

**HARMFUL. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. ECOTOXIC**



**HSNO CLASSES: 6.1E, 6.9B, 9.1D**  
**HI-STRENGTH POSSUM BAIT**

Bait in pellet form for applying in bait stations for poisoning of possums.  
Contains 0.05 g/kg of brodifacoum in the form of a bait.

**PRECAUTIONS**

**Harmful substance.** Repeated oral exposure may cause toxin to accumulate in internal organs and may affect the clotting ability of the blood. Wear impervious gloves when handling baits or open containers. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using the product or handling open containers. Remove protective clothing and wash hands and exposed skin thoroughly before meals and after any contact. Do not breathe dust.

**Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates.** Take measures to prevent domestic animals and pets being exposed to the toxin either through eating baits or through eating the carcasses of poisoned animals. Apply this product in bait stations only. Harmful to aquatic organisms. Avoid contamination of any water supply with the product or empty container.

**Storage:** Store in original container, tightly closed and away from feed or foodstuffs in a cool, dry place. Keep out of reach of children and domestic animals. Do not store in direct or diffused sunlight. Avoid cyclic heating and cooling which may cause condensation with in the containers.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**Symptoms of Poisoning:** No symptoms may be apparent for several days if poisoning has occurred. Symptoms may include pale gums, passing of blood in urine or faeces, and the appearance of bruising.

**First Aid:** If poisoning is suspected DO NOT induce vomiting. Call a doctor or emergency physician at your nearest hospital. For further advice contact National Poisons Centre 0800 POISONS (Phone 0800 764 766).

**Treatment of domestic animals accidentally poisoned:** Vitamin K<sub>1</sub> is an effective antidote against accidental poisoning of domestic animals by Pestoff Hi-Strength Possum Bait. Veterinarians are familiar with the information on Vitamin K<sub>1</sub> therapy and should be consulted.

**Spillage:** In the event of a spill, isolate the spill area and take all practicable steps to manage any harmful effects of a spillage including preventing baits from entering streams or waterways. Scoop spilled baits into secure containers. Recover any undamaged bait for later use by placing in appropriately labelled containers and dispose of spoiled bait as directed below. Use a broom to collect fine material and wash down the spill area with copious water only after all spilled bait has been removed.

**Disposal:** Product which is surplus or spoiled should be disposed of by burying with other organic material on the active tip face of an appropriately managed landfill or buried within the biologically active layer of soil elsewhere within a secure area. Ensure that a good covering of earth is applied over the bait immediately to prevent access by scavenging birds. Alternatively, burn unwanted bait material in a suitably constructed and appropriately located incinerator and bury any residues as above. Treating the baits through a sewage oxidation facility or other chemical treatment facility is also an acceptable means of disposing of unwanted bait material. Burn empty bags or bury at a landfill. Do not use the empty container for any other purpose. ALL UNEATEN BAITS MUST BE COLLECTED AND REMOVED FROM THE AREA WHEN BAITING HAS CEASED.

**DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

Use only for possum control and apply only in bait stations which prevent easy access by non target animals. Set up bait stations out of reach of stock and children, approximately 100 meters apart on shelter belts or bush/pasture margins or at a density of two bait stations per hectare in bush. Place no more than 500 grams of Pestoff Hi-Strength Possum Bait in each bait station and replace any bait eaten only after 30-40 days. In most situations, no more than 1 or 2 applications of bait per year will be necessary to reduce possum numbers and maintain them at low densities.

Pestoff Hi-Strength Possum Bait should not be used as the initial control method where high possum densities occur. The product is intended for controlling low to moderate possum populations. While a lethal dose for a possum may be as little as 40 grams of bait and this may be consumed in a single night of feeding, the symptoms of poisoning are usually delayed for several days. As a result, many possums may eat more than one lethal dose if bait continues to be present. Where large numbers of possums occur, an acutely toxic bait such as Pestoff DECAL Possum Bait should be used. Do not use brodifacoum based baits in such situations as the available bait may be insufficient to provide a lethal dose to all possums present and sub-lethal dosing may occur with the result that few possums will be killed.

**RESIDUE WARNING**

**Feral animals:** Brodifacoum, the active ingredient is a potent second generation anticoagulant poison which can accumulate particularly in the liver, kidneys and fat of poisoned animals. Poisoned possums may be eaten by feral pigs (where feral pigs are present) and this may cause significant brodifacoum residues to accumulate within the tissue of feral pigs. Warning signs must be erected to warn hunters and members of the public that brodifacoum has been used and that feral pigs may contain unacceptable brodifacoum residues. Do not feed possums killed with brodifacoum baits to dogs or cats.

**Livestock:** It is essential to prevent access to baits by domestic livestock, pets and non-target animals. Stock must be kept off the treatment area until baits have been removed. Dogs and cats may be at risk from scavenging poisoned animal carcasses and pet owners in the immediate vicinity should be notified of this risk. Collect poisoned animal carcasses where practicable for burning or burying at least 600 mm below ground, otherwise limit access to the treatment area until poisoned animal carcasses are unlikely to be eaten or to contain residues.

**LEGAL OBLIGATIONS**

**Legal obligations:** This product must only be used in bait stations. It is a legal requirement that signs must be posted to notify the public that this product has been applied in the area. Signs must be erected to warn hunters and members of the public that brodifacoum has been use and that feral animals may contain residues and that they must not be taken for food. In public areas, signs must remain for a period of 12 months after baits have been removed or destroyed. In other areas signs must remain for 9 months after baiting has ceased. See conditions set under relevant legislation for more details. This product must only be used as specified in the label.

**Restrictions on sale & purchase:** This product must only be sold by Animal Control Products Limited as sole trader and distributor. It must not be re-sold or redistributed. The purchase of Pestoff Hi-Strength Possum Bait is restricted to organisations with a bona fide requirement to use the product as part of the National Strategy for Tb control or for conservation purposes.

**Additional requirements:** The registrant must record all sales of this product including date sold, volume sold and purchasing organisation's name. In addition, purchasers must return information to the registrant (Animal Control Products Ltd) within 3 months of the conclusion of each operation using this product, providing details of the locality used, duration of operation and volume used.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Shelf life:** The shelf life of this product may vary according to the suitability of storage conditions. As a guide, it is recommended that the product be used within 12 months of date of manufacture as studies have shown that the palatability of bait may progressively decline after that time. Any product held after the expiry date shown on the bag, or product which has been affected by excessive moisture, mould, insect attack or other contamination should be disposed of according to label directions.

**Conditions of sale:** As no control can be exercised over the methods or conditions under which this product is used, no responsibility or claim, other than those required by statute, will be accepted for any damage or injury whatsoever arising from the storage, handling, application, or disposal of this product.

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PRF No./Manuf. date:

Lure/Size:

Expiry Date:

Batch No.:

**Net Weight 10kg**

