



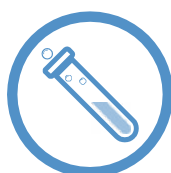
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Foreword

This document provides guidance on defining or revising national pesticide labelling requirements and on reviewing the design and content of pesticide labels. The guidance is designed for use primarily by government pesticide regulatory and registration authorities in low- and middle-income countries but may also be useful for the pesticide industry, nongovernmental organizations and other relevant entities in writing, evaluating or understanding pesticide labels. After a review of the main objectives and considerations with respect to pesticide labelling and a brief introduction to the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), the document provides practical information on all the elements that appear on a pesticide label, including the design, style and content. It also discusses hazard or risk classifications of a product and underlines the importance of providing complementary information and training.

The guidance was prepared in compliance with the **FAO/WHO International Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management**, which sets out a framework and voluntary standards of conduct for pesticide management stakeholders, in particular governments and the pesticide industry. Endorsed by FAO, WHO, governments, pesticide producers, nongovernmental organizations and other stakeholders, the Code of Conduct outlines their shared responsibility to promote best practice and risk reduction throughout the pesticide life cycle. The Code of Conduct thereby establishes the commitment and moral obligation of stakeholders to comply with the agreed standards of conduct and to assume their respective responsibilities. These include governments' responsibility to promote pesticide risk reduction and the industry's responsibility to produce products that are adapted to the context of their use and to provide stewardship of those products throughout their life cycle.

This guidance was prepared with the support of the [FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Management](#) (JMPM) to provide further guidance on the provisions of the Code of Conduct that are related to pesticide labelling. It reflects the joint FAO/WHO approach to pesticide management, thus addressing labelling in both agricultural and public health settings. An overview of the most relevant provisions of the Code of Conduct related to pesticide labelling is given in section 1.5.

FAO and WHO welcome readers' feedback

FAO and WHO consider this guidance to be a living document, which could be improved. They would therefore value any feedback from readers and welcome comments. They would also value examples of how the guidance is used.

Please send your suggestions, comments and examples to pesticide-management@fao.org, indicating the title of the guidance and the relevant section and page.

Abbreviations and acronyms

a.i.	active ingredient
cfu	colony forming unit
CMR	carcinogenicity, mutagenicity and/or reproductive toxicity
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
g	gram
GAP	Good Agricultural Practice
GHS	Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
GIFAP	Groupement International des Associations Nationales des Fabricants de Produits Agrochimiques (now CropLife International)
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
ISO	International Standards Organization
ITU	International Toxic Unit
IUPAC	International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry
IVM	Integrated Vector Management
kg	kilogram
L	litre
LLIN	Long-Lasting Insecticidal Net
LMIC	low- and middle-income countries
mg	milligram
MOA	Mode of Action
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
pt	point
QR	Quick Response (code)

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