



Outline of CRRU¹ Structure to deliver co-ordination of UK SGAR Stewardship Regime

1. Steering Group (CRRU UK Task Force)

During Stewardship Regime implementation, the Steering Group will comprise the full CRRU Task Force (CRRU TF). The purpose of the Steering Group will be to deliver CRRU's responsibility to co-ordinate and monitor the UK SGAR Stewardship Regime. It will be necessary to appoint a smaller sub-group to participate in occasional meetings between the Steering Group and the Government Oversight Group.

This structure will give all CRRU Member companies, and the CRRU Technical Advisors, full visibility of and involvement in the co-ordination and monitoring processes. A representative of each of the other four superseded Sector Groups (SG), namely Professional Pest Control and Local Authority, Agriculture, Supplier and Amateur and Gamekeeping, will be invited to join the CRRU Task Force. This will mean more frequent meetings of the CRRU TF than the previous biannual meetings.

The delivery of stewardship co-ordination by CRRU will be conducted by a series of Work Groups organised according to areas of operation. These WGs will be led by a WG Lead and populated by the staff of CRRU companies and from the old SGs, with relevant expertise, who will volunteer to carry out these roles. It is anticipated that representatives from each of the old SGs will participate, where appropriate, in the WGs shown below. This participation is essential to deliver co-ordination across all user groups. The WGs will invite additional membership where appropriate and report to the CRRU UK TF.

2. Best Practice Work Group

The Best Practice Work Group will have the objective to ensure that all users of SGARs, within the UK SGAR Stewardship Regime, are aware of and apply the CRRU Code of Best Practice.² The WG will report the operations of stakeholder organisations when they monitor and audit the compliance of their members with the Code of Best Practice (self-policing).

¹ Any reference to 'CRRU' throughout this document is to CRRU UK.

² Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use. Best Practice and Guidance for Rodent Control and the Safe Use of Rodenticides by Professional Users. Draft available from CRRU. Final version to be published February 2015.

In particular, this work group will have responsibility to ensure that the guideline is adopted by:

- Professional pest control trade associations and other advisory bodies for the professional pest control sector.
- Accreditation schemes operating in the food and retail sectors and their auditing procedures.
- Gamekeeping trade associations and other associated organisations.
- Agricultural accreditation schemes and their farm auditing procedures.
- Agriculture sector Levy Bodies and other organisations offering advice to farmers about rodent control.
- Agencies offering training, qualification and certification to professional users of rodenticides.

3. Training and Certification Work Group

The Training and Certification WG (T&C WG) will establish a training framework and agree a training standard considered appropriate for proof of professional competence at point of sale for purchase of professional only SGAR products. It will agree key learning outcomes for courses designed to meet the standard which it sets. It will also commission a panel of organisations to be Qualification Providers (QPs), and in co-operation with them, ensure that courses meet the requirements set out in the framework document.

In conjunction with the QPs, the WG will establish a list of CRRU-approved qualifications that are considered appropriate for proof of professional competence at point-of-sale to permit purchase of professional only SGAR products. The WG will be responsible for monitoring training delivery, maintenance of registers of qualified personnel by QPs and for the provision of a list of approved qualifications to the Point-of-Sale Working Group (see below).

An important role of the WG will be to establish which qualifications currently held within the different user sectors meet the appropriate standard – a so-called ‘grandfathering’ process. Where such qualifications are considered to meet the standard set, a procedure for updating the current learning of certification-holders will need to be considered.

The WG will also consider what systems of Continuing Professional Development are appropriate to the different user groups and take necessary action to ensure that they are implemented.

4. Regulatory Work Group

The Regulatory Work Group will co-ordinate efforts by manufacturers to simplify and to harmonise product labels. The responsibility for individual product labels will remain with manufacturers and HSE. However, the WG will operate in a co-ordinating role to deliver CRRU proposals about product labels. The main purposes of these proposals are to make labels simple and comprehensible to users, to develop novel labels for amateur users and to ensure that, where possible, products with similar patterns of use and similar properties

carry similar label phrases to reduce confusion and unnecessary complexity for users and to promote a core set of mitigation measures.

