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## Pest management

Effective pest management programmes reduces the risk of infestation at the site and contamination of the product. Correctly skilled resources are essential to achieve this, to monitor the site routinely and respond rapidly to any issues which do occur.

P	R	O	Clause number	Topic	Requirements
P	R		10.1	Management accountability	<p>A trained and competent company employee must be accountable for the pest management programme and ensure that the specification is complied with, for example, frequency of inspections.</p> <p>They must have access to all details of the pest management programme, including records.</p>
P	R		10.2	Pest management programme	<p>An effective pest management programme must be in place, based on a documented risk assessment that takes into account the following, as a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• site location and surrounding environment</li> <li>• building design</li> <li>• raw materials and products on site</li> <li>• history of pest issues</li> <li>• different site areas</li> <li>• seasonal variations</li> <li>• operational periods</li> </ul> <p>The pest control provider may be a specialist or a trained employee.</p> <p>The programme must be reviewed annually as a minimum, or when a major issue occurs.</p>

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P	R		10.3	Pest management programme specification	<p>The pest management programme must be documented and must include, as a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• details of the pest control provider and evidence of their competence</li> <li>• frequency and type of inspections, based on risk</li> <li>• a site plan identifying the area covered by the programme and pest monitoring and control points</li> <li>• the pests covered</li> <li>• the pest management methods and procedures in use, including follow up inspections, follow up frequency following infestation is agreed and documented on a case by case basis ensuring it is appropriate to the infestation</li> <li>• Electric Fly Killer (EFK) tube change frequency (where used)</li> <li>• material safety data sheets (MSDS) for all chemicals used</li> <li>• emergency call out details</li> <li>• details of how the programme complies with all local legislation (for example, bird control, traps etc.)</li> </ul>
	R		10.4	Pest management records	<p>During each visit or inspection, activity/action reports must be completed and include the following, as a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all observations of pests or evidence of pest activity</li> <li>• updated pest activity trend analysis</li> <li>• recommendations for action by the site</li> <li>• details of any chemicals used</li> <li>• pest proofing requirements</li> <li>• poor hygiene/housekeeping conditions</li> <li>• difficulties accessing or lost/missing pest monitoring and/or control points</li> <li>• review by the site employee accountable for the pest management programme</li> </ul>

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P	R	O	10.5	Pest monitoring and control	<p>Pest monitoring and control points must be appropriately positioned for the intended pests.</p> <p>They must be robust, tamper-proof, and secured/fixed to walls or floors to prevent removal.</p> <p>They must not present a risk to the product.</p> <p>Spray or fumigation treatments must be controlled, not carried out during production/packing and not over uncovered product.</p>
	R	O	10.6	Live catch and break back traps	<p>Where used, live catch systems must be inspected daily or more frequently where required by in country legislation. This can be done by the pest control provider or a trained on site person.</p> <p>Where used, break back traps must be enclosed, tamper proof and have an indicator to show if the trap has been activated. The design must be such that it gives an immediate kill.</p> <p>Break back traps must only be used in production and packing areas with permission of the Tesco Technical contact.</p> <p>Break back traps must be checked at least weekly where they are being used for monitoring activity. Daily checks are required where they are being used to manage an infestation, to observe if they have been activated, until no evidence of activity for 7 days.</p> <p>This can be done by the pest control provider or a trained on site person.</p>

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	R	O	10.7	Toxic bait	<p>Toxic baits must not be used in open product areas unless treating an active infestation.</p> <p>Toxic baits must not be used routinely in production/packing and storage areas, unless in enclosed access panels.</p> <p>Loose/granular toxic baits must not be used in open product areas, production/packing and storage areas (for example, poison grain). Gels or blocks must be used.</p>