



Bracken Control Newsletter

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Emergency Authorisation

The Emergency Authorisation (EA) for the 2016 bracken control season has been issued and it can be downloaded from the [asulam page](#) of the website.

Although there have been very few changes from the arrangements that have been in place for the last two years, anyone planning to apply asulam this season should check the restrictions on use that are contained in the EA. These restrictions will be repeated on the pesticide label that will be attached to the containers.

Key Dates for 2016

16 May 2016	Notice of Authorisation issued by CRD Start of the Emergency Authorisation period of 120 days. Storage, promotion, sales, and transfer authorised.
1 July 2016	Application of Asulam can commence.
12 September 2016	First expiry date: for sale & distribution of stocks. Storage and use of stocks can continue.
31 October 2016	Final expiry date: for disposal,

	storage and use of stocks. It will be illegal to apply or store Asulam after this date.
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Other Information

Arrangements for the supply of asulam

Asulam will be available to purchase through distributors in three different sized containers: 5, 20 or 1,000 litres

It will be possible to return unused stock during the use-up period, providing it is in sealed, unopened containers.

Registration of asulam

The application to register asulam under the current EU regulation continues to make progress. Further data has been requested to support the application and this is being collated. This is delaying the application process and it is likely that the outcome of the application will not be known until 2019.

Certificates of Competence for the Application of Pesticides

On 26 November 2015, the 'grandfathers rights' exemption was withdrawn. All sprayer operators applying professional pesticides must now hold a recognised certificate of competence, whether working on their own land or when working as a contractor. See the [Information page](#) on the website for more detail.

Bracken Control Contractors

The website has a page dedicated to [contractors](#).

If you are looking for a contractor, this would be a good place to start your search.

If you are a contractor, are you on the list and are your details correct? If not, [please let me know](#).

The Bracken Control Group

The Bracken Control Group will continue to submit applications for Emergency Authorisations until the outcome of the application for full registration is known.

Sector Representatives, drawn from supporters of the BCG, will meet again in September / October this year, and as part of that meeting will approve the application for an Emergency Authorisation in 2017.

A review of the options for the use of hand-held equipment to apply asulam continues.

The trial of alternative chemicals for bracken control is continuing and a further report will be given during the BCG meeting in September / October 2016.

Discussions are taking place with the Aerial Applicators Association (helicopter contractors) about buffer zones and how best to represent their concerns.