of Pesticides - Labels, Limitations, Precautions.

(1) Only those pesticides having federal or state label registration clearance shall be used. It shall be unlawful to use any registered pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its label and labeling, except as provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Department of Agriculture, or the Department.

(2) Licensees and certified operators shall maintain at the licensed business locations specimen copies of current registered labels for all pesticides used in their pest control operations which labels shall be available for inspection upon request.

(3) All pesticide concentrates used in the field shall be kept under lock when in unattended service vehicles. They shall be kept in leakproof containers legibly tagged or labelled for identification and providing information required by EPA regulations or recommendations.

(4) Pesticides kept in containers other than application equipment shall be accurately identified by permanent, durable label or tag, showing the common or chemical name(s) of principal active ingredient(s) and providing information required by EPA regulations or recommendations.

(5) Spray tanks in which pesticides are mixed or from which pesticides are dispensed in pest control operations and to which water is added shall not be filled through direct fill-pipe or hose connections protruding into the spray tank. Fill-pipes or hoses must terminate at least two inches above spray tank intake fill opening or be equipped with an effective anti-siphoning device to prevent back siphonage into water supply.

(6) Pesticides used for treatment for the prevention of subterranean termites for new construction shall be applied in the specific amounts, concentration, and treatment areas designated by the label. The pesticide, in its original formulation, shall be mixed at the treatment site immediately prior to application. A copy of the label of the registered pesticide being used shall be carried in the vehicle from which the application is performed. The licensee shall maintain records for 3 years of each treatment for the prevention of subterranean termites for new construction indicating the date of treatment, address of property treated, total square footage of structure treated, pesticide used, percent concentration of mixture applied and total volume applied as well as maintaining records of all termiticides purchased obtained, or available for its use; the total amount of the area treated; and the total number of sites treated using this and any other method of treatment for the prevention of subterranean termites.

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5E-14.108 Fumigation Requirements - General Fumigation.

(1) Each general fumigation (subsection 5E-14.102(4), F.A.C.) shall be personally directed, supervised and performed by a certified fumigation operator or personally by a special fumigation identification card holder authorized by the Department and designated by and under the direction and supervision of the certified fumigation operator in charge (Section 482.151, F.S.). Such certified fumigation operator or his designated special fumigation identification card holder shall be available and on call at all times during the fumigation period (subsection 5E-14.102(3), F.A.C.) of each general fumigation (subsection 5E-14.102(4), F.A.C.) job in progress.

(2) During a general fumigation, whenever the presence of two (2) persons trained in the use of the fumigant is required by the fumigant label, at least one of these persons must be either the certified operator in charge of fumigation or his designated special fumigation cardholder, and the second trained person can be a certified fumigation operator, a special identification cardholder or an identification cardholder. Two (2) trained persons shall be present at each fumigation site for the introduction of the fumigant, entry during fumigation and from the start of aeration (first opening of the seal) until the active aeration period with all operable doors and windows open, if required by the fumigant label is completed and the structure is secured for the remaining aeration

period. The certified operator in charge of fumigation or his designated special identification cardholder shall be present at those times required by the fumigant label or by subsections 5E-14.108(1), 5E-14.111(4), 5E-14.112(1), and 5E-14.113(1) and (2), F.A.C.

(3) It shall be the duty of the certified operator in charge of fumigation to carry out the following:

(a) Train and/or verify training to each special fumigation identification cardholder in proper fumigation procedures as required by regulations and fumigant label directions, and to know the location, purpose, use and maintenance of personal protective equipment and fumigant detection and safety devices and when and how to use this equipment.

(b) Train each identification cardholder, assigned to fumigation work, in basic fumigation procedures, SCBA (self contained breathing apparatus) use and the proper use of fumigant safety equipment and to report immediately to the certified operator in charge or his special fumigation identification cardholder any irregularities or emergencies.

(4) The Department shall issue an immediate stop-use or stop-work order, DACS 13659 (03-02), incorporated by reference, for fumigation performed in a manner that presents an immediate serious danger to the health, safety or welfare of the public. Fumigant use or work cannot be resumed until corrections are made, verified and the release section of the stop order is completed by Department personnel.

(5) Fumigators must have in their possession any keys or an access device necessary to gain the immediate access to a structure, including secondary locking devices, during the entire time that the structure is under fumigation (fumigant release, exposure period, aeration and until properly determined clear of all fumigant), unless a waiver is issued for specialized structures by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

(6) When crew members are present on the fumigation site, two properly functioning, positive pressure, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) must be available at the fumigation site at all times when the structure is under fumigation (fumigant release, exposure period, aeration and at other times when state law or the fumigant label requires the use or presence of a SCBA). Two SCBA do not need to be present at the fumigation site for activities that do not involve worker exposure to fumigant concentrations above thresholds permitted by the fumigant label. Such activities could include, but would not be limited to, remote monitoring, using a Fumiscope, TIF leak detection, job site cleanup, DACS inspections, and Quality Assurance Reviews.

(7) Each business licensee location performing fumigation must possess and maintain at least two, label-approved, clearance devices so that at least one is properly functioning at all times in accordance with either the device manufacturer or the fumigant label directions, whichever is more restrictive.

