

■ CUSTOM PESTICIDE APPLICATION LAW

TERMS:

Licensing — In general, no one may engage in pest control activities without a license issued by the state. Among other qualifications, an applicant for a pest control license must have at least 2 years' practical pest control experience, or an acceptable combination of education and experience. The applicant must present proof of bonding or insurance in an amount not less than \$50,000. In addition, an applicant may have to obtain drift insurance whenever he or she intends or expects to use pesticides that are hazardous to humans, livestock, crops or wildlife.

Certification — Aside from the licensing requirement, anyone who intends to use or supervise the use of any restricted pesticide must first obtain a certificate from the state authorizing such activity. Certification requires that the applicant, among other conditions, demonstrate adequate knowledge of the proper use of such materials, and of the hazards involved and precautions to be taken in connection with their use.

Prohibited Acts — It is unlawful for licensed and certified pesticide applicators in the state to operate faulty or unsafe equipment, to apply pesticides in a faulty or careless manner, to continue to operate when the required insurance or bonding has expired or been canceled, to fail to keep required records or make required reports, to apply a pesticide product contrary to instructions on the product's label or contrary to other restrictions imposed by the state agency, or to violate any other provision of the pesticide laws and regulations.

ENFORCEMENT: *Plant Industry Division, Nevada Department of Agriculture, Sparks, Nevada 89431 (775-353-3729).* Anyone with a complaint involving the application or use of pesticides should report the matter to the Department within 60 days after the cause for the complaint occurred.