

Regulation 637 Implementation Plan

MDA is providing the information below to communicate changes to Regulation 637 and provide compliance assistance to affected individuals and businesses.

1. Post the revised regulation (final version) and this implementation plan on the MDA internet site.
2. Train MDA staff on changes to the regulation.
3. Schedule 2-3 compliance assistance meetings by the end of March or early in April and announce these meetings on the web, in mailings to commercial pesticide applicator businesses and MSU county extension offices, and at any other venue where MDA staff are talking with applicators.
4. Based on questions received at the compliance assistance meetings and staff training, revise the Regulation 637 Question and Answer document and publish that document on the MDA web and update staff procedures manual
5. Mail notice of the revised rules to all 2008 licensed businesses and MSU extension staff and include the same mailing in any license issued subsequent to the mailing. Mailing should include:
 - a. Brief statement regarding implementation.
 - b. Information on our web site for access to the regulation, implementation plan and initial Q&A information. Download from web should reduce copy costs for MDA, but some hard copies are needed.
 - c. Information on compliance assistance meetings open to anyone.
 - d. Information on how to contact regional offices or Lansing
 - e. Directions on who to contact for a hard copy of regulation and implementation plan.
6. Draft Press Release and a universal article with information similar to business mailing.
7. Nearly all rule amendments can be implemented immediately without having an adverse effect with the following exceptions:
 - a. Lawn posting sign amendments will be enforced on July 1, 2008. Firms may continue to post old signs until that date and may post old signs as advertising next to the new sign should they so desire. Firms may begin using new signs at any time. I anticipate some firms will continue to post an advertising sign in the future (not a regulated activity).
 - b. Notification registry amendments will take effect at the time the registry renewal notices are issued in October of 2008. We are just finalizing the

registry for publication and there is no time to implement minor modifications to adjacent or additional property descriptions and make our mandatory publication deadlines.

- c. The organic farm registry amendments will take effect at the time the registry renewal notices are issued in October of 2008. We are just finalizing the registry for publication and there is no time to implement minor modifications to adjacent or additional property descriptions and make our mandatory publication deadlines.