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5E-14.110 Fumigation Requirements - Notices.

Each licensee, before performing general fumigation, shall in advance notify in writing the department inspector having jurisdiction over the location where the fumigation operation is to be performed. Such notices shall be received by the department inspector at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the fumigation period. The notice shall state the following:

(1) Company name and business location address.

(2) Accepted common or trade name and active ingredients of fumigant to be used.

(3) Name of certified operator in charge and/or his designated special fumigation identification card holder, together with his day and night telephone numbers.

(4) Location (address) and type of structure to be fumigated.

(5) Date of and, as nearly as possible, the approximate time of release of fumigant, and approximate length of fumigation period. Any change(s) in information required in written notices by this regulation shall be reported in writing in advance of the fumigation period.

Exceptions: In authentic and verifiable emergencies only, when twenty-four (24) hours advance notification is not possible, advance telephone or telegraph notice shall be given, and such notice immediately followed by written confirmation stating the required information.

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5E-14.111 Fumigation Requirements - Application; Restrictions and Precautions.

(1) For purposes of fumigation “structure” shall mean: any building including its foundation, walls and roof but excluding any surfacing portions such as driveways or walkways that merely lie on the land and provide no means for a fumigant to pass outside of the fumigation seal.

(2) Neither the structure nor enclosed space to be fumigated nor any part or parts thereof shall be occupied by persons during the fumigation period. In addition, structures or enclosed spaces which are physically joined to or in contact with the structure to be fumigated shall not be occupied by persons during the fumigation period. (See subsections 5E-14.111(3) and (4), F.A.C.) This requirement may be waived in the fumigation of commodities in industrial areas when it is determined upon prior inspection by the certified operator in charge that no danger to human life or health exists.

(3)(a) In the event one or more structures in a row of physically joined structures is to be fumigated, at least one additional complete building structure next to and on both sides of the structure to be fumigated must be vacated, provided there are no common drains, air ducts, conduits, attics or other means permitting escape or passage of the fumigant from the structure to be fumigated into the additional vacated building(s). If there are common means permitting passage of the fumigant into the additional vacated building(s) then one more building must be vacated and so on. If this set of conditions cannot be met, the entire row of structures must be vacated or the fumigation shall not be carried out.

(b) In the event one or more units in a multi-unit structure (see subsection 5E-14.102(9), F.A.C.) are to be fumigated, the entire multi-unit structure must be vacated prior to fumigation and individually tested for clearance in accordance with label instructions following fumigation. If these requirements cannot be met, the fumigation shall not be performed.

(4) It shall be the duty of the certified operator in charge or his designated special fumigation identification card holder to be present and personally to make a careful examination of all parts of the structure to be fumigated, including locked rooms, compartments and closets, and of structures or enclosed spaces physically joined to or in contact with said structure, to verify that no persons have remained therein.

(5) Fumigation of structures shall be performed in strict accordance with the registered label and labeling directions and precautions for the intended use and type of structure, provided there is sufficient distance along the entire length of the passageway between the structure(s) to be fumigated and all adjacent occupied structure(s) to permit comfortable, free and reasonable passage for the crewmen to work; for the certified operator or his special fumigation identification card holder to make tests along the passageway for escaping gas with gas-detecting equipment and otherwise. If these requirements cannot be met, the fumigation shall not be performed unless the adjacent structure(s) is vacated.

(6) When fumigating structures with methyl bromide, sulfuryl fluoride or any other relatively odorless gas, technical chloropicrin shall be used separately as a warning agent immediately prior to release of the relatively odorless gas at the rate of not less than one fluid ounce per 15,000 cubic feet of space to be fumigated. Registered label mixtures of at least one-fourth of one percent chloropicrin by net weight analysis may be used in lieu of the above.

Exceptions: This section shall not apply to the fumigation of common carriers (trucks, box cars, refrigerator cars), the fumigation of tobacco warehouses and factories, the fumigation in tanks, vaults or chambers, or the fumigation of commodities in industrial areas when it has been determined by prior inspection by the certified operator in charge that no danger to human life or health exists.

(7) The structure or enclosed space must be made as gas-tight as is practicable. Structures or enclosed spaces which cannot be made reasonably gas-tight by sealing or tenting shall not be fumigated.

Specific Authority 482.051 FS, Law Implemented 482.051(1), 482.152, 482.241 FS., Section 1, Chapter 92-203, Laws of Florida. History--New 1-1-77, Amended 6-27-79, 6-22-83, Formerly 10D-55.111, Amended 8-11-93.

5E-14.112 Fumigation Requirements - Prefumigation Inspections, Evacuation, Warning Notices (Signs), Special Safety Precautions and Responsibilities.

(1) Final pre-application of fumigant and evacuation inspection: Before the fumigant(s) is to be applied, the certified operator in charge or his designated special fumigation identification card holder must make a final, personal inspection of the structure and shall ensure that:

(a) All preparations for fumigation as directed by the label have been completed.

(b) No unauthorized person is present within the structure or enclosed space to be fumigated or in any adjacent structures or spaces that are required by these regulations to be vacated because of danger from the fumigation operation.

