

Information to Bird Brand Merchants and End Users

Sale of Coal Tar Creosote to Professional Users.

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Since 2003 when the law first required Traditional Coal Tar Creosote to be sold only to Professional users, we are taking this opportunity to remind merchant customers that there are some considerations about to how to supply these professional sizes.

We define a '**Professional User**' as someone who works with timber in their occupation. This includes:

- Agricultural user. *For example: Farming, Small Holding or Equestrian use.*
- Forrester
- Saw Mill operative
- A professional user is one who uses a product in the course of his business and he then becomes subject to the normal raft of health and safety legislation.
- The British Wood Preserving & Damp Course Association confirm that wood preservatives do not require a certificate of competence to be held by those who apply such products.

Once this is clear it is up to the professional person to conduct a risk assessment using COSHH guidelines. This is for the qualified user to determine that their application is going to comply with the following:

- It should not be used in areas where is a risk of frequent skin contact (e.g. *Garden furniture) -EC actual text*.
- In parks or gardens.
- It should not be used on any containers or pots that come into contact with food stuffs.
- Not for use on children's play equipment.

For your protection we currently ask you to consider:

- You have copies of the MSDS for Creosote available to professional users. You can download it from our website www.birdbrand.co.uk.
- That 25 Litre sizes are put behind the counter and available on request. Empty drums can be provided for display purposes. Also information signs can be provided.
- You only sell to trade persons on account.
- Implementing a 'Declaration form' similar to those used for ladders, where buyers must sign a form declaring their eligibility.
- If in any doubt as whether Traditional Creosote is the right product but still need a wood preservative, we would recommend using **Bird Brand Wood Preserver or Bird Brand Ecosote**. If it is to be used for just a decorative use then we suggest Bird Brand **Creocote Timber Treatment** that has the gas oil of the old creosote but not the restricted active ingredient for preservation.

If in doubt please contact Bird Brand- R K & J Jones Ltd on 01842 828101 or email sales@birdbrand.co.uk

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