

SPRAYER TESTING



The Sustainable Use Directive (SUD)* requires all pesticide application equipment to be tested by the relevant dates.

1. Boom sprayers over 3 metres, air blast sprayers, train and aircraft sprayers
 - a. First test due before the sprayer is 5 years old
 - b. Re-test every 3 years
2. Booms 3 metres and under, slug pellet and micro-granular applicators, weed wipers, seed treatment and other specialist equipment
 - a. First test due before the machine is 5 years old
 - b. Re-test every 6 years
3. Knapsack, handheld and pedestrian equipment
 - a. Must be checked on a regular basis by a competent person
 - b. Make any repairs necessary
 - c. Keep a record of the inspection - a knapsack checklist is available from the NSTS website

Crops, Fresh Produce and SQC Assurance Scheme requirements

- a. Annual testing for sprayers over 3 metres and air blast sprayers
- b. Annual testing of granular nematicide applicators
- c. All other equipment to SUD timescales

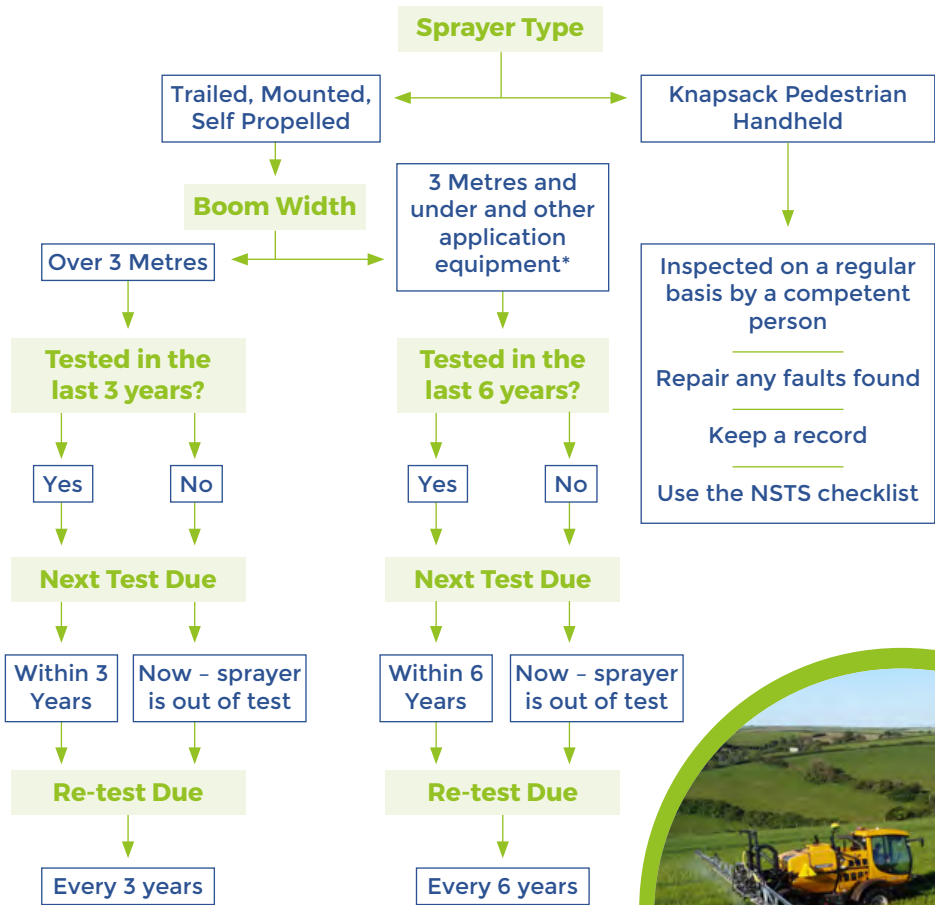
* The legal requirements are contained in the Plant Protection Products (Sustainable Use) Regulations 2012



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DECISION TREE FOR EQUIPMENT OVER 5 YEARS OLD



- * Slug pellet and micro-granular applicators
- * Weed wipers
- * Seed treating equipment (incl. conveyor and roller table)
- * Boat mounted and sub-surface applicators
- * Fogging, misting and smoking equipment
- * Other equipment may fall into this category



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