(c) No open fires, flames, pilot lights or oil lamps are burning.

(d) The final inspection must be conducted immediately before the fumigant is to be applied, unless the structure is a multi-unit dwelling, in which case, the following special provision shall apply:

On multi-unit dwellings, the certified fumigation operator in charge and/or his designated special fumigation identification cardholder shall conduct a thorough, systematic inspection of each room in every unit to ensure that all provisions specified above have been completed. Then, exterior doors and/or entrances of each inspected unit shall be secured against unauthorized re-entry while preparations and inspection of other units or areas of the structure are completed. This may require the temporary use of secondary locks on entrances that are to be left unattended between the time of inspection and the introduction of the fumigant. If an individual unit or units cannot be safely secured while preparations of other areas are taking place, then those units must be re-inspected immediately before the fumigant is to be applied.

(2) Prior to the application of fumigant(s), suitable warning signs of stiff, weather-proof material must be securely affixed and conspicuously posted as follows:

(a) In tape-and-seal fumigation operations: at or on all doors and entrances to the structure or enclosed space, and at least one (1) warning sign on all sides of the structure or enclosed space not having a door or entrance;

(b) In tent fumigation operations and also including commodity fumigations: at least one (1) warning sign posted at or on all doors and entrances to the structure or enclosed space and at least one (1) warning sign on all sides of the outside of the tents or sealing covers of the structure, enclosed space or commodities being fumigated;

(c) At all doors and entrances to common carriers or enclosed space fumigated;

(d) Upon all gangplanks, ladders, etc. from the dock, pier or land to vessel.

(e) On multi-unit dwellings, warning signs must be posted at or on all exterior doors or entrance(s) of the structure which, depending on construction, might require sign(s) on all exterior doors or entrances of each individual unit or apartment.

(3) Warning signs shall conform in design and information set forth as follows:

(Skull and
Crossbones
Symbol)

DANGER
FUMIGATING WITH
(Accepted common name
of Fumigant)
DEADLY POISON
ALL PERSONS ARE WARNED TO
KEEP AWAY

(Skull and
Crossbones
Symbol)

Date and time fumigant was injected ____

Company Name ____

Company Business Address ____

Certified Operator in Charge ____

(or designated Spec. Fum. Iden. Card Holder)

Day Telephone ____

Night Telephone ____

(4) Signs required must be printed, painted or made in indelible red ink or paint insoluble in water, on white background. The words "DANGER" and "DEADLY POISON" shall be in block lettering at least two (2) inches high. The name of the fumigant shall be at least five-eighths (5/8) inch high. The skull and crossbones symbol shall be at least one (1) inch high. All other lettering on the sign must be not less than one-half (1/2) inch high.

(5) All information displayed on warning signs must be accurate and legible. The name and day and night telephone number of the certified operator in charge of fumigation, or a certified fumigation operator, or a special fumigation identification cardholder who introduced the fumigant at the fumigation site must be displayed on the warning sign. Additional numbers and other contact information may be placed on the sign. All emergency phone numbers must be a phone number, mobile/cell phone number or beeper number in the possession of a person familiar with the job and trained to respond to fumigation emergencies and equipped with label required respiratory protection and gas detection equipment. Answering machines, beepers or voice mail systems that do not provide a mechanism for immediate notification to an individual as described above are prohibited. A 24 hour manned answering service that can immediately contact a certified fumigation operator or a special fumigation identification cardholder of the company who can respond to the emergency is acceptable.

(6) Such warning signs posted on the outside of tents or sealing covers shall not be removed prior to commencement of ventilation: and such warning signs posted on or at entrances to the structure (itself), enclosed space or commodities being fumigated shall not be removed until the end of the fumigation period, when ventilation has been completed and the premises declared safe for reoccupancy as required by subsections 5E-14.113(1) and (2), F.A.C. Ventilation shall be conducted with due regard for the public safety.

(7) Special safety precautions, responsibilities.

(a) When conditions involving abnormal hazards exist, it shall be the responsibility of the person exercising direct and personal supervision of the fumigation operation to take such safety precautions additional to those prescribed by this chapter as are reasonably necessary to protect the public health and safety.

(b) All exterior doors and entrances to the fumigated structure(s) shall be posted with a warning sign on or at each door or entrance prior to the release of the fumigant, locked, and secured with a secondary locking device(s) or barred or otherwise secured against entry until the end of the exposure period, then opened for ventilation and relocked, barred or otherwise secured against reentry, including the reinstallation of the secondary locking device(s), until declared to be safe for reoccupancy by the person exercising direct and personal supervision of the fumigation operation as required by subsections 5E-14.113(1) and (2), F.A.C. A door or entrance, that, once locked from the interior with a lock that is not accessible from the exterior, does not require a secondary locking device or barricade.

(c) Entrances which do not have existing locking mechanisms or are inoperable must still be secured with a secondary locking device.

