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Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances—Certified Handler of Class 6 Substances Compliance Certification) Performance Standard 2019

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Performance standard

1 Title

This is the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances—Certified Handler of Class 6 Substances Compliance Certification) Performance Standard 2019.

2 Commencement

This performance standard comes into force on 1 May 2019.

Part 1

Preliminary provisions

3 Purpose

The purpose of this performance standard is to set out the information and process requirements that a compliance certifier must comply with when issuing or renewing a certified handler compliance certificate for a class 6 substance.

4 Interpretation

(1) In this performance standard, unless the context otherwise requires,—

Act means the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015

agrchemical means a class 6.1A or 6.1B substance or mixture that is—

- (a) an agricultural compound; or
- (b) a veterinary medicine; or
- (c) a substance or mixture used in amenity horticulture; or
- (d) a detergent or sanitiser used in an agricultural context as defined in NZS 8409—2004

applicant means a person applying for a certified handler compliance certificate for a class 6 substance

bulk means, in relation to the transportation of a class 6 substance, a quantity of the substance that—

- (a) is required by the Regulations to be under the personal control of a certified handler; and
- (b) exceeds—
 - (i) 50 kg, if the substance is in the form of a solid; or
 - (ii) 50 m³ calculated in accordance with regulation 10(5)(a) of the Regulations, if the substance is a gas that is not in liquefied form; or
 - (iii) 50 kg (gross weight), if the substance is a gas in liquefied form; or
 - (iv) 50 L, if the substance is in the form of a liquid

competency requirements means the competency requirements for certified handlers specified in regulation 4.3 of the Regulations

compliance certifier means a person who is authorised by WorkSafe to issue compliance certificates under regulation 6.8 of the Regulations

EPA means the Environmental Protection Authority established by section 7 of the Environmental Protection Authority Act 2011

Hazardous Substances (Classification) Notice 2017 means the Hazardous Substances (Classification) Notice 2017 issued by the EPA under Part 6 of the HSNO Act

Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Notice 2017 means the Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Notice 2017 issued by the EPA under Part 6 of the HSNO Act

Hazardous substance notice issued by the EPA means a notice issued in the *Gazette* by the EPA under Part 6 of the HSNO Act or under any other provision of the HSNO Act that applies section 76C of that Act

hierarchy of controls means the system used to determine how to manage work health and safety risk in which the following steps are ranked from most effective to least effective:

- (a) eliminating the risk:
- (b) minimising the risk by (in order):
 - (i) substituting the hazard:
 - (ii) isolating the hazard:
 - (iii) implementing engineering controls:
- (c) implementing administrative controls:

- (d) providing and using personal protective equipment

HSNO Act means the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996

life cycle, in relation to a substance, means the time for which the substance is in existence from (and including) its manufacture or importation to its disposal

life cycle phase means, in relation to the particular phases of the life cycle of a class 6 substance or combination of class 6 substances, its manufacture, storage, transport, use or disposal

manufacture—

- (a) means the making of a hazardous substance; and
- (b) in relation to a vertebrate toxic agent includes the making of the active ingredient

other class 6 substance means a class 6 substance that is not a fumigant, agrichemical or vertebrate toxic agent

Regulations means the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017

storage—

- (a) means the safekeeping of a hazardous substance in a depository; and
- (b) includes—
 - (i) the basic handling of the hazardous substance in a closed container or packaging, for example, when doing a stocktake; and
 - (ii) the breaking down of a package containing the hazardous substance and repackaging the hazardous substance into a different container

transport—

- (a) means the moving of hazardous substances from one place to another by road, rail, water or air; and
- (b) includes transfer operations where hazardous substances are transferred from one mode of transport to another (for example, at a port)

use—

- (a) means the act or practice of employing or handling hazardous substances; and
- (b) includes the destruction of packaging that contained a hazardous substance; and
- (c) in relation to agrichemicals, includes the mixing of agrichemicals to obtain solutions for application or dispersion; and
- (d) in relation to vertebrate toxic agents, includes the mixing of vertebrate toxic agents with bait material

- (2) Any term or expression that is defined in the Act, the Regulations, or a relevant safe work instrument and used, but not defined, in this performance standard has the same meaning as in the Act, the Regulations or the relevant safe work instrument.

