

## Agrichemical Warehousing Standard Association

# ACCREDITED SEED TREATMENT STANDARDS BULLETIN

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### Code Applicability for Mobile Seed Treater Scenarios

Various scenarios are evident for the operation, management and control of mobile seed treaters. This Bulletin outlines five scenarios and identified the certification requirements for those who have direct control and management of the seed treater and those operating the seed treater.

**1. Ag-retail site using a 3<sup>rd</sup> part treating equipment/service, but ag-retail location staff operate the applicator.**

The entity having direct control and management of the seed treater will need to be certified under the Accredited Seed Treatment Operation Standards. In the case where the ag-retailer has direct management and control, the ag-retailer must be certified and meet all applicable protocols.

If the owner of the seed treatment equipment has direct control and management of the seed treater the owner of the seed treater will need to be certified and the owner would be responsible for ensuring the ag-retailer has reviewed and signed off all applicable operating procedures, emergency response protocols and PPE requirements. The auditor will look for appropriate sign offs and training records. Ag-retail site is responsible for ensuring seed treatment products are stored in accordance with the standards. Product not in use must be returned to an accredited seed treatment location for overnight storage.

**2. Ag-retail site advertises 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor (and staff) that treat seed.**

3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor would need to be certified. Ag-retail would be responsible to ensure that sub-contractor is certified as part of service agreement. Ag-retail site is responsible for ensuring seed treatment products are stored in accordance with the standards. Product not in use must be returned to an accredited seed treatment location for overnight storage.

**3. Ag-retail advertising hired 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor (and staff) to treat seed at ag-retail location.**

3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor would need to be certified. Ag-retail would be responsible to ensure that sub-contractor is certified as part of service agreement. Ag-retail site is responsible for ensuring seed treatment products are stored in accordance with the standards. Product not in use must be returned to an accredited seed treatment location for overnight storage.

**4. Ag-retail staff treat seed on site with ag-retail location staff.**

Ag-retail site would need to be certified.

**5. Ag-retail location advertises seed treatment services with ag-retail owned mobile treater with 3<sup>rd</sup> party hired applicator.**

Ag-retail site would need to be certified and all individuals (staff and/or contractors) actively treating seed would need to be trained accordingly. Ag-retail would be responsible for ensuring sub-contractor has reviewed and signed off all applicable operating procedures, emergency response protocols and PPE requirements. The auditor will look for appropriate sign offs and training records. Ag-retail site is responsible for ensuring seed treatment products are stored in accordance with the standards. Product not in use must be returned to an accredited seed treatment location for overnight storage.

**6. Ag-retail owns equipment and provides equipment to producer for self applicant of designated seed treatment products.**

Ag-retail site would need to be certified and all individuals actively treating seed would need to be trained accordingly. Ag-retail would be responsible for ensuring producer has reviewed and signed off all applicable operating procedures, emergency response protocols and PPE requirements. The auditor will look for appropriate sign offs and training records. Ag-retail site is responsible for ensuring seed treatment products are stored in accordance with the standards. Product not in use must be returned to an accredited seed treatment location for overnight storage.

For reference, pages 54 – 56 of the May 2016 Accredited Seed Treatment Operation Standards booklet outlines which protocols apply to mobile seed treaters.

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