

● **PESTICIDE CONTROL LAW (AERIAL APPLICATORS)**

STATUTORY CITATION: Vt. Stat. Title 6, §§ 1101 – 1112

RELATED REGULATIONS: Vt. Code R. 20-031-012

GENERAL SUMMARY: In addition to the provisions regulating ground application of pesticides, the state agriculture agency has adopted explicit standards relevant to application of pesticides by aircraft.

SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Individuals who apply pesticides from the air must be certified as aircraft pest control applicators and must obtain certification in the specific category of activity in which they will engage, which may include agriculture. To qualify for certification, the applicant must pass prescribed examinations to assure the individual's skill and knowledge regarding the safe application of pesticides from the air. Among the topics tested are weather and drift, calibration of aerial equipment, pesticide loading procedures, and labeling. Furthermore, aerial operators must obtain an annual permit before treating agricultural commodities.

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — *Pesticide Management Section, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, Montpelier, Vermont 05620 (802-828-2431)*. This agency is responsible for licensing and certifying aerial pesticide applicators in the state, and is authorized to revoke or suspend licensing and certification for failure to adhere to the regulations governing their operations.

SECONDARY OR ASSOCIATED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — *None*.