(d) If multi-unit dwellings with internal stairwells accessing each floor can be secondarily locked or secured, barred or barricaded at all ground level entrances, then no other secondary locking devices are necessary, provided that the requirements of subsection 5E-14.112(1), F.A.C., are met. Multi-unit dwellings with exterior stairwells or fire escapes must be secured or otherwise barricaded or barred to prevent entry from both ground and first floor levels and from any entrance to the structure accessed from the stairwell or fire escape. If neither of these conditions can be met, then all entrances to individual units and all exterior entrances must be locked or secured, barricaded or barred with secondary locking devices.

Specific Authority 482.051 FS. Law Implemented 482.051(1), 482.152 FS. History—New 1-1-77, Amended 6-27-79, Formerly 10D-55.112, Amended 4-17-03.

5E-14.113 Fumigation Requirements - Final Post-fumigation Clearance Inspection.

(1) The certified operator in charge or his designated special fumigation identification card holder shall personally determine by using label-approved gas-detecting devices, verified and/or calibrated as required by either the device manufacturer or the fumigant label directions, whichever is more restrictive, that the entire structure or enclosed space fumigated, and also including beds and bedding therein, has been safely ventilated as required by fumigant label directions, to permit safe human entry and occupancy or reoccupancy. No person, other than the certified fumigation operator in charge, his designated special fumigation identification cardholder, or trained identification cardholder, utilizing the label-approved respiratory protective equipment or gas detecting device, may enter, occupy or reoccupy the fumigated structure for any reason prior to completion of the aeration procedure(s) and declaration of clearance. All warning agent containers shall be removed from the structure. In no instance shall ventilation or aeration time be less than that recommended by manufacturer of fumigant on the registered label.

(2) Declaring structure or enclosed space fumigated safe for entry and occupancy or reoccupancy: The certified operator in charge or his designated special fumigation identification card holder shall not permit or allow any unauthorized person to enter or occupy or reoccupy the structure or enclosed space fumigated until the aeration procedures as required by the fumigant product label are completed, and he has personally checked the breathing zone of each room within the fumigated structure for fumigant levels with suitable gas-detecting equipment or device required by the fumigant label and found the structure to be safe for human entry and occupancy, and he shall personally certify by his own signature as a result of his final personal inspection and monitoring examination of the entire structure or space fumigated that the same and adjacent vacated structures are safe for human entry, occupancy or reoccupancy. Such notice of clearance shall be in writing and shall be conspicuously posted by the certified fumigation operator in charge or his designated special fumigation identification cardholder on all entrances of the fumigated structure or enclosed space. Clearance notices may not be posted prior to performing the clearance inspection with the label required gas-detection equipment. The signature of the certified operator in charge or his designated special fumigation identification card holder and the exact date and hour of release for reentry and reoccupancy shall be set forth in all notices. In no case shall the notice of clearance be post-dated.

Specific Authority 482.051 FS. Law Implemented 482.051(1), 482.152 FS. History—New 1-1-77, Formerly 10D-55.113, Amended 4-29-02, 4-17-03.

PART NO. 2 APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION

5E-14.117 Application for Examination for Pest Control Operator's Certificate and Special Identification Card.

(1) Application for examination shall be on Forms DACS 13627, 13607, and 13653, Rev. 3/02, which are incorporated by reference and obtained from the Department and shall also include a passport type and quality, full-face photograph of the applicant at least one and one-half inches by one and one-half inches in size.

(2) Each applicant shall submit affidavits documenting qualifications for examinations as provided by Section 482.132, F.S.

(3) An applicant having three years documented service employment with a licensee who performs pest control in all categories is qualified for examination in all categories, provided however that:

(4) The applicant must have a minimum of nine (9) months service employment in each category for which he makes application for examination.

(5) An applicant having three years service employment with a licensee who performs pest control in less than all categories is qualified for the examination in those categories only, provided however, that:

(6) An applicant may qualify for examination in an additional category after having nine (9) months service employment with a licensee who performs pest control in such additional category.

(7) A Department identification card held for three years as a service employee will constitute proof of experience with respect to the time requirement. Documented out-of-state experience claimed will be credited on an equivalent basis.

(8) Any applicant for examination whose license, identification card, pest control operator's certificate or special identification card has been denied (issuance stopped), is under suspension, revocation or probation by the Department, shall not be permitted to take any examination while under such denial, suspension, revocation or probation.

(9) Applicants may be examined for certification in one or more of the following categories of pest control:

- (a) Fumigation;
- (b) General household pest control, which includes rodent control;
- (c) Termite or other wood-infesting organism control;
- (d) Lawn and ornamental pest control.

(10) The applicant for examination shall have participated in within this state, and under the supervision of a certified operator, a minimum of 15 jobs in each category in which the applicant seeks certification. The applicant shall submit as part of the application, and on forms provided, a statement from the said supervising certified operator that the jobs have been participated in by the applicant under his supervision and that the applicant has demonstrated the requisite knowledge to perform and supervise such work. Applicants for the fumigation examination shall submit evidence of having participated in 15 general fumigations (subsection 5E-14.102(4), F.A.C.).

