

Approval Of Traders & Test Certifiers
N.B. Effective From 1 MAY 2005 – status quo until then

ACVMG have interest in the manufacture, sale, and use of VTA products for management of risks under the ACVM Act.

- Prevent or manage
 - Risks to trade in primary produce
 - Risks to animal welfare
 - Risks to agricultural security
- Ensure use of Ag Comps does not result in breaches of domestic food residue standards
- Ensure the provision of sufficient consumer info about Ag Comps

These risks are NOT covered off in the HSNO Act or other Legislation




VTA Products will be loosely grouped

- Unrestricted sale and use
- Restricted sale and unrestricted use
- Restricted sale and restricted use

ACVM Act 1997 – Sets out conditions on registration - Relevant Conditions are:

- 1) Labelling requirements
- 2) Standards of competence for sellers, purchaser, or users
- 3) Codes of Practice to be followed (if required)

The conditions may control importation, manufacture, sale or use as necessary



Example of conditions VTA products:


VTA's - due to Risks not covered under the HSNO Act the ACVMG place restrictions on Sale and Use or combination of both

- Must comply with recording/reporting conditions
- Must have adequate security
- Must not sell to unauthorised persons
- Must be an Approved Trader

Conditions on products allows:

- 1) Compliance action - Section 55 ACVM Act Allows tracking of products -

So **TRADERS** are critical control points for compliance action to be taken if necessary



Approved Traders:

- People involved in manufacture, distribution, & sale of VTA products must be approved under the ACVM Act
- Certain VTA products will require Approved Trader status
- Traders of these products will be required to be inspected – i.e Quality Systems, & Premises




What does a Trader entail?

- Approval of a responsible person
- Role – must not be confused with an Approved H under the HSNO Act
- Organisations with multiple branches and levels of control must have sufficient approved responsible persons

What forms are required to be completed?

Application for Approval as a Trader of VTA products

- A Consent to Disclosure of Information – (Fit & Proper Persons), plus, 2 character references

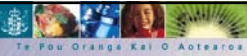


ACVM TEST CERTIFIERS / APPROVED HANDLERS:

Process:
 'One stop shop' for applicants

- For applications already received, ACVMG will approve Test Certifiers (TC's) who meet ACVM Criteria
- Approved TCs will issue Test Certificates for AH's who use VTA products as from **1 May 2005**
- Training of AHs is by Training Organ. or TCs
- Register kept by ACVM Group of TC's approved under the ACVM Act





Important Message:

- Under HSNO Act – persons must be approved handlers of some HAZ substances

BUT!

- Under ACVM Act – persons will also require approval to sell or use certain Ag. Compounds e.g. VTA Products

Approvals issued under the ACVM Act

- Traders = Persons/distributors/sellers of VTA products – issued by ACVMG
- Test Certifiers – issued by ERMA under ACVMG Auth.
- Approved Handlers = user of VTA products – issued by Test Certifiers as from **1 May 2005**

