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The Surplus Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Decision Protocol





Notes to the Surplus Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Decision Protocol

1 Do you have an Ag or Vet chemical product that is no longer required?

Agricultural or veterinary chemical products that are no longer required should be disposed of responsibly. Selling them, or even giving them away in some circumstances, may contravene a number of relevant sections of the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994*, as well as your state/territory's legislation. The possible offences may include:

Section 80 – *Supply of chemical products without a label*

Section 81 – *Supply of registered chemical products with unapproved label*

Section 91 – *Supply of date-controlled chemical product*

Section 94 – *Restricted chemical products may be supplied only to authorised persons.*

2 Is the container empty?

If the container is empty, it may be eligible for collection by **drumMUSTER**, the national program for the collection and recycling of empty, cleaned, non returnable crop production and on-farm animal health chemical containers. If the container is not empty, it may be registered for collection with ChemClear®, the program that collects unwanted rural chemicals by providing a safe and easy collection and disposal service for all chemical users throughout Australia

3 Has it been cleaned to drumMUSTER standards?

drumMUSTER has established cleaning standards for empty chemical containers which are published on the **drumMUSTER** website <drummuster.com.au>. Containers not cleaned to these standards will be rejected.

Briefly, containers eligible for collection by **drumMUSTER** must have been pressure rinsed, triple rinsed or fully cleaned with a mechanical rinsing device. The container must have been left to dry with the cap off after rinsing. The threads of the container must also be free of residues. The cap should not be placed on the container but may be brought separately to the collection if it is clean. The container should have labels on to provide inspectors with positive identification of the material being handled. Signed declarations are required.

4 Contact drumMUSTER or your local council for collection information.

Local councils act as agents for **drumMUSTER** collections. To find out how to arrange a collection, contact your local council. Information on council collection arrangements can be found on the **drumMUSTER** website <drummuster.com.au> by clicking on the Collection Calendar button and checking out arrangements for your area.

5 Contact ChemClear® for collection information.

You can register for the next collection in your area by working through the prompts on the ChemClear® website <www.chemclear.com.au> or by telephoning **1800 008 182**. Not all collections are free.

6 Contact your local council

In the event that your chemicals and containers can not be collected under the **drumMUSTER** or ChemClear® programs contact your local council for advice.