(11) Applicants for limited certification in Commercial Landscape Maintenance shall submit an examination fee of \$150 and be required to show evidence of having been in the landscape maintenance business for at least three years by submission of the following:

(a) A signed statement by the applicant which recites:

1. The dates during which the applicant participated in the landscape maintenance business.
2. The address or addresses at which the applicant performed landscape maintenance business activities.
3. The name or names of the employer(s) for whom applicant performed landscape maintenance business activities.

(b) Independent proof of participation in the lawn maintenance business for three (3) years including any one of the following:

1. W-2 employment records.
2. Federal tax returns.
3. Occupational licenses.
4. Executed employment contracts or any other business or operational documentation which is regularly maintained as a business or operational record by any governmental agency, organization, business or person.
5. The annual recertification fee shall be \$75.

(12) Applicants shall be examined for special identification card in fumigation pursuant to Section 482.151(3), F.S.

(13) Each applicant for examination shall submit evidence of having participated in as many general fumigation operations as possible but not fewer than 15 general fumigation operations within this state under the supervision of a certified operator certified in fumigation.

(14) Applicants for special identification card examination are not required to be high school graduates.

(15) Each applicant for special identification card examination must submit proof to the department that he is not under the disabilities of minority and is qualified to be a special identification cardholder with safety to persons and property.

(16) An applicant who fails to pass one or more category or special identification card examinations may reapply for examination upon filing the prescribed application accompanied by a fee of \$225 for each category examination or \$200 for each special identification card examination.

(17) Applicants for limited certification for governmental pesticide applicators or private applicators shall submit an examination fee of \$150.

Specific Authority 482.051 FS. Law Implemented 482.091, 482.111, 482.132, 482.141(2), 482.151, 482.155, 482.156 FS. History—New 1-1-77, Amended 6-27-79, 6-22-83, 10-25-90, Formerly 10D-55.117, Amended 8-11-93, 7-5-95, 5-28-98, 4-29-02.

PART NO. 3 EXAMINATIONS

5E-14.123 Examinations.

(1) Regular written examinations will commence on the second Monday in March, June, September and December annually.

(2) The official application for admission to the examination shall be completed and submitted to the Department, by mail, postmarked not later than the second Monday in April for admission to the June examination, and not later than the second Monday in October for admission to the December examination; not later than the second Monday in July for the September examination and not later than the second Monday in January for the March examination.

(3) Applications and fees received by the Department postmarked after the deadline date will not be accepted and will be returned to the applicant.

(4) An examination fee of \$225 for each category of pest control in which the applicant desires to be examined must be paid by each applicant at the time he submits his application. Checks or money orders shall be made payable to the Department. Applications received without the required fees will be considered incomplete and will not be processed. Checks returned by the bank will invalidate the application for non-payment of fees.

(5) The fee for special identification card examination shall be \$200 for each category in which the applicant desires to be examined.

(6) Four (4) hours will be allotted for completing examinations in each category.

(7) Three (3) hours will be allotted for completing special identification card examinations.

(8) All examinations shall consist of theoretical questions, and practical questions. All applicants for examination for certification or special identification card will be examined on or required to demonstrate satisfactory knowledge of the following:

(a) Pest Control Act, Chapter 482, Florida Statutes.

(b) Rules of the Department, Chapter 5E-14, F.A.C., Pest Control Regulations, Parts No. 1 through 6.

(c) Precautions necessary and required by law, rules and good industry practice for the safeguard of life, health and property in the conduct of pest control.

(d) Pests, their habits, recognition of damage caused, and identification by accepted common names.

(e) Building construction terminology.

(f) Accepted good industry methods and practices founded upon recognized publications of the industry.

(9) In order to receive a passing grade on any examination, the following must be attained:

A total point score, equal to or exceeding seventy-five (75) percent of the total number of examination questions.

(10) Examinations shall be hand or machine scored and graded by or under the direction of the Department, and examinees notified by mail that they either passed or failed.

(11) Any applicant who fails to pass one or more particular examination(s) shall be permitted to review such examination(s) upon making written application to the Department within fifteen (15) days from date of written notice of examination results.

(12) Only those persons who failed to pass such examination(s) shall be admitted to the review and only in the categories failed.

Specific Authority 482.051 FS. Law Implemented 482.141(2), 482.151(4) FS. History—New 1-1-77, Formerly 10D-55.123, Amended 8-11-93, 7-5-95, 5-28-98, 4-29-02, 4-17-03.

PART NO. 4 CERTIFIED OPERATOR

5E-14.132 Certificate Issuance and Renewal Fees.

(1) Each certified pest control operator shall be certified as provided by this rule. Application shall be made and the issuance fee paid to the Department for the original certificate within 60 days from the date of written notification of passing examination. During a period of 30 calendar days following expiration of the 60-day period, an original certificate may be issued; however, a late issuance charge of \$50 shall be assessed and paid in addition to the issuance fee. No original certificate shall be issued after expiration of the 30-day period without reexamination.

(2) Each individual issued a pest control operator's certificate shall apply to the Department for renewal of his certificate on or before June 1 of each year on Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services form DACS 13638, Rev. 3/02, entitled "Renewal Notice", which is incorporated by reference, and mailed by the Department. After a grace period of 30 calendar days following the anniversary date of each year, there shall be a late renewal charge of \$50 which shall be assessed and paid in addition to the renewal fee. Unless renewed as provided by this section, each certificate shall automatically expire 180 calendar days after the renewal date. Subsequent to such expiration, a certificate may be issued only upon successful reexamination and upon payment of examination and issuance fees due as provided by this rule.

