



### The SALSA Requirement:

**“The business shall either contract the services of a competent pest control organisation, or shall have trained personnel, for the regular inspection and treatment of premises to deter and eradicate infestation. Where the services of a pest control contractor are employed, the service contract shall be clearly defined and reflect the activities of the site.”**

### About this SALSA Requirement:

This Requirement is intended to ensure that a planned system of pest control is in place for a business. It is recognised that the majority of businesses will outsource pest control to a trained expert contractor. Specific pest control training is required for in-house pest control even if someone in the business has carried out pest control in the past e.g. in agriculture. A service shall be clearly defined for either option.

### Tools

#### Pest Contract

- A Service Contract which reflects the requirements of the site e.g. age, fabrication condition & history
- Certificated Membership of the BPCA (British Pest Control Association) or NPTA (National Pest Technicians Association) for the Pest Contractor AND the individual Technician(s) designated to show a level of competency
- Routine checks on the level of service, routine observation & regular Good Manufacturing Practice audits (including that the frequency stated in the Contract is maintained)

#### In-house Pest Control

- Pest Control training: for more information, see British Pest Control Association website: <http://www.bpca.org.uk/training.html>
- The level of training required should be risk-based & reflect the size of business, any relevant pest history & type of products manufactured
- Ensure the level of service is checked, through routine observation & regular Good Manufacturing Practice audits

### Tips

#### Pest Contract

- ✓ Pest control provision is a Requirement of the SALSA Standard whether or not there have been any previous problems
- ✓ Train staff in the type of pest(s) that could be present & to report immediately any sightings
- ✓ Pest sighting must be reported immediately to the Pest Contractor
- ✓ Give the Contractor a copy of the SALSA Guidance Notes for Section 1.9
- ✓ Using a Pest Contractor does not absolve the Owners/Managers of responsibility of keeping premises pest-free

#### In-house Pest Control

- ✓ Ensure there is more than one person trained in pest control within the business to cover absence
- ✓ Ensure trained staff are given the time to complete regular checks to the required standard
- ✓ Routinely check to ensure trained staff are completing the checks appropriately
- ✓ A competent Pest Contractor can be used for specific infestation treatments, recommendations and proofing



**Additional resources:**

See Tools & Tips for: 1.9.2 Location of pest control measures; 1.9.4 Records of pest inspections & recommendations raised; 1.9.5 Results of pest control to be assessed and analysed for trends.

**What do I need to do to show I comply with this Requirement?**

Pest Contractor: Contract the service to a reputable pest control contractor with a clearly defined contract stating the type of pests being monitored & methods of monitoring, the frequency of checks, recording of trends, and what immediate actions (with timescales & repeat visits) they take if an infestation occurs. Ensure you have signed your Pest Control contract.

In-house: Document clearly how you will be controlling pests and how frequently inspection will occur. Include details on external companies you will call on if required.

**What does a Contract look like & how can I use this example in my business?**

The example below shows details from a typical contract & how it is used within a business.

<p><b>Routine Service Treatment</b></p> <p>Number of routine inspections and treatments by fully trained Pest Control technicians <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">8</span> <i>per annum</i> for Rats and Mice</p>	
<p><b>Inspection QA Reports</b></p> <p>Number of routine inspections on site = <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">8</span> <i>x per annum</i></p> <p>Number of audit inspections on site = <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2</span> <i>x per annum</i></p>	
<p><b>Further Pest Coverage on site</b></p> <p>Number of routine treatments against the following specified Pests <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; color: blue;">Mill Moth Spraying</span></p> <p><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2</span> <i>x per annum</i></p>	
<p><b>Fly Control Unit Servicing</b></p> <p><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1</span> <i>x per annum</i> – to include the following:</p> <p>1x annual tube change &amp; replacement of encapsulation films</p> <p>Full clean and service of the unit on site.</p>	<p><b>Fly Catch Tray Analysis</b></p> <p><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">4</span> <i>x per annum</i> – to include the following:</p> <p>Identification of varying species of flying insect pests within the site</p> <p>Full records of activity levels across each area</p> <p>Trend analysis of fly control units, if required.</p>
<p>Infestation &amp; internal sighting visit: call-out within 24 hours &amp; repeat visits until clear.</p>	