

## Agrichemical Warehousing Standard Association

# ACCREDITED SEED TREATMENT STANDARDS BULLETIN

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### Seed Treatment Products – 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.

**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](http://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 seed treatment products on any commodity as part of service offering**
  - Required to complete Accredited Seed Treatment Operation Standards audit.
- 2. Ag-retail location offering seed treatment service of seed treatment products on any commodity with 3<sup>rd</sup> party equipment and staff**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 seed treatment products to commercial seed treatment operation applying product on any commodity.**
  - 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).

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

- There are no restrictions on shipments of seed treatment products to farmers for on-farm treatment.
- Ag-retail operations are required to inform farmers who receive a shipment(s) of seed treatment product(s) for on-farm application to acknowledge that the seed treatment is to be applied exclusively within their farming operation.
- Ag-retail operations are required to inform farmers that if 3<sup>rd</sup> party applicator retained to apply seed treatment must be Accredited Seed Treatment Operators.
- Farmer acknowledgement waivers must be updated annually.

#### **5. Ag-retail facility sells previously packaged seed that has been treated with a 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 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 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).

**Notes:**

- 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 seed treatment product was shipped in compliance with the no-ship policy.
- If a facility is identified as wrongfully shipping seed treatment products the AWSA Compliance and Enforcement Process will be invoked.