## The Register of Accredited Metallic **Phosphide Schemes in the United Kingdom**

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The Register of Accredited Metallic Phosphide Schemes (RAMPS UK), City and Guilds and the Home Office are now providing a robust scheme of self regulation which, from the 1st of September 2011 is intended to ensure that sales of metallic phosphide (AIP) products for the control of rabbits, rats and moles are only made available to suitably qualified persons. The City & Guilds Level 2 Award in the Safe use of Aluminium Phosphide for Vertebrate Pest Control will meet this need

Persons handling AIP must be able to demonstrate that they have a suitable qualification at the point of sale so that they can purchase AIP products such as Phostoxin and Talunex. By January 2015, the City and Guilds award will be the only acceptable qualification to hold.

RAMPS have a national network of approved trainers who will deliver the training package to meet the needs of the qualification and also provide a contact to arrange the registration and assessment procedures with City & Guilds.

The BPCA Fumigation Diploma already satisfies the requirements for the sale and use of aluminium and magnesium phosphide for invertebrate control

RAMPS (UK) strongly recommends that you register with us sooner rather than later, to enjoy big reductions on joining and membership fees. For full details, go to www.ramps-uk.org.



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## WHY ARE THESE CHANGES OCCURRING?

AIP products are dangerous and in untrained hands can cause significant harm or death.

To keep the products on the market, suppliers and users must demonstrate a responsible approach to handling and using AIP products.

By forming RAMPS (UK), all stockists and end users will have a 'voice' on the future of these products within pest control and agriculture.

RAMPS (UK) seeks to professionalise the use of AIP products with agreed self regulation, rather than having measures inflicted on users that would be more restrictive, complicated and costly.

RAMPS (UK) has established an appropriate registration scheme and qualification now, which is recognised by Government and others, so that every user within the UK will be compliant with the introduction of the Sustainable Use Directive, by January 2015.

Being a member of RAMPS (UK) will give you access to the approved register of stockists, trainers and end users as well as the latest label text, MSDS, emergency and incident information and support

For further information go to www.ramps-uk.org or e-mail info@ramps-uk.org .