(3) The fee for issuance of each original certificate, and the fee for renewal thereof, shall be \$150.

(4) Standards for approval of continuing education providers:

(a) Providers seeking approval shall apply to the department on Forms 1557, 1557A, 1557B, Dec. 92, which are incorporated by reference and obtained from the department.

(b) All education offerings conducted by the provider shall contain one or more of the topics set forth in Section 482.111(10), F.S.

(c) All offerings shall be at least 50 minutes in length or one contact hour. Partial contact hours will not be accepted.

(d) Providers shall adhere to the numbering system and guidelines established by the department to include verification of attendance.

(e) There shall be a tangible plan for ongoing evaluation of program content, teaching staff, learning process and evaluation tools.

(f) Records of individual offerings shall be maintained by the department for one year after the next certificate renewal date.

(g) Providers shall furnish each participant with an authenticated individual certificate of attendance. It shall be the participants responsibility to store his individual attendance record for each offering until his or her renewal time. The attendance records will then be submitted with the renewal and fee.

(h) Providers shall designate a person to be responsible for the continuing education program.

(i) Provider approval shall be subject to periodic review and shall be withdrawn if adherence to standards and guidelines is not maintained or if information submitted by the provider is found to be a material misrepresentation of fact.

(j) Contact hours for continuing education offerings outside of Florida will be awarded following a review of the verification of attendance and a program which outlines the content of and period of time covered by each offering.

(5) On or before April 1 of each year the Department shall mail to each certified operator, at his last known address of record, a renewal form, DACS 13638, Rev. 3/02, incorporated by reference, for use in applying for renewal of his certificate. Not less than 60 days prior to the expiration of a certificate a final renewal notice shall be mailed to each certified operator who has not renewed his certificate. Mailing of these forms shall be the only notice of renewal issued by the Department. Copies may be obtained from the Bureau of Entomology and Pest Control, 1203 Governors Square Boulevard, Suite 300, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-2961.

Specific Authority 482.051 FS. Law Implemented 482.111(1), (3), (7), (10), 482.132(1) FS. History—New 1-1-77, Amended 6-27-79, 6-22-83, 1-20-87, Formerly 10D-55.132, Amended 8-11-93, 7-5-95, 5-28-98, 4-29-02.

PART NO. 5 SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARD

5E-14.136 Special Identification Card Issuance, Renewal Fees, Forms, and Duties.

(1) There shall be one category of special identification card, to wit: fumigation.

(2) Application shall be made and the issuance fee paid to the Department for the original special identification card within 60 days from the date of written notification of passing examination. During a period of 30 days following the expiration of the 60 day period, an original special identification card may be issued, however, a late issuance charge of \$25 shall be assessed and paid in addition to the issuance fee. Further, no original special identification card shall be issued after expiration of the 30 day period without reexamination.

(3) Application to the Department for renewal of each special identification card shall be made on or before June 1 of each year. The issuance fee for each special identification card and for each renewal there of shall be \$100. After a grace period of 30 calendar days following the anniversary date of each year, there shall be a late renewal charge of \$25, which shall be assessed and paid in addition to the renewal fee. Unless timely renewed, each special identification card shall automatically expire 180 calendar days after the renewal date. Subsequent to such expiration, a special identification card may be issued only upon successful reexamination and upon payment of examination and issuance fees due, as provided by this rule.

(4) On or before April 1 of each year the Department shall mail to each special identification cardholder at his last known address of record, a renewal form, DACS 13641, Rev. 3/02, incorporated by reference, for use in applying for renewal of his special identification card. Copies may be obtained from the Bureau of Entomology and Pest Control, 1203 Governors Square Boulevard, Suite 300, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-2961.

(5) Each special identification cardholder shall notify the Department in writing within ten (10) days of any change of his employment status or mailing address.

(6) No person shall use a special identification card in any category for which the certified operator in the charge of the pest control activities of the licensee is not properly certified.

(7) While performing pest control duties a special identification cardholder shall carry on his person a special identification card issued by the Department.

(8) A special identification cardholder shall always perform his functions under the direction and supervision of his certified operator. No special identification cardholder shall perform any pest control work independently of or without the knowledge and direction of his certified operator.

Specific Authority 482.051 FS. Law Implemented 482.151 FS., History—New 1-1-77, Formerly 10D-55.136, Amended 7-5-95, 5-28-98, 4-29-02.

PART NO. 6 LICENSEES

5E-14.140 Emergency Pest Control Certificate - Qualifications, Applications, Restrictions.

(1) An emergency pest control certificate, if issued, shall take effect on the exact date the loss or other emergency occurred.

(2) An initial 30 day emergency certificate shall be issued by the department upon verbal or written request of a licensee or his duly authorized agent. Requests for issuance of additional emergency certificates for periods not to exceed 30 days must be made in writing.

