

# Agrichemical Warehousing Standard Association

## WAREHOUSING STANDARDS BULLETIN

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**NUMBER:** 35

### **Protocol E15(c) Shipping Documentation Greenhouse Labelled PCP Products**

Effective January 1, 2024, Protocol E15 was changed to incorporate requirement for agri-retailers to verify certification of all greenhouse customer ordering agri-chemicals.

Background:

CropLife Canada launched the Protected Agricultural Stewardship Standards to address water quality concerns related to greenhouse product use. As a result, a group of impacted stakeholders agreed to work towards the development of a credible protected agriculture pesticide lifecycle stewardship program. The approach focuses on adherence to a national standard that supports compliance with registered pesticide label directions and the mitigation of risks associated with crop protection tools, fostering the health and safety of people and the environment.

Protected Ag Operator using closed loop irrigation/chemigation systems are referred to as Category 1 PA Operators. Effective January 1, 2024, all Category 1 PA Operators will need to be certified under the program to access PCP products labelled for greenhouse use.

Protected Ag Operator not using closed loop irrigation/chemigation systems are referred to as Category 2 PA Operators. They are not required to be audited, but they will need to sign a Declaration of Category 2 Protected Ag Operation Waiver to access greenhouse labelled PCP registration crop protection products.

Distributors and retailers of greenhouse labelled PCP registration crop protection products will be required to verify an operator's status prior to selling/shipping products or confirm a waiver has been completed.

NO.	PROTOCOL: Customer Verification and Documentation	Full Compliance Score	Actual Score
E15	<p>A sampling of shipping documents was inspected and these documents include:</p> <p>a) Receiving AWSA Certification Number; or</p> <p>b) Seed Treatment Operation Certification Number or seed treatment Grower Waiver; or</p> <p>c) Protected Ag Stewardship certification # or Protected Ag Grower waiver; or</p> <p>d) Grower name or number to whom the product was shipped.</p> <p>Shipments to individual end users will not exceed their agronomic requirements.</p>	<p>Mandatory</p> <p>Mandatory</p> <p>Mandatory</p> <p>Mandatory</p>	

To confirm a protected ag operator eligibility to access PCP products labelled for greenhouse use, one of the following documents are acceptable:

- Temporary Protected Ag Certificate (with an expiration date that has not expired); or
- Full Protected Ag Certificate (with an expiration date that has not expired); or
- Declaration of Category 2 Protected Ag Operation Waiver.

As a retailer, please document the operator’s certification number (certificates contain numbers) on shipping documents or have on file a copy of the waiver.

More information about the Protected Agricultural Stewardship Standards can be found on the AWSA website at [www.awsa.ca](http://www.awsa.ca).

Samples follow:



**Agrichemical Warehousing  
Standards Association**

*Protected Agricultural Stewardship Standards  
Certificate of Registration*

*This certificate confirms:           **ABC Greenhouses***

*for its operation located at **128 Main Street, Smallville, BC, V0V1V0***

*has registered for the Protect Agricultural Stewardship Standards as a category 1  
operation. **This temporary certificate expires on June 30, 2024.***

**SAMPLE TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE**

Note: Effective January 1, 2024, in accordance with Protocol E16, AWSA retailer to verify protected agriculture growers with either a Protected Agriculture Certificate or a Declaration of Category 2 Protected Ag Operation Waiver, prior to shipping PCP products labelled for greenhouse use. This certificate expires on June 30, 2024. After June 30, 2024, AWSA retailer to verify protected agriculture growers with either a FULL Protected Agriculture Certificate or a Declaration of Category 2 Protected Ag Operation Waiver. Reference AWSA Bulletin 35.

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*Certificate #*

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*Program Manager*

**Sample waiver for Category 2 Operations**  
**Please register to complete a waiver.**

**Protected Agriculture Stewardship Standards**

**Declaration of Category 2 Protected Ag Operation  
Waiver**

Having Registered as a Category 2 Protected Ag Operator I have confirmed the following statements are true:

1. I confirm that I understand that effective January 01, 2024 a waiver must be provided by our operation to all suppliers of greenhouse labelled PCP registered products.
2. I acknowledge that I have read the definitions for Category 1 and Category 2 Protected Ag Operations and that our operation falls into Category 2.
3. I agree to notify the Agrichemical Warehousing Standards Association (AWSA) in advance of any changes in use, scope or operation that changes the category for our operation.

I understand and agree to the terms of this Declaration.

Operator Business Name:

Operation Address:

Person completing Declaration:

Date:

**Definitions:**

**Protected Ag:** Protected Agriculture (PA) refers to crops that are grown under structures such as: greenhouses, shade houses, hoop houses, high tunnels, warehouses etc...

**Category 1 Protected Ag Operation:** All PA operations, of any crop, using closed-loop chemigation (drench) systems. A closed system is one where any excess chemigation liquid delivered to the crop is captured via trough, drainage tile, or other similar conveyance system, rather than allowed to percolate into the ground. Warehouse production structures and freight container growing operations with no subterranean plumbing and continuous flooring are excluded from Category 1.

**Category 2 Protected Ag Operation:** All PA operations, of any crop, using open chemigation systems where excess chemigation liquid is not captured. Warehouse production structures and freight container growing operations with no subterranean plumbing and continuous flooring are considered Category 2 even if they have closed-loop chemigation systems.

**Shipping/Receiving Requirements:**

Effective January 1, 2024 all ag-retailers will be required to verify all Category 1 Operators' Protected Ag certification number prior to shipping/selling greenhouse labelled PCP registered products.

Effective January 1, 2024 all ag-retailers will be require to have a waiver on file for all Category 2 Protected Ag Operators prior to shipping/selling greenhouse labelled PCP registered products.

The Protected Agriculture Stewardship Standards are managed and audited by the Agrichemical Warehousing Standards Association (AWSA). Visit: [awsa.ca](http://awsa.ca) for more information.

**SAMPLE FULL CERTIFICATE**

# Certificate of Compliance

In accordance with the terms of your application, this certificate confirms that

**123 Greenhouses Limited**

for its operation located at 771 Concession 9 Newtown ON N0N 1N0

has met, at the date of this certificate, the requirements of the AWSA Protected Agriculture Stewardship Standards, based on the results of an independent audit conducted in respect to the above facility.

September 25th 2024  
Effective Date

December 31st 2026  
Expiry Date

September 25th 2024  
Date

*Darren W. Lawns*  
Chairman



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