

Agrichemical Warehousing Standard Association

ACCREDITED SEED TREATMENT STANDARDS BULLETIN

Updated: January 31, 2018

NUMBER: 8

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 the commercial application (i.e. for sale or gain) 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 (www.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. invoice(s) and bill(s) of lading).

Disclaimer: AWSA and CropLife Canada, their employees, member or agents have neither made, nor do not hereby make, any representation, warranty or covenant with respect to the specifications, information and recommendations in this bulletin, or the results generated by their use, nor will they be liable for any damage, losses or claims, including those of an incidental or consequential nature, arising out of the use of inability to use this bulletin. Use of trade name implies neither endorsement of products, nor criticism of similar ones not mentioned

4. Ag-retail ships designated seed treatment products to farmer for on-farm treatment

- There are no restrictions on shipments of designated seed treatment products to farmers for on-farm treatment.
- Ag-retail operations are required to inform farmers who receive a shipment(s) of designated seed treatment product(s) for on-farm application to acknowledge that the seed treatment is to be applied on designated commodities that will only be used (i.e. planted) exclusively with their farming operation.
- 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 should include the site specific certification number on applicable shipping documents (i.e. invoice(s) and bill(s) of lading).

Note: As part of the AWSA Agrichemical Warehousing Standards audit process (Reference AWSA Agrichemical Warehouse Standards Protocol E16) an AWSA auditor will inspect a sample of shipping documents to verify that designated seed treatment product was shipped 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.