

CHAPTER 71
EMERGENCY INFORMATION SYSTEM ON PESTICIDES FOR USE BY HEALTH CARE
PROVIDERS DURING MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

641—71.1(139A) Scope. Except as otherwise specifically provided, these rules apply to requirements for the operation of an emergency information system operated by providers of pesticides in Iowa who register with the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship (IDALS). These rules do not pertain to registrants who do not operate their own emergency information system.

641—71.2(139A) Definitions. As used in this chapter, these terms have the definition set forth below.

“Department” means the Iowa department of public health.

“Emergency information system (EIS)” means a system developed by a registrant that is accessible by Iowa health care providers and poison control centers 24 hours per day, every day of the year. The system must provide ready access to pesticide product profiles of the registrants to include but not be limited to characterization of inert ingredient(s) and their general proportion whether openly defined or confidentially maintained as a trade secret.

“Registrant” means the person registering any pesticide or device or who has obtained a certificate of license from IDALS pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 206.

641—71.3(139A) Operation of EIS.

71.3(1) Registrants operating their own EIS shall:

a. Provide emergency treatment information to health care providers engaged in the emergency care of a real-time human exposure to a registrant’s product(s) upon request 24 hours per day, every day of the year. These services shall identify required inert ingredients, pursuant to Iowa Code section 206.12(2)“*c*”(2), even if they are considered trade secret, for the sole purpose of assisting in the medical management of persons exposed to pesticides;

b. Ensure that information response time to provide appropriate pesticide ingredient information, which may be responsible for the medical emergency, to a health care provider or poison control center, as defined in Iowa Code section 206.2, does not exceed 15 minutes;

c. Have in operation a toll-free number (800 number, reverse charges number, etc.) which can be accessed anywhere in Iowa;

d. Have qualified responders on duty at all times. A qualified responder who provides the information to the inquiring health care provider shall:

(1) Have a college degree in one of the life sciences or its equivalent and have a minimum of two years’ experience in the hazardous chemical (pesticide) field. This experience shall be in the routine handling and working with hazardous substances of the type that would, in the normal course of events, require emergency response; or

(2) Be an individual who is under the direct supervision of an individual who meets the requirements of 71.3(1)“*d*”(1); and

(3) Have comprehensive emergency response and accident mitigation training.

e. Have an adequate contingency plan to continue operation in the event of equipment or power failure;

f. Have facsimile (fax) capabilities;

g. Provide at a minimum:

(1) The immediate health hazards posed by internal or external exposure to a given pesticide,

(2) Risks of fire or explosion of a material,

(3) Immediate precautions to take in the event of an accident or incident,

(4) Preliminary first-aid measures, and

(5) A comprehensive list of compounds in a given product including identification of the inert ingredients only upon request from the health care provider who is treating a real-time human exposure to a registrant’s product.

h. Provide to poison control centers, defined in Iowa Code subsection 206.2(24), the telephone number(s) to be used to obtain treatment information for a person exposed to a registrant's product.

71.3(2) Reserved.

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