From April 2021 it will be **illegal to sell or supply** slug pellets containing metaldehyde for outdoor use in the UK. There are no metaldehyde products authorised for indoor use.

There is a one year grace period where **existing personal** supplies of pellets can be used up by individuals, but this too becomes illegal in the UK from April 2022. They cannot be used for **any** purpose after this date.

It will be **illegal to store and use** an unauthorised product containing metaldehyde purchased from outside the UK either via the Internet or in person. It will also be illegal for the buyer to sell such products on in the UK.

To safely dispose of metaldehyde pellets, please contact your local council.

Anyone selling or supplying metaldehyde slug pellets from April 2021 in the UK will be **breaking the law** – if you see this happening, please report to store managers and contact the Environmental Health Department at your local Council.

To help hedgehogs and other wildlife please always seek organic methods of pest control, and find out more about how you can help hedgehogs in your garden at www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk