

Letter of Authorization

To: Merced County Agricultural Commissioner
2139 Wardrobe Ave.
Merced, CA 95341-6445
Telephone: (209) 385-7431 Fax: (209) 725-3910

From: _____
Operator of the property

Address

City, State, Zip () _____
Telephone

The authorized representative or licensed pest control adviser (PCA) named below may represent me in obtaining a restricted materials permit or operator identification number for use in Merced County. I understand that this authorization does not relieve me of liability for violations of pesticide laws or regulations on my property. This authorization shall remain in effect until I revoke it in writing to the Agricultural Commissioner.

Signature of operator of the property _____
Date

Title

Representative name
I am the property operator's: ☐ employee; ☐ relative; ☐ PCA; ☐ Other _____ (*Specify*)

*A QAL or QAC **and** a Pest Control Business License & Registration are required for a farm management business which apply pesticides.
*No Pesticide applications are allowed by a farm management business without a Pest Control Business License.

I hereby certify that the information above is correct to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that, in the event of violation of pesticide laws or regulations, I could be held liable either separately or together with the property operator.

Signature of representative () _____
Telephone

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Policy & Letter of Authorization Packet

PERMIT ISSUANCE POLICY (established 2/02)

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The purpose of this policy is to define the conditions under which the commissioner will allow authorized representatives and licensed pest control advisers (PCA) to sign for permits and operator identification numbers.

1. “Authorized Representatives” for the purposes of this policy means an employee of the operator of the property or an immediate relative of the operator obtaining a permit or operator identification number on behalf of the operator. This person must have sufficient control over the property to assure compliance with California’s pesticide laws and regulations. PCAs are not included in this definition of authorized representative unless he/she is an employee of the property operator.
2. The authorized representative or PCA must present written authorization from the permittee. Merced County’s “Letter of Authorization” form (or similarly detailed format) should be used.
3. Permits will be issued in the name of the operator of the property (permittee), not the authorized representative or PCA.
4. If the authorized representative and/or the permittee is a certified applicator (PAC, QAL, QAC) a possession and use permit, in the name of the operator of the property, may be signed by the authorized representative. Advise the certified authorized representative that he/she may be held responsible for certain violations, along with or separate from the permittee.
5. If neither the authorized representative nor the permittee is a certified applicator, then the permit must be conditioned that all restricted material uses be made by a licensed pest control business and the permittee may not use, possess, or store restricted materials (these include federally restricted and 6800(a) materials). Alternatively, a operator identification number for non-restricted materials only, may be issued.
6. A PCA, may not use his/her certified applicator license or certificate to obtain a possession and use permit for a non-certified permittee unless he/she is also an employee of the permittee.

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