A GUIDE TO TESTING SCHEDULES

All spraying equipment, except knapsack and handheld sprayers, must be tested in line with current legislation. The flowchart below will help you understand what you need to test and when. More information can be found on the National Sprayer Testing Scheme (NSTS) website at: www.nsts.org.uk.

Was your equipment less than 5 years old on 26 November 2016?

Yes

Is your equipment one of the following:
- Boom sprayer over 3 meters (mounted, trailed or self-propelled)
- Sprayer attached to aircraft
- Air assisted broadcast sprayer

Yes

Before 26/11/20, your equipment must pass an NSTS inspection once every 5 years from date of purchase.

It must pass an NSTS inspection every 3 years thereafter.

No

Your equipment must pass an NSTS inspection at an interval of every 6 years.

This includes equipment used for spreading slug pellets and granular pesticides.

No

Is your equipment one of the following:
- Boom sprayer over 3 meters (mounted, trailed or self-propelled)
- Sprayer attached to aircraft
- Air assisted broadcast sprayer

Yes

Your equipment must have passed an NSTS inspection before 26/11/16.

Between 26/11/16 and 26/11/20 it must pass an NSTS inspection, at no more than a 5 year interval.

It must pass an NSTS inspection every 3 years thereafter.

No

Your equipment must have passed an NSTS inspection before 26/11/16.

It must pass an NSTS inspection every 6 years thereafter.

This includes equipment used for spreading slug pellets and granular pesticides.