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Designated Seed Treatment Products – Shipping Guidance

This Bulletin provides clarification to ag-retailers and distributors to ensure compliance with the designated seed treatment product no-ship policy.

Effective January 01, 2018 only commercial seed treatment operations that have successfully completed an audit will be eligible to receive shipments of designated seed treatment products for application on designated commodities from distributors or ag-retailers.

Note: a complete listing of all Accredited Seed Treatment Operation sites and corresponding site specific certification number is available to access on the AWSA website via a secure password (access request can be coordinated via: manager@awsa.ca).

Scenario Analysis – a number of common industry scenarios have been identified with requirements for each situation:

- 1. Ag-retail location staff applying designated seed treatment products on designated commodities as part of service offering**
 - Required to complete Accredited Seed Treatment Operation Standards audit.

- 2. Ag-retail location offering seed treatment service of designated seed treatment products on designated commodities with 3rd party equipment and staff**
 - 3rd party required to complete Accredited Seed Treatment Operation Standards audit.
 - Ag-retail operation MAY be responsible for seed treatment product storage. Evidence must be provided to AWSA auditor as part of audit outlining defined roles and responsibilities of both parties.

- 3. Ag-retail ships designated seed treatment products to commercial seed treatment operation applying product on designated commodities**
 - Ag-retail facility must ensure that the commercial seed treatment operation is an Accredited Seed Treatment Operation (as evidenced by a current site specific certification number)
 - The Accredited Seed Treatment Operation Standards site specific certification number must be included on all shipping documents (i.e. Bill of Lading).

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4. Ag-retail ships designated seed treatment products to farmer for on-farm treatment on a commodity that is NOT identified as designated

- There are no restrictions on shipments of designated seed treatment products to farmers for on-farm treatment on commodities that are NOT identified as designated.
- Ag-retail operations are required to inform farmers who receive a shipment(s) of designated seed treatment product(s) for on-farm application on non-designated commodities to acknowledge that the seed treatment is not to be applied on designated commodities and sign a waiver (Waiver Form) as evidence of formal acknowledgement. Farmer acknowledgement waivers must be updated annually.

5. Ag-retail ships seed treatment products (non-designated) to farmer for on-farm treatment

- There are no restrictions on shipments of non-designated seed treatment products to farmers of on-farm application for their own use.

6. Ag-retail facility sells previously packaged seed that has been treated with a designated seed treatment product (i.e. product was previously treated prior to ag-retail site receiving product)

- There are no Accredited Seed Treatment Operation Standards requirements for the selling previously packaged seed that has been treated with a designated seed treatment product.

Note: for additional mobile seed treatment clarification refer to Bulletin # 7 *Code Applicability for Mobile Seed Treater Scenarios*

Shipping Documentation Requirements

Ensure:

- Shipments of designated seed treatment product(s) to an Accredited Seed Treatment Operation include the site specific certification number on applicable invoice(s) and bill(s) of lading.
- A current waiver form is on file indicating the end user is aware of the application restrictions for all shipments of designated seed treatment products to farmers for on-farm treatment on commodities that are not identified as designated.

Note: As part of the AWSA Chemical Warehouse audit process (Reference AWSA Chemical Warehouse Protocol E16) an AWSA auditor will inspect a sample of shipping documents to verify that designated seed treatment product was shipping in compliance with the no-ship policy.

If a facility is identified as wrongfully shipping designated seed treatment products the AWSA Compliance and Enforcement Process will be invoked.

Declaration of On-farm Application of Designated Seed Treatment Product

By signing this document you confirm the following statements are true:

1. I confirm that I understand that effective January 01, 2018 that the designated seed treatment products I receive for application are to be used exclusively for my own farming activities.
2. I understand that the conditions of the On-farm Application of Designated Seed Treatment Product Declaration does not permit the application of designated seed treatment products on seed that as part of a service offering (for sale or gain) beyond my own farming activities.
3. I agree to notify the ag-retailer/distributor in advance of any changes in use, scope or operation associated with my on-farm seed treatment that may result in a change in the applicability of the On-farm Application of Designated Seed Treatment Product Declaration (i.e. treating seed for sale or gain). Failure to provide such notice may result in non-compliance penalties under the Accredited Seed Treatment Operation Standards.

Designated Seed Treatment Product(s)

Designated Seed Treatment Product	For use on
<i>Identify trade name/PCP#</i>	<i>Identify commodity</i>

I understand and agree to the terms of this Declaration.

Customer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Operation Name: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

Note: This Confirmation must be renewed annually and kept on file.

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