

Structural Pest Control Division

Georgia Department of Agriculture

Compliance Fact Sheet

Use of a Dye Marker for Wood Applied Termiticides

This fact sheet is for structural pest control operators and technicians. This notice provides guidance on how to comply with the dye marker requirement for wood applied products for subterranean termite control rule of the *Rules of the Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission (SPCC)*.

Dye Marker Requirement

All applications of liquid termiticide applied to the surface of wood and sheathing must include a sufficient amount of dye marker to readily indicate the areas that have been treated.

Why is the dye marker required?

This requirement was put in place by rule to assist the applicator in identifying the areas that have been treated and to assist GDA with determining compliance with the label and labeling requirements.

When is the dye marker required?

The dye marker is required for all minimum adequate wood applied subterranean termite control treatments.

Are there any exceptions for the dye marker?

Decorative or finished wood can be treated without the dye marker. This includes wood placed during construction which may abut finished pieces such as tubs or showers which can be stained by the dye. It also includes wood such as framing or plywood which will not be covered with drywall, sheathing, or other material before the granting of a local "certificate of occupancy" or other like certification that the structure is approved for occupancy.

What documentation is required?

The applicator is responsible for documenting all treated areas where dye was not used on the pesticide use record.

Can the Official Waiver Form be issued for the dye marker requirement?

The Official Waiver Form can only be issued for the specific items that are listed on the form. The dye marker requirement is not an item on listed on the form.

What if a builder/owner does not want the dye marker applied to the structure?

An additional or different control measure can be utilized such as a soil termiticide application or a bait and baiting system application and installation.

Online Resources

[Laws & Regulations](#)

[Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission](#)

Also listed at www.agr.georgia.gov/structural

If further assistance is needed, contact the Structural Pest Control Office or an inspector at (404) 656-3641 or inspection@agr.georgia.gov

The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission and Georgia Department of Agriculture have issued this guidance document to help pest management professionals comply with the Rules of the Georgia Structural Pest Control Act. This document does not include all regulatory requirements. Refer to the complete Rules of the Georgia Structural Pest Control Act for all rules and regulations.

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