

Agrichemical Warehousing Standard Association

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Farmer Access to Seed Treatment Products for On-farm Application – Shipping Guidance

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

Effective January 01, 2021 only commercial seed treatment operations that have successfully completed an audit will be eligible to receive shipments of seed treatment products for commercial application (i.e. for sale or gain) from distributors or ag-retailers.

Farmer access to seed treatment products for on-farm application:

- There are no restrictions on shipments of seed treatment products to farmers for on-farm seed treatment to be applied exclusively within their farming operation.
- If farmer is contracting a 3rd party applicator to treat seed, the 3rd party applicator must be an Accredited Seed Treatment Operation.

Shipping Documentation Requirements

Ensure:

- Shipments of seed treatment product(s) to a farm operation should include a current waiver form signed annually (see example) or equivalent verification of farmer acknowledgement is on file. The information may be included on the bill of lading, product invoice or other means of shipping documentation (as per company policy) indicating the end user acknowledges (via signature) is aware of the application restrictions for all shipments of seed treatment products they receive for on-farm treatment.

Notes:

- As part of the AWSA Agrichemical Warehousing Standards audit process (Reference AWSA Agrichemical Warehousing Standards Protocol E16) an AWSA auditor will inspect a sample of shipping documents to verify that seed treatment product are 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.

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Declaration of On-farm Application of Seed Treatment Product

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

1. I confirm that I understand that effective January 01, 2021 that the 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 Seed Treatment Product Declaration does not permit the application of seed treatment products on seed that as part of a service offering (for sale or gain) beyond my own farming activities.
3. I acknowledge that if I contract with a 3rd party to apply seed treatment products, that the 3rd party must be an Accredited Seed Treatment Operation.
4. 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 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.

I understand and agree to the terms of this Declaration.

Customer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Operation Name: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

Notes:

- This Confirmation must be renewed annually and kept on file.
- 3rd party applicators can be verified as being Accredited Seed Treatment Operations by visiting www.awsa.ca