The Regulatory Work Group will also be responsible for the provision of stewardship monitoring data to HSE, within an agreed structure of data confidentiality/ownership as a requirement of product authorisation.

5. Point-of-Sale Work Group

The Point-of-Sale Work Group will lead actions to implement the requirement for proof of professional competence at point of sale which is to appear on labels as follows:

‘For supply to and use only by professional users holding certification demonstrating that they have been trained according to the UK second generation anticoagulant rodenticide (SGAR) stewardship programme requirements.’

It will work with all members of the distribution network, in all user sectors, to ensure that necessary mechanisms are operated at point-of-sale so that appropriate qualifications are held by all professional SGAR users. The issue of the purchase of products by company central purchasing functions, and their subsequent use by qualified field operatives, will be addressed.

The WG will, as far as possible, develop equivalent mechanisms for demonstration of qualification for internet purchase transactions for professional users of SGARs.

6. Monitoring Work Group

The Monitoring Work Group will establish links with contractor agencies which will deliver all stewardship monitoring projects, including analysis of SGAR residues in barn owl livers, barn owl breeding and population investigations and Knowledge, Attitude and Practice (KAP) surveys. Appropriate contracts will be developed and established between contractors and the funding agencies. The WG will be responsible for the scientific veracity of the monitoring projects, will co-ordinate provision of reports at required intervals and will oversee any other publication of monitoring data.

7. Communications

The CRRU Communications Manager will be responsible for all dissemination of information from CRRU to external agencies about CRRU activities, including co-ordination of the Stewardship Regime.

8. Financial Governance

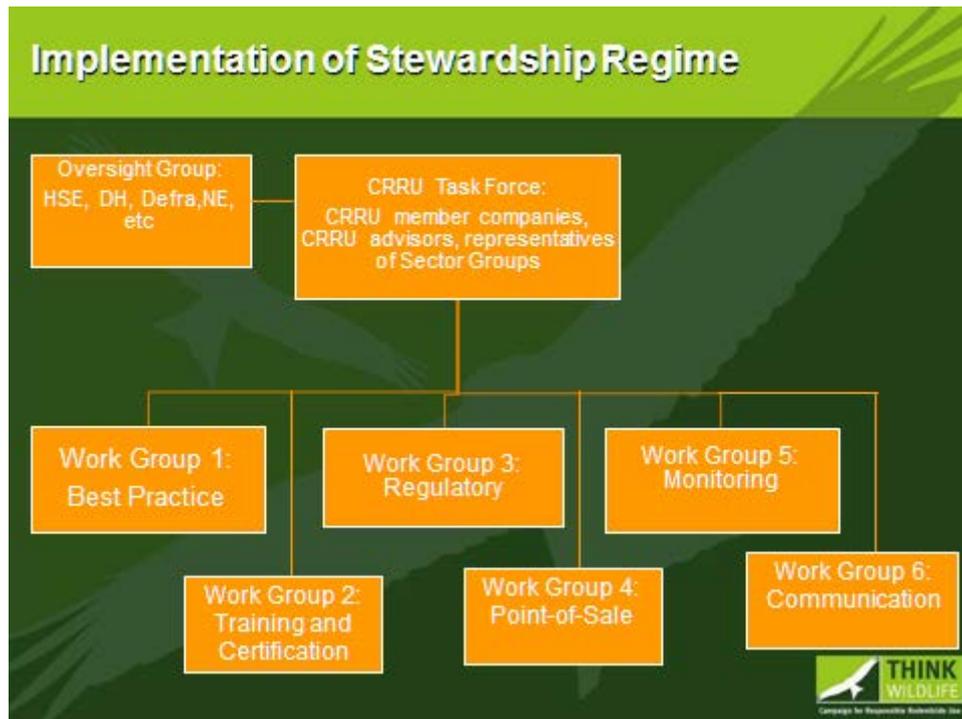
The CRRU Secretary-Treasurer will be responsible for all financial transactions conducted by CRRU in delivery of Stewardship Regime co-ordination and monitoring within the current structure of the Company Limited by Guarantee.

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