

# ADVISORY UPDATE

April 2015

Edited by  
**Tim O'Donovan**  
Tillage Specialist

## Sustainable Use Directive

### NEW EU SPRAY REGULATION

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: November 26, 2015



**MUST BE  
SUD REGISTERED**



**NO NEED TO BE  
SUD REGISTERED**

#### Who should register?

- ▶ Anyone who applies pesticides which are designated as 'Professional Use' on the label, irrespective of method of application or quantity applied, must register
- ▶ For example:  
Round-up applied with a knapsack; or,

any product applied to grassland/crops with a sprayer

- ▶ A farmer who buys sprays but gets a contractor who is a registered professional user to apply them on their behalf does not have to register

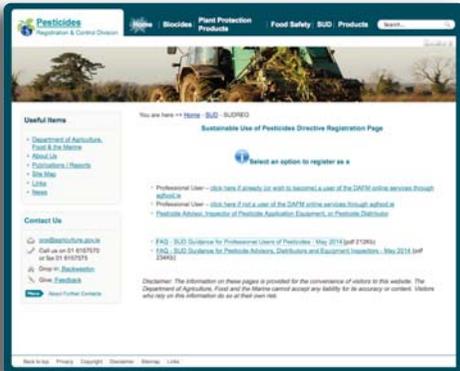


## How will the Sustainable Use Directive (SUD) affect farmers?

- ▶ Farmers must register with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) by November 26, 2015
- ▶ Amateur use pesticides (e.g., home garden products) are not covered by the SUD

## How do farmers register?

- ▶ Register online at <http://www.pcs.agriculture.gov.ie/sud/sudreg/>



- ▶ Detailed screenshots to help farmers register are available on Teagasc and DAFM websites

## What qualifications does a farmer need to register?

- ▶ A farmer must have completed an approved pesticide course. For approved courses and how to query Teagasc education records see: [www.teagasc.ie/training/courses/pesticide-training.asp](http://www.teagasc.ie/training/courses/pesticide-training.asp)

## Who can purchase pesticides?

- ▶ Any herd/flock owner or registered professional user can purchase professional use products
- ▶ Only registered professional users can apply professional use products
- ▶ Any person can buy and apply amateur use products

## What are the sanctions under the SUD?

- ▶ The SUD will be inspected as part of cross-compliance. Breaches may be subject to a penalty of €250 but in future that may be a percentage of Single Farm Payments

## What else should you know?

- ▶ Boom sprayers (greater than 3m wide) must be tested by November 26, 2016
- ▶ Farmers must keep records of all sprays applied