EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

Section 1 of the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Act, 1952 (15 & 16 Geo. 6. & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 60) contained provision for regulations to be made for the protection of employees against risks of poisoning by certain poisonous substances used in agriculture. These Regulations, made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State for Scotland, prohibit certain operations, involving the use in agriculture of substances specified in the Regulations, unless the prescribed protective clothing is worn; and the number of hours during which a worker may be engaged on such operations is restricted. Workers under the age of 18 years may not be engaged on these and certain other operations at all.

Obligations are imposed on workers to do certain acts for their protection, and to refrain from others considered to be dangerous.

The Regulations also contain provisions as to working in greenhouses, the provision and maintenance of protective clothing, the provision of washing facilities for workers, the notification of sickness and of absence, the training and supervision of workers, the keeping of registers, and other matters.

1953 No. 849

The Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) (Amendment) Regulations, 1953

Made - - - -	*20th May,* 1953
Laid before Parliament	*21st May,* 1953
Coming into Operation	*27th May,* 1953

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State for Scotland, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section one of the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Act, 1952(**a**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation with such organisations as appear to them to represent the interests concerned, hereby make the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations which may be cited as the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) (Amendment) Regulations, 1953, apply to Great Britain and shall come into operation on the 27th day of May nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

(2) These regulations shall be construed as one with the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Regulations, 1953(**b**) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations").

2. As from the coming into operation of these regulations the principal regulations shall have effect as if the substances specified in the first column of the Schedule to these regulations (of which in the case of item (i) the abbreviated or common name is mentioned in the second column thereof) were included in the first column (and in the case of the said item (i) in the first and second columns respectively) of the Second Schedule to the principal regulations, and accordingly there shall be included—

(*a*) in regulation nine of the principal regulations (which relates to the keeping of a register) with the references to the substances mentioned in subparagraph (*b*) of paragraph (3) thereof; and

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(**a**) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 60. (**b**) S.I. 1953/358, p. 77 above.

(*b*) in regulation eleven of the principal regulations (which relates to the notification of certain matters to an inspector) with the references to the substances mentioned in subparagraph (*b*) of paragraph (2) thereof;

references also to the substances mentioned in the first column of the Schedule to these regulations, or, in the case of the said item (i), to sulfotepp.

3. Items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 9 of Part II of the First Schedule to the principal regulations (which Part in the first column thereof contains a list of operations which a worker is prohibited from carrying out unless he is wearing the protective clothing respectively set forth opposite thereto in the second column thereof) shall have effect, where the specified substances are those mentioned in items (ii) and (iii) of the Schedule to these regulations, with the substitution, for the references to a face-shield, of references to a respirator that has been approved as respects England and Wales by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and as respects Scotland by the Secretary of State, for use in relation to those substances.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this 20th day of May nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

Tom Dugdale,
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this 20th day of May nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

James Stuart,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

SCHEDULE

Substance	Abbreviated or common name
(i) tetraethyl dithiopyrophosphate	sulfotepp
(ii) O,O–diethyl O–ethylmercaptoethyl thiophosphate (otherwise known as diethyl thiophosphate of ethyl–mercapto–ethanol).	——
(iii) O,O–diethyl S–ethylmercaptoethyl phosphate	——

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These Regulations, made under the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Act, 1952 (15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 60), by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State for Scotland, add to the poisonous substances specified in the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Regulations, 1953 (S.I. 1953 No. 358), three further organo-phosphorus compounds; and in the case of two of them require that the protective clothing to be worn by workers shall include a respirator of a type to be approved by the Minister or the Secretary of State.