(3) For the purpose of this chapter “loss of a certified operator in charge or other emergency” means the unforeseen and unplanned parting or separation of his services from the licensee. The intentional or forced transfer or shifting of a certified operator in charge from one licensed business location to another owned by the same licensee shall not constitute a “loss of a certified operator in charge or other emergency.”

(4) No emergency certification referred to in this chapter shall carry with it authorization for use of restricted-use pesticides. Restricted-use pesticides may only be used under emergency certification where one or more individuals have taken and passed the examination for certification of applicators to apply restricted-use pesticides, as may be given by the Cooperative Extension Service, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, or an equivalent examination given by the Department.

(5) An emergency certificate shall not be issued in the category of fumigation.

(6) In issuing an emergency certificate or renewal thereof, the Department may require interim reports from the licensee at reasonable intervals and also including but not limited to what specific action is being taken to fill the vacancy.

Specific Authority 482.051 FS. Law Implemented 482.051(1), 482.111(9) FS., Section 1, Chapter 92-203, Laws of Florida. History—New 1-1-77, Amended 6-27-79, 6-22-83, 10-25-90, Formerly 10D-55.140.

5E-14.142 Responsibilities and Duties - Records, Reports, Advertising, Applications.

(1) Records:

(a) Pest control records of the licensee pertaining to pest control activities and including contracts shall be kept at the licensed business location or at the exact Florida address specified in the application for business license for inspection by Department inspectors. Additionally, available for inspection by appropriate state officials at reasonable times there shall be maintained for a period of at least two years routine operational records containing information on kinds (names), amounts, uses, dates, and places of application of restricted-use pesticides.

(b) Each licensee shall comply with the terms of each pest control contract it issues.

(2) Reports:

(a) Each licensee shall immediately notify the Department in writing of any loss or change of certified operator in charge of pest control activities, giving effective date. This shall also include notification of change while operating under an emergency certificate.

(b) Each licensee shall notify the Department in writing within ten (10) working days of any change in firm name, business address, mailing address, telephone number, ownership status, termination or suspension or resumption of business activities, sale or transfer of any valid pest control contract(s) and change of certified operator's home address or telephone number.

(c) Termite or other wood-destroying organism inspection report:

Pursuant to Sections 482.226(1), (2), (4) and (5), F.S., each licensee having a certified operator certified in the category of termite or other wood-destroying organism control and who makes and reports the findings of a wood-destroying organism inspection in writing shall provide the party requesting the inspection with the inspection findings on the Wood-Destroying Organisms Inspection Report prescribed by the Department and furnished by the licensee, DACS 13645, Rev. 3/02, which is incorporated by reference. The licensee shall not place any disclaimers or additional language on the Wood-Destroying Organisms Inspection Report. The licensee shall inspect for all wood-destroying organisms as defined in Section 482.021(28), F.S., in accordance with the following inspection standards:

1. The inspection will include all areas accessible by normal means but does not cover those areas that are enclosed or inaccessible, areas concealed by wall coverings, floor coverings, furniture, equipment, stored articles, insulation, or any portion of the structure in which inspection would necessitate removing or defacing any part of the structure.

2. The inspection will be visual but may include probing and sounding of structural members as deemed necessary by the inspector, based upon a preliminary finding of visual evidence of infestation or damage.

(3) Advertising:

(a) Pest control advertising on service vehicles, in telephone directories or other advertising media shall in all cases be factual and shall be set forth only under the licensee's name or trade name registered with the Department. Unregistered fictitious names are prohibited.

(b) All pest control telephone directory advertising, including direct-dial long distance lines shall in all cases show the licensee's name or trade name registered with the Department, complete licensed business location address and telephone numbers. Blind (unidentified) telephone numbers are prohibited. All telephone numbers used in the solicitation and acceptance of pest control shall terminate in the licensed business location.

(4) Notice of relocation, change of business address:

(a) A licensee shall notify its contract holders of any change in business location within thirty (30) days after the change and a sample copy of such notice shall be furnished the Department.

(b) When a licensee acquires and becomes responsible for the pest control contracts of another licensee or former licensee he shall give written notice to all such contract holders within thirty (30) days, and shall furnish the Department with a list of the individual contracts acquired, or if applicable, a statement that all contracts of the other licensee or former licensee have been acquired.

(5) Business license application: In accordance with Section 482.071(1), F.S., the following information shall be submitted on, attached to and made a part of the Department's pest control business license application form, DACS 13605, Rev. 3/02, incorporated by reference.

(a) Correct legal business name or trade name, complete business mailing address, including the street or rural route, city and county, complete mailing address and telephone number of licensed business location.

(b) Complete name and address of all owners or corporation officers.

(c) Complete name, home address, residence telephone number, certificate number, categories in which certified, primary occupation, and date of birth of each certified operator attached to the licensee.

(d) The categories of pest control which each certified operator will be in charge of and in which the licensee will be active, when one or more than one certified operator is attached to and in charge of various categories of pest control to be performed by the licensee.

(e) The complete name, residence address, date of birth, and primary duty of each employee (identification card and special identification card holders) engaging in or performing pest control in any form for the licensee.

