



February 1, 2018

To: **All AWSA Certified Facilities**

Re: **Amendments to the AWSA Warehousing Standards Protocols**

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The Agrichemical Warehousing Standards Association (AWSA) is committed to the continuous improvement and performance for the safe storage of agrichemicals. The Agrichemical Warehousing Standards (the “standards”) were first implemented in 1992 by CropLife Canada and its members (formerly the Crop Protection Institute of Canada), followed by the industry wide adoption of a no-ship policy in 1995 where only certified warehouses are eligible to receive shipments of agrichemicals in Canada. The standards have been updated on a number of occasions over the past 20+ years to reflect improvements within the industry and maintain the standards as a world class industry stewardship initiative.

The standards (2011 edition) were recently reviewed to ensure that they continue to reflect industry best practice, incorporate observations based on auditing experiences over the past 7+ years and to incorporate pertinent regulatory requirements.

#### **Industry Consultation on Proposed Changes**

Enclosed please find an outline of the proposed changes from the 2011 edition to the 2019 edition of the standards. We invite warehouse operators to review these proposed changes and submit comments to Anthony Laycock, AWSA Program Manager (E: [manager@awsa.ca](mailto:manager@awsa.ca)) by **Friday March 16, 2018**.

#### **Implementation**

The final version of the Agrichemical Warehousing Standards (2019 edition) is anticipated to be presented to the AWSA Board of Directors in April 2018 for approval. The approved 2019 edition of the standards will be posted on the AWSA website ([www.awsa.ca](http://www.awsa.ca)) by July 01, 2018 followed by various industry updates during the remainder of 2018. The updated Agrichemical Warehousing Standards (2019 edition) will become effective January 01, 2019. All audits completed after January 01, 2019 will be audited against the new version of the standards. Print copies of the standards will be mailed to all certified warehouses nationally in early January 2019.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Russel', is positioned below the 'Regards,' text.

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