Compliance Fact Sheet
Official Waiver

This fact sheet is for structural pest control operators and technicians. It provides guidance on how to comply with the Official Waiver of the Georgia minimum treatment standards for the control of subterranean termites form in the Rules of the Georgia Structural Pest Control Act. These rules were amended September 1, 2017.

What does the regulation require?
The rule allows for an exception(s) to the Georgia minimum treatment standards for subterranean termite treatments.

When can the form be used?
ONLY in situations where it is not possible or practical to meet the minimum treatment standards.

What information is required on the form?
All information in Rule 620-6-07 including the following (see reference A: Official Waiver Form):

- company name
- address of company
- owner of property
- inspector name and certification or registration number
- address of structure (a separate form is required for each structure and reproductions of a form for multiple structures in not acceptable)
- owner/agent phone number
- type of treatment
- date job completed
- treatment standard(s) waived indicated by marking “NO”
- justification statement: explain in detail what areas of the structure do not meet treatment standards and why it is not possible to meet these standards.

Can the form be considered void?
Yes. The following reasons will likely cause the form to be void.

- incomplete sections
- not equivalent to required format or the revised 09/17 edition
- not signed
- diagram/graph not attached
- no justification or detailed explanation for each waived standard

Can the form be issued for existing conducive conditions when issuing an Official Wood Infestation Inspection Report?
No. The Waiver Form can only be used for subterranean termite treatments.

Who can sign the form?
The property owner or property owner’s agent such as a builder may sign the form.

When can the form be issued?
The form should be issued when the contract is issued. A form can also be issued if structural conditions change or the structure requires a treatment.

Can all treatment standards be waived?
No. The form is not to be used to bypass the minimum treatment standards. For a defined soil treatment or a preconstruction treatment, the form is limited to the following conditions:

- all debris removed
Can the form be issued for “Warranty Only Contracts”?

If conditions exist that would make it not possible or practical to meet the minimum standards, the form can be issued. For the Date Job Completed section, indicate “Warranty Only Contract”.

Online Resources

Laws & Regulations
Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission
Also listed at www.agr.georgia.gov/structural

If further assistance is needed, contact the Structural Pest Control Office or an inspector at (404) 656-3641 or inspection@agr.georgia.gov

The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission and Georgia Department of Agriculture have issued this guidance document to help pest management professionals comply with the Rules of the Georgia Structural Pest Control Act. This document does not include all regulatory requirements. Refer to the complete Rules of the Georgia Structural Pest Control Act for all rules and regulations.

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OFFICIAL WAIVER
of the Georgia Minimum Treatment Standards for the Control of Subterranean Termites

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS/AGENT - DO NOT SIGN THIS DOCUMENT UNTIL YOU HAVE READ AND SIGNED "CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF OFFICIAL WAIVER OF THE MINIMUM TREATMENT STANDARDS FOR THE CONTROL OF SUBTERRANEAN TERMITES" IN THIS DOCUMENT. THESE "CONDITIONS" MUST BE CONSIDERED PART OF THIS DOCUMENT. YOU MUST RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS REPORT AND SUPPORTING GRAPH AT TIME OF SIGNING OR SERVICE.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE OFFICIAL WAIVER OF THE MINIMUM TREATMENT STANDARDS FOR THE CONTROL OF SUBTERRANEAN TERMITES

1. The Official Waiver of the Minimum Treatment Standards for the Control of Subterranean Termites is intended to be used ONLY in situations where it is not possible or practical to meet the minimum treatment standards established by the Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission.
2. The Official Waiver of the Minimum Treatment Standards for the Control of Subterranean Termites is not to be used to bypass the minimum treatment standards nor is it used to notify any agency of government that a termite treatment has been completed. For defined post construction soil treatments and preconstruction soil treatments, only items #1, 2, and 3 are applicable.
3. By signing this document the property owner/agent acknowledges that the property identified will not receive a complete minimum treatment. Signing this document does not affect the terms of any guarantee between the property owner and the pest control company.
4. Each "no" must be explained in detail in the area provided on this document as to specifically what areas of the structure do not meet the treatment standards and why it is not possible to meet these treatment standards. Additional space is provided below.
5. All sections of this document must be filled out completely. Failure to comply with this requirement or failure to provide the explanation required in "Condition #4" above will constitute a violation involving misuse of this form and may render it void.

Name of Company
Address of Company
Owner of Property
Inspector name and certification/regISTRATION NUMBER
Address of Structure Treated - Note: A separate official Waiver is required for each individual structure. Registrations of the Official Waiver for multiple structures is not acceptable
Phone Number of Property Owner/Agent

Indicate with a check mark those items that do NOT meet the minimum treatment standards.

TERMITE CONTROL

SOIL TREATMENTS - Note: For defined post construction soil treatments and preconstruction soil treatments, only items #1, 2, and 3 are applicable.

Type of Treatment: 
- Comprehensive post construction soil treatment
- Pre-construction soil treatment
- Alternate Application Technique

Date Job Completed

1. All debris removed
2. Wooden contacts removed or insulated
3. Crawl space clearance 18 inches or greater
4. Termites removed
5. Foundation adequately treated/rodented and treated
6. Voids adequately drilled/treated
7. Earth filled porches adequately drilled/treated
8. Continuous slabs adequately drilled/treated
9. Slabs at above grade adequately drilled/treated
10. Monolithic slabs adequately treated

Explain in detail what areas of the structure do not meet treatment standards and why it is not possible to meet these treatment standards. Also, attach a graph indicating the area(s) that were not treated to minimum standards. Failure to attach a graph and provide a detailed written explanation will void this document. Use other side if necessary.

Signature of Property Owner/Agent
Date

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