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4 REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF PESTICIDES

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National and international controls on pesticide usage

4.1.1

In many countries the sale and use of pesticides are regulated by governments to ensure safety in application and prevention of contamination of foodstuffs. Among the factors taken into account in such regulations are the recommendations made by international organizations such as FAO and WHO, especially in regard to maximum limits of pesticide residues in food and foodstuffs.

4.1.2

Examples of some commonly used pesticides are listed in appendix 1. Pesticides should be used strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions as given on the label or package itself. National regulations and requirements vary from one country to another; therefore particular pesticides which may be used for treatment of cargo holds and accommodation in ships may be limited by the regulations and requirements of:

- .1 the country where the cargo is loaded or treated;
- .2 the country of destination of the cargo, especially in regard to pesticide residues in foodstuffs; and
- .3 flag State of the ship.

4.1.3

Ships' masters should ensure that they have the necessary knowledge of the above regulations and requirements.