

# COMMODITY VENDOR DECLARATION EXPLANATORY NOTES

## BACKGROUND

The Commodity Vendor Declaration is a part of the red meat, grain and fodder industry's commitment to deliver safe and hygienic products to the market place.

*\*This form is not to be used for by-products or materials that are prohibited for use as feeds for ruminant livestock.*

### Who should sign this form?

This form should only be signed by the representative of the organisation supplying this commodity who is responsible for the production and/or storage of this commodity prior to dispatch to the end user. **Provision of any false or misleading information may result in prosecution and/or civil action.** Ensure that you answer all CVD questions accurately and that you understand all elements of the declaration and explanatory notes.

### WHP/EI

Note the Grazing/Fodder Withholding Period (WHP) and any Export Animal Feed Interval (EAFI) or Export Slaughter Interval (ESI) shown on the label of chemicals listed in response to Q4. The Grazing/Fodder WHP is the period following chemical treatment when crops/pasture must not be grazed or harvested for stockfeed. This WHP must be observed to ensure that treated commodities and livestock do not exceed Australian maximum residue limits (MRLs). The EAFI is the minimum period that must elapse between applying a chemical and grazing or harvesting the crop/pasture as feed for animals slaughtered for export. An ESI is the minimum time period between the exposure of an animal to a chemical (either by eating treated feed that was cut prior to the expiry of the EAFI or by a direct animal treatment) and the animal's slaughter for export.

### Spray Drift Risk Area

This is the area downwind of a chemical application in which spray drift is anticipated to cause residues in pasture, fodder or forage crops at levels above those that are legally permitted in commodities or at levels that are likely to cause unacceptable residues in animals fed those commodities. Questions 5 & 6 specifically address this possibility and create awareness as to the risk associated with this occurring. If a locust control authority has sprayed in the area it too should be noted.

### Transport

Vendors should be aware that contamination could occur through transport. Care should be taken that trucks are clean prior to loading. Transporters should be encouraged to use consignment notes for all loads.

### Producer/Vendor or Storage facility details

The producer's trading name or storage facility site should be identified. If the seller (vendor) of the commodity is different to the producer or storage facility, then the vendor's name and address should be filled out. If it is a producer contract enter the property details in the vendor's address.

### Vendor's Contract No.

This is the vendor's individual contract number for the commodity being sold to the buyer. Must be completed if not a producer contract.

### End User's Contract No.

This is the individual contract number that the End User has allocated for the commodity being purchased from a vendor. Must be completed.

### Commodity Description

List the type of commodity, the number of tonnes covered by the declaration and the start and finish date for delivery.

### QUESTION 1A – Ex Producer

If the commodity is being delivered ex paddock or ex farm storage, tick the relevant box and fill in the following details. Go to Question 2.

### QUESTION 1B – Ex Multi Vendor(s) Storage

If the commodity is being delivered from a multi vendor storage facility fill in the appropriate details and go to Question 2.

### QUESTION 2

If the property of origin or storage facility is QA accredited and audited by a third party organisation, go to Question 8. If the Multi Vendor answers No, Questions 3, 4 and 8 must be completed. If the Producer answers No, **all** subsequent questions (3 to 8 inclusive) must be completed.

### QUESTION 3

NATA is the National Association of Testing Authorities. An approved NATA laboratory is third party audited every two years to validate their testing procedures.

**If you are a Multi Vendor and answer NO to Q2 & Q3** 3 clear chemical residue analysis tests (from a NATA laboratory) per silo/pad/vendor will be required prior to delivery at sellers cost OR individual Vendor Declarations completed by each producer supplying on the vendors behalf. *(A single clear test may not be representative of commodities supplied from multi vendor storages.)* The minimum testing requirement is a combination screen for Organochlorines (OCs), Organophosphates (OPs) and Synthetic Pyrethroids (SPs).

### QUESTION 4

List chemicals applied to the crop or commodity, whilst in your control, as well as the rate per hectare or tonne, application date and the **WHP/EI** (see earlier note) shown on the chemical label. For forage include all chemical applications from seedling emergence to harvest. For grains include all chemical

applications from the commencement of flowering to harvest and all post harvest treatments. If there is insufficient space, attach an additional sheet in the same format (columns).

### QUESTION 5

List chemicals applied to other crops, pasture, vegetation, bare earth or situation within 100 meters of the crop from which this commodity was derived or which have placed that crop in a spray drift risk area. Include all chemical applications during the periods specified in Question 4 for the supplied fodder or grain crops.

### QUESTION 6

List all **Neighbours** crops, grown within 100 meters of the crop from which this commodity was harvested or that have placed that crop in a spray drift risk area, and the approximate harvest date. You are not required to list chemicals applied by neighbours.

### QUESTION 7

T1, T2 and T3 classifications have been allocated to properties, principally in NSW, QLD, VIC and WA, known or suspected to have significant dieldrin, DDT or other organochlorine contamination.

**Supplies of Commodity Vendor Declaration forms can be downloaded from:**

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