Part 2

Assessing applicant for certified handler compliance certificate

5 Evidence required to demonstrate competency

- (1) Before deciding whether or not an applicant meets the competency requirements specified in regulation 4.3 of the Regulations in relation to a class 6 substance, a compliance certifier must—
 - (a) verify the full legal name of the applicant by sighting the applicant's birth certificate, name change certificate, passport or a certified copy of one of these documents; and
 - (b) verify that every document provided for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with the competency requirements relates to the applicant; and
 - (c) in accordance with this performance standard, carry out the inquiries, inspections, assessments, and examinations necessary to verify that the competency requirements have been met for the particular life cycle phase or phases of the substance in respect of which the applicant is to be a certified handler at one or more workplaces.
- (2) If the qualifications and documents submitted by the applicant are not sufficient to enable the compliance certifier to assess the knowledge and practical skills of the applicant, the compliance certifier must, to the extent the qualifications and documents are not sufficient,—
 - (a) conduct a written or oral test of the knowledge and practical skills of the applicant; and
 - (b) ensure that the written or oral test—
 - (i) covers the full breadth of controls regarding the management of the substance for which the applicant is to be a certified handler; and
 - (ii) tests the knowledge and as far as practicable the practical skills of the applicant; and
 - (iii) requires the applicant to independently demonstrate his or her knowledge; and
 - (iv) does not guide the applicant to the correct answer.
- (3) In addition to carrying out a test under subclause (2), a compliance certifier may conduct a site visit or view videographic evidence to satisfy themselves that the applicant has sufficient practical skills.
- (4) If the compliance certifier wishes to take into account an assessment by another person of the applicant's knowledge and practical skills, the compliance certifier must—
 - (a) be satisfied that the person is sufficiently knowledgeable to make such an assessment; and
 - (b) be satisfied with the method used for the assessment by that other person; and
 - (c) review and be satisfied with the results of the assessment.

- (5) For the purposes of subclause (1)(c), a compliance certifier may in relation to a competency requirement accept a written record obtained in a country other than New Zealand, including an authorisation issued by an authority in that other country, if the compliance certifier is satisfied the record demonstrates that the applicant's knowledge and practical skill is of the standard required by the Regulations.
- (6) If a compliance certifier has any reasonable doubt about the knowledge and practical skills of an applicant then the compliance certifier must refuse to issue the applicant a certified handler compliance certificate.
- (7) A compliance certifier may give an applicant the opportunity to submit further information demonstrating that the applicant meets the relevant competency requirements before making a decision to refuse to issue a certified handler compliance certificate.

Subpart 1—Verify competency requirements are met

6 Classifications, properties, and adverse effects

- (1) For the purposes of regulation 4.3(1)(a) of the Regulations, a compliance certifier must verify that the applicant knows and is able to describe the hazard classifications, properties, and adverse effects of every hazardous substance for which the applicant is to be a certified handler.
- (2) The verification required under subclause (1) includes, in particular, verifying that the applicant knows and is able to describe—
 - (a) the hazard classification numbering system set out in the Hazardous Substances (Classification) Notice 2017, including class, sub-class and categories; and
 - (b) the following specific matters:
 - (i) in the case of a compliance certificate as a certified handler of an agrichemical, the matters set out in clause 1 of Schedule 1:
 - (ii) in the case of a compliance certificate as a certified handler of a fumigant, the matters set out in clause 1 of Schedule 2:
 - (iii) in the case of a compliance certificate as a certified handler of a vertebrate toxic agent, the matters set out in clause 1 of Schedule 3:
 - (iv) in the case of a compliance certificate as a certified handler of any other class 6 substance, the matters set out in clause 1 of Schedule 4.

7 Legislative requirements

- (1) For the purposes of regulation 4.3(1)(b), (c), and (g) of the Regulations, a compliance certifier must verify that the applicant, in relation to every hazardous substance for which the applicant is to be a certified handler, knows and is able to describe—
 - (a) the requirements imposed by the Regulations; and
 - (b) the requirements imposed by the HSNO Act; and
 - (c) any variations of requirements, alternative means of compliance with requirements, or additional requirements specified in a relevant safe work instrument.

- (2) The verification required under subclause (1) includes, in particular, verifying that the applicant knows and is able to describe—
- (a) controlled substance licence requirements relating to the substance, if applicable; and
 - (b) tracking requirements for the substance (through all relevant life cycle phases), including the requirement to retain records; and
 - (c) record keeping requirements relating to the use of the substance (for example, spray diaries), if applicable; and
 - (d) documentation and information requirements (for example, requirements related to labelling and safety data sheets); and
 - (e) personal protective equipment requirements; and
 - (f) controls relating to equipment and locations under the personal control of a certified handler, if applicable; and
 - (g) requirements related to the segregation of incompatible substances and materials; and
 - (h) requirements relating to certified handler activities imposed by any hazardous substances notice issued by the EPA, if applicable; and
 - (i) requirements applying to the substance under relevant safe work instruments, if any; and
 - (j) the prescribed exposure standards applying to the substance, if any; and
 - (k) packaging requirements, if applicable; and
 - (l) the following specific matters:
 - (i) in the case of a compliance certificate as a certified handler of an agrichemical, the matters set out in clause 2 of Schedule 1;
 - (ii) in the case of a compliance certificate as a certified handler of a fumigant, the matters set out in clause 2 of Schedule 2;
 - (iii) in the case of a compliance certificate as a certified handler of a vertebrate toxic agent, the matters set out in clause 2 of Schedule 3
 - (iv) in the case of a compliance certificate as a certified handler of any other class 6 substance, the matters set out in clause 2 of Schedule 4.

