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Alternative Identity and Properties
No known efficient alternative. All present rodenticides are considered needed in order to have a sufficient variety of substances.

Known mechanical alternatives such as electric shock boxes, CO2 suffocation boxes have been found insufficient in order to prevent rodent infestation in high hygiene food manufacturing premises. Not a single pathogen contamination from rodents is allowed in food manufacturing premises in any circumstance.

Economic Feasibility
Alternative options costs 5 to 10 times more compared to using rodenticides due to the pricing of the boxes and technical problems that appear during winters and other times when weather can cause malfunction.

Hazards and Risks of the Alternative
They can cause fires and develop malfunction during rainy, windy, cold and snowy seasons, because they need electricity to work.

Availability
Alternatives are not available in all rodent extermination services.

They are not efficient enough and not suitable to Finnish weather conditions especially in facilities manufacturing food.

Other Comments
Food industry is responsible for producing safe food for all citizens. Rodent control is one of key elements in keeping food safe and pathogen free. In Finland, animal based foods and all feed have zero tolerance for salmonella infestation. These comments apply to all rodents concerning the public consultation on rodenticides.

References
No known reference in scientific literature. These comments are based on findings in food industry and authorities controlling food industries' hygienic practices.