

Directive 2009/128/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing a framework for Community action to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER IV

SPECIFIC PRACTICES AND USES

Article 13

Handling and storage of pesticides and treatment of their packaging and remnants

1 Member States shall adopt the necessary measures to ensure that the following operations by professional users and where applicable by distributors do not endanger human health or the environment:

- a storage, handling, dilution and mixing of pesticides before application;
- b handling of packaging and remnants of pesticides;
- c disposal of tank mixtures remaining after application;
- d cleaning of the equipment used after application;
- e recovery or disposal of pesticide remnants and their packaging in accordance with Community legislation on waste.

2 Member States shall take all necessary measures regarding pesticides authorised for non-professional users to avoid dangerous handling operations. These measures may include use of pesticides of low toxicity, ready to use formulations and limits on sizes of containers or packaging.

3 Member States shall ensure that storage areas for pesticides for professional use are constructed in such a way as to prevent unwanted releases. Particular attention shall be paid to location, size and construction materials.