

Some citizens use
highly poisonous and illegal
pesticides like aldicarb
(carbamate), and Terbufos
(organophosphates) to control rats
and cockroach infestation.









Government discourages citizens from using illegal and poisonous pesticides.









Use rat traps to control rats instead of pesticides.









Before using a pesticide, know and understand its dangers on your physical body and health. You must also know how to use it safely by reading the information on the pesticide label before opening the container and before applying/using the product.









Pesticides may not be used for any purposes or in any manner other than what is indicated on their labels.









Pesticides may not be decanted into containers other than their original containers that are labelled with their original labels.







It is unlawful to be in possession of pesticides that are not in their original containers with their original labels and such pesticides may not be used for any purposes, may not be acquired, sold, or disposed of by handing it over to anyone else for any purposes whatsoever.









Aldicarb which is colloquially known as "Galephirimi" is banned in South Africa, while Terbufos is not registered to be used for control of rats and cockroaches.









Aldicarb which is colloquially known as "Galephirimi" and Terbufos are not recommended for household use and they are responsible for high proportion of poisoning incidences in the country.









Terbufos is restricted in terms of the Hazardous Substance Act due to adverse impacts on human health and the environment.









No one may manufacture, import, distribute, sell, use, and advertise pesticides in the country unless they are registered.









Covernment has imposed restriction on access and use of Terbufos except by registered professional trained applicators.









Government will continue to strengthen compliance, monitoring, and enforcement of chemical management and occupational health matters.









The public is urged to report any use, trade, marketing and manufacturing of illegal chemicals in South Africa.





