This is how you can **protect** yourself against illegal pesticides:

**Label**
PPP's are products that require official approval and authorization. The label must carry details of the producer and initial distributor, the BVL's official authorization number or stamp of approval for parallel trade, and the indicators required by dangerous goods regulations.

**Invoice**
Responsible purchasing involves obtaining an invoice that shows the full product name along with the quantity, price and date of purchase.

**Import**
If you have any questions about products that may have been imported, please contact your supplier or official plant protection service.

**Price**
Question unrealistic prices and conspicuous discounts. Because cheap products can later become very expensive.

**Tips for checking your supplier:**

1. **Does the retailer have a company address that can be validated (not just a PO box)?**
2. **Do you know the supplier personally or, if not, can he identify himself (official ID with photo)?**
3. **Is he familiar with the products and their uses?**
4. **Does he occasionally ask you about your shopping list?**
5. **Does he offer alternative products and solutions?**
6. **Can he also advise you if you have difficult-to-eradicate infestations?**
7. **Can he show you details of his supply channels?**
8. **Is the information on the receipt and invoice correct, and does it accurately match the goods?**
9. **Are the PPP's being offered with proper labelling in the German language (a precondition for official approval and authorization)?**
10. **Does your supplier participate in a programme for collecting empty containers (e.g. PAMIRA)?**

If you can answer each of these questions with **YES**, you have found the right supplier!

For plant protection, the following applies:

The right quality can only be obtained from the right supply sources.

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Would you apply this to your plants?

- What are illegal pesticides?
- What are the risks to the environment, users, and your business?
- What changes do the new EU regulation on the approval of plant protection products and the new German plant protection law bring?
- This is how you can **protect** yourself against illegal pesticides!