Who should register?

- Anyone who applies pesticides which are designated as ‘Professional Use’ on the label, irrespective of method of application or quantity applied, must register
- For example: Round-up applied with a knapsack; or, any product applied to grassland/crops with a sprayer
- A farmer who buys sprays but gets a contractor who is a registered professional user to apply them on their behalf does not have to register
How will the Sustainable Use Directive (SUD) affect farmers?

- Farmers must register with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) by November 26, 2015
- Amateur use pesticides (e.g., home garden products) are not covered by the SUD

How do farmers register?

- Register online at http://www.pcs.agriculture.gov.ie/sud/sudreg/
- Detailed screenshots to help farmers register are available on Teagasc and DAFM websites

What qualifications does a farmer need to register?

- A farmer must have completed an approved pesticide course. For approved courses and how to query Teagasc education records see: www.teagasc.ie/training/courses/pesticide-training.asp

Who can purchase pesticides?

- Any herd/flock owner or registered professional user can purchase professional use products
- Only registered professional users can apply professional use products
- Any person can buy and apply amateur use products

What are the sanctions under the SUD?

- The SUD will be inspected as part of cross-compliance. Breaches may be subject to a penalty of €250 but in future that may be a percentage of Single Farm Payments

What else should you know?

- Boom sprayers (greater than 3m wide) must be tested by November 26, 2016
- Farmers must keep records of all sprays applied