

## Agrichemical Warehousing Standard Association

# ACCREDITED SEED TREATMENT STANDARDS BULLETIN

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### Code Applicability for Mobile Seed Treater Scenarios

A number of various scenarios are evident for the operation, management and control of mobile seed treaters. This Bulletin outlines a number of scenarios and identifies the certification requirements for those who have direct control and management of the seed treater, those operating the seed treater and those entities who provide designated seed treatment product(s) to mobile seed treaters.

In all scenarios the entity that has direct control over the management and seed treatment application processes is required to be certified under the Accredited Seed Treatment Operation Standards.

**1. Ag-retail location using 3<sup>rd</sup> party treating equipment, but ag-retail location staff operate the application equipment.**

- The ag-retail has direct management and control of the seed treatment process. The ag-retail facility must be certified and meet all applicable protocols.

**2. Ag-retail location staff advertise 3<sup>rd</sup> party (application equipment and staff) that treats seed.**

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> party has direct management and control of the seed treatment process. The 3<sup>rd</sup> party seed treatment operation must be certified and meet all applicable protocols.
- In situations where the ag-retail site MAY be responsible for ensuring seed treatment product(s) are stored in accordance with the protocols as part of business relationship with the 3<sup>rd</sup> party. It is the responsibility of both the 3<sup>rd</sup> party (seed treatment operator) and ag-retail location to document specific responsibilities of both parties to ensure that all applicable protocols are adhered to and provide documentable evidence as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> party seed treatment operation audit.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> party is ultimately responsible to ensure that all applicable protocols are adhered to and clearly documented.

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

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> party has direct management and control of the seed treatment process. The 3<sup>rd</sup> party seed treatment operation must be certified and meet all applicable protocols.
- In situations where the ag-retail site MAY be responsible for ensuring seed treatment product(s) are stored in accordance with the protocols as part of business relationship with the 3<sup>rd</sup> party. It is the responsibility of both the 3<sup>rd</sup> party (seed treatment operator) and ag-retail location to document specific responsibilities of both parties to ensure that all applicable protocols are adhered to and provide documentable evidence as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> party seed treatment operation audit.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> party is ultimately responsible to ensure that all applicable protocols are adhered to and clearly documented.

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- 4. Ag-retail location treat seed on-site with ag-retail location staff and application equipment.**
  - The ag-retail site has direct management and control of the seed treatment process. The ag-retail facility must be certified and meet all applicable protocols.
  
- 5. Ag-retail location treat seed off-site with ag-retail location staff and application equipment.**
  - The ag-retail site has direct management and control of the seed treatment process. The ag-retail facility must be certified and meet all applicable protocols.
  
- 6. Ag-retail location advertises seed treatment services with ag-retail owned mobile treater with 3<sup>rd</sup> party hired applicator.**
  - The ag-retail has direct management and control of the seed treatment process. The ag-retail facility must be certified and meet all applicable protocols.
  - All individuals actively treating seed would need to be trained accordingly including applicable operating procedures, emergency response preparedness and personal protective equipment requirements. As part of the audit process that auditor would look for documentation that provides evidence that training has occurred and that applicable protocols are adhered to by the 3<sup>rd</sup> party applicator(s) in addition to all other applicable protocols.
  
- 7. Ag-retail location owns seed treating equipment and provides application equipment to producer for self-application of designated seed treatment product(s).**
  - The ag-retail has direct management and control of the seed treatment process. The ag-retail facility must be certified and meet all applicable protocols.
  - All individuals actively treating seed would need to be trained accordingly including applicable operating procedures, emergency response preparedness and personal protective equipment requirements. As part of the audit process that auditor would look for documentation that provides evidence that training has occurred and that protocols are adhered to by the applicator(s) in addition to all other application protocols.
  
- 8. Ag-retail location supplies designated seed treatment product(s) to 3<sup>rd</sup> party seed treater (equipment and staff).**
  - The 3<sup>rd</sup> party has direct management and control of the seed treatment process. The 3<sup>rd</sup> party seed treatment operation must be certified and meet all applicable protocols.
  - The 3<sup>rd</sup> party is ultimately responsible to ensure that all applicable protocols are adhered to and clearly documented.
  - The obligation of the ag-retail location supplying designated seed treatment product(s) to any 3<sup>rd</sup> party treater is to ensure that the treater is certified and in good standing. A current list of certified seed treatment facility is available from AWSA and is available online at [www.awsa.ca](http://www.awsa.ca)

If there are situations that the preceding Bulletin does not clearly address it is the responsibility of the entity that has direct control over the management and seed treatment application process to contact the AWSA office to seek further clarification on the specific scenario for auditing purposes.

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

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