

Do you buy plant protection products with a label not in Polish, withdrawn from sale or from random sellers?



STOP!

- ✗ YOU MAY FACE CRIMINAL LIABILITY
- ✗ YOU RISK YOUR HEALTH AND OTHERS'
- ✗ YOU PUT THE ENVIRONMENT AT RISK

The campaign "Kupując nielegalnie, szkodzisz wiele razy" ("Buying illegal products harms you in more ways than one") is run by Polskie Stowarzyszenie Ochrony Roślin (PSOR) in cooperation with: the National Revenue Administration (KAS), the State Plant Health and Seed Inspection Service (PIORIN), and the Police. The campaign is under the patronage of the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland.

**One illegal buy.
Many consequences**

14% of the EU market is illegal, including counterfeit plant protection products*



* Source: EUIPO & Europol, Intellectual Property Crime Threat Assessment, 2022.

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Looking for cheap crop sprays **on online auctions?**

Do you buy plant protection products **from the trunk or at a market stall?**

Have you ever used the services of an intermediary who delivered plant protection products **from abroad to your home?**

Do you know when you are breaking the law and when you are acting legally? Find the answer below.



Where not to buy plant protection products?

- from a foreign intermediary
- from the trunk
- from a “friend”
- from under the counter
- at suspicious, anonymous online auctions
- at a market stall

You are breaking the law when...

- You buy and sell illegal, including counterfeit, plant protection products
- You import plant protection products from abroad without permits from the MRiRW**.
- You possess and use such products

Warning!
You risk criminal and financial liability!



Where and how to buy safely?

A shop, wholesaler or distributor that:

- is registered with PIORiN*
- sells only products registered in Poland, with an authorisation issued by MRiRW**
- issues proof of purchase (a receipt or an invoice)

You act according to the law when...

- You use products registered in Poland, with a label in Polish, purchased from legal sales and distribution points supervised by PIORiN*

* State Plant Health and Seed Inspection Service
** Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

**Be smart and avoid damage.
Make wise decisions!**



What do you risk?

Counterfeit plant protection products, once used, may show no effect at all or destroy your crops. Many farmers have already experienced this.

You can lose EU subsidies. The use of non-registered products, including counterfeit plant protection products, is a breach of cross-compliance rules.

Warning!
Obligation to return EU subsidies!



What do you gain?

If you buy registered plant protection products and use them in line with the product label and Good Agricultural Practice, you can be sure your crops will be safe. Your customers will be satisfied with the quality of the food you produce.

By using legal plant protection products, you protect not only your crops, but also your own health and the health of those close to you.

Safe online shopping



Distribution of plant protection products via the Internet is legal, but it is often abused to place illegal products on the market, including counterfeits.



Attractive offers on online auctions should make you vigilant, especially if:

- the seller remains anonymous
- the offers concern withdrawn products, brought in from abroad and sold at a suspiciously low price
- the seller has not verified the buyer
- the seller offers products that are not allowed to be sold online, e.g. fumigants