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PESTICIDES REGULATION 2017

Clause 31(1)

NOTICE OF APPROVED QUALITY ASSURANCE AND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS

Approved quality assurance and stewardship programs

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) approves the following programs for the purposes of clause 31(1)(c)(i) of the *Pesticides Regulation 2017* (Regulation):

- Freshcare Food Safety & Quality (FSQ4 Code), Environmental (ENV3 Code), Sustainability – Viticulture (AWISSP-VIT1) and Sustainability – Winery (AWISSP-WIN1.1)
- Global G.A.P. (Good Agricultural Practice) Integrated Farm Assurance modules (Fruits and Vegetables, Flowers and Ornamentals, Hops, Tea, Combinable Crops, Plant Propagation material)
- Global G.A.P. (Good Agricultural Practice) Integrated Farm Assurance modules (Livestock) – until December 31, 2024
- Graincare
- Livestock Production Assurance Quality Assurance
- myBMP accreditation
- National Feedlot Accreditation Scheme
- SQF Code (Safe Quality Food) – modules 3, 5, 7 and 8

Background

The Regulation provides that certain users of pesticides must be qualified to use pesticides. A person is qualified to use a pesticide if that person can satisfy any one or more of the requirements described in clause 31(1) of the Regulation. One of these requirements is that the person holds a recognised qualification, as defined in clause 31, issued to the person within the last 5 years.

Clause 31(1)(c) of the Regulation provides that a person who has a recognised qualification that was issued to them other than within the last 5 years will still be qualified to use a pesticide if within the last 5 years the person has:

- participated in a quality assurance or stewardship program relating to the use of pesticides, being a program approved by the EPA by notice published in the Gazette, and
- has complied with any conditions required by the notice in relation to that program.

The EPA has endorsed a *Quality Assurance and Stewardship Program Approval Policy* (September 2023) (the Policy) which is available on the EPA website www.epa.nsw.gov.au. The approval of quality assurance and stewardship programs has been considered with reference to the Policy.

Before granting this approval, the EPA:

- has sought comment from relevant groups; and
- is satisfied that the requirements of the approved programs are relevant to the objects of the *Pesticides Act 1999* and the Regulation.

Commencement

This approval takes effect on publication in the NSW Government Gazette.

The notice published in the NSW Government Gazette No 12 of 2 February 2018 “Notice of Approved Quality Assurance and Stewardship Programs” (n2018-271) is revoked upon publication of this notice.

Dated 04 March 2024

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(by delegation)