(f) The exact location address where the licensee's records, including contracts, for pest control work are kept and the exact location address of storage of chemicals.

(g) A statement signed by the certified operator(s) in charge that all information given in Department business license application is true and correct and that he will promptly notify the Department in writing of any subsequent changes thereof, except change of home address and primary duty of identification card holders other than certified operators.

(h) The issuance fee for each original license shall be \$250. An applicant may request his application to be immediately expedited and processed by paying a special handling fee in the amount of \$50.

(i) The renewal fee for each original license shall be \$250.

(6) Any licensee who performs wood-destroying organism inspections in accordance with Sections 482.226(1) and (6), F.S. shall show proof of meeting minimum financial responsibility at the time of license application or renewal thereof. Documented proof shall be in the form of an insurance certificate showing coverage for professional liability (errors and omissions), specifically covering wood-destroying organism inspection reports, in an amount no less than \$50,000 in the aggregate and \$25,000 per

occurrence or proof of bond on a form acceptable to the State of Florida in an amount no less than \$50,000 in the aggregate and \$25,000 per occurrence or a certified public accountant's notarized statement that a review or audit was performed on the licensee within one year of the license application and that the licensee's net worth or equity on the date of the audit or review was no less than \$100,000. No licensee shall perform wood-destroying organism inspections in accordance with Sections 482.226(1) and (6), F.S. without meeting the required financial responsibility.

(7) Personal protective measures: All licensees shall provide their employees with personal protective clothing and equipment as directed on the registered label, and shall instruct employees to use such clothing and equipment while engaged in the application of pesticides.

(8) During the temporary absence of the certified operator currently in charge, the licensee may designate another certified operator, certified in the same categories as the certified operator in charge, to perform the duties that require the physical presence of a certified operator for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) days. For the purpose of this chapter, temporary absence shall mean any absence whereupon the certified operator in charge would reasonably be expected to return to his duties. The licensee shall notify the department in writing of any such temporary absence giving the name of the substituting temporary certified operator jointly responsible with the licensee, and the dates of the temporary absence.

Specific Authority 482.051 FS. Law Implemented 482.061, 482.071, 482.091, 482.111(5), (9), 482.161(1)(g), (h), 482.226(1), (6) FS. History—New 1-1-77, Amended 6-27-79, 6-22-83, 1-20-87, 10-25-90, Formerly 10D-55.142, Amended 8-11-93, 5-28-98, 4-29-02, 4-17-03.

5E-14.1421 Identification Card - Training Verification.

(1) The licensee shall maintain written training records on all identification cardholders within their employ and make those records available during routine inspection or upon request of the Department. Licensees must maintain the training record for at least a two year period.

(2) The Department will accept any one of the following as verifiable training:

(a) Written record of attendance on a form prescribed by the Department and furnished by the licensee or trainer, DACS 13662 (03-02), which is incorporated by reference, with a complete copy of all training materials used during the training session that covers the training topics required by Section 482.091(10), F.S.; or

(b) Written record of attendance at a Department approved certified operator continuing education course on the form prescribed by the Department and furnished by the trainer, DACS 13325 (01-02), which is incorporated by reference, provided the course content covers the training topics as required by Section 482.091(10), F.S.

(3) Each training session shall be at least 50 minutes in length or one contact hour. Partial contact hours will not be accepted. "Pesticide safety" deals with any aspect of pesticide formulation, handling and use. Example topics would include: pesticide types and formulations, human poisoning symptoms, routes of exposure and protective equipment, pesticide storage, transport and use, spray drift and groundwater runoff. "Integrated pest management" deals with any aspect of pest management. Example topics would include: inspection (locating and monitoring pests), establishing treatment thresholds, sanitation/habitat modification, trapping, biological and use of pesticides, and pesticide application equipment. "Applicable federal and state laws and rules" deal with any aspect of government regulation of the pest control industry. Example topics would include: reviewing federal FIFRA requirements, reviewing or discussing modifications to Chapter 482, F.S., and/or Chapter 5E-14, F.A.C., and reviewing other regulatory agencies or legislative bodies regulations dealing with pesticide use, hazardous waste storage/disposal and/or transportation.

Specific Authority 482.051, 482.091(10) FS. Law Implemented 482.091(1), (2), (3), (4), (10) FS. History—New 6-12-02.

5E-14.147 Notice of Pesticide Application.

(1) In accordance with Section 482.2265(2), F.S., a notice shall be posted in a conspicuous location at the time of application of a pesticide to a lawn or to exterior foliage. The following example represents the required physical makeup of the notice.

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(2) In addition to the example of notice the following requirements shall apply:

(a) Minimum size 4" × 5".

(b) Constructed of rigid durable weatherproof material.

(c) Background and lettering shall be of contrasting color.

(d) The size of print and symbol shall be in conformity with the example.

(e) The business name of the licensee making the pesticide application shall be clearly set forth on the notice.

(f) The notice may be made part of a larger sign containing additional information.

Specific Authority 482.051, 482.2265(2) FS. Law Implemented 482.2265(2) FS., Section 1, Chapter 92-203, Laws of Florida. History—New 10-25-90, Formerly 10D-55.147, Amended 8-11-93.