8 Safe handling

- (1) For the purposes of regulation 4.3(1)(e), (f), and (2)(a) of the Regulations, a compliance certifier must verify that the applicant, in relation to every hazardous substance for which the applicant is to be a certified handler,—
- (a) knows and is able to describe—
 - (i) the precautions required to prevent injury or illness to any person at the workplace caused by the substance; and
 - (ii) the procedures to adopt in an emergency involving the substance; and

- (b) knows and demonstrates a working knowledge of, the procedures and plant (including personal protective equipment) necessary to manage the substance at the workplace for which the applicant is to be a certified handler.
- (2) The verification required under subclause (1) includes, in particular, verifying that the applicant knows and is able to describe—
- (a) the appropriate risk management process to be followed, including the hierarchy of controls; and
 - (b) the correct use of personal protective equipment; and
 - (c) the requirement to control adverse effects; and
 - (d) if the Regulations require an emergency response plan at the workplace for which the applicant is to be a certified handler, the provisions of that plan including any emergency procedures and response measures; and
 - (e) if the Regulations do not require an emergency response plan at the workplace for which the applicant is to be a certified handler, the layout of the workplace including assembly points, the list of actions to be carried out and the key personnel to contact in case of an emergency; and
 - (f) first aid measures; and
 - (g) precautions and safety considerations for the substance; and
 - (h) the following specific matters:
 - (i) in the case of a compliance certificate as a certified handler of an agrichemical, the matters set out in clause 3 of Schedule 1:
 - (ii) in the case of a compliance certificate as a certified handler of a fumigant, the matters set out in clause 3 of Schedule 2:
 - (iii) in the case of a compliance certificate as a certified handler of a vertebrate toxic agent, the matters set out in clause 3 of Schedule 3:
 - (iv) in the case of a compliance certificate as a certified handler of any other class 6 substance, the matters set out in clause 3 of Schedule 4.

9 Information, training, and instruction

- (1) For the purposes of regulation 4.3(2)(b) of the Regulations, a compliance certifier must verify that the applicant has received information, training, and instruction in accordance with regulation 4.5 of the Regulations.
- (2) The verification required under subclause (1) includes, in particular—
 - (a) inspecting the record of training and instruction under regulation 4.5(5)(a) of the Regulations; and
 - (b) verifying that the record of training and instruction demonstrates sufficient compliance with regulation 4.5 of the Regulations and regulation 9 of the Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2016; and
 - (c) verifying that the record of training and instruction demonstrates the applicant has received training and instruction in the relevant emergency procedures and

response measures that are specific to every hazardous substance at the workplace for which the applicant is to be a certified handler.

Subpart 2—Renewing and changing scope of certified handler compliance certificate

10 Applications to renew

- (1) Before renewing a certified handler compliance certificate, a compliance certifier must verify—
 - (a) the matters referred to in clause 5(1)(a) and (b); and
 - (b) the matters referred to in clauses 6 to 9, as applicable; and
 - (c) that the applicant continues to meet all of the competency requirements in regulation 4.3 of the Regulations.
- (2) For the purposes of subclause (1)(b), the compliance certifier may do one or more of the following:
 - (a) administer an oral test;
 - (b) administer a written test;
 - (c) sight relevant evidence.
- (3) For the purposes of subclause (1)(c), the compliance certifier may not rely solely on the fact that an applicant has previously held a certified handler compliance certificate.

11 Requests to change scope

- (1) A compliance certifier who receives a requested change of scope—
 - (a) is not permitted by the Regulations to vary the certified handler compliance certificate that has been issued to incorporate the requested change; but
 - (b) may, if the compliance certifier is satisfied that the holder meets the relevant competency requirements for the requested change of scope, either—
 - (i) issue a certified handler compliance certificate that applies only in respect of the requested change of scope; or
 - (ii) renew the current certified handler compliance certificate in accordance with clause 10 and incorporate the requested change of scope.
- (2) For the purposes of this clause, a **requested change of scope** means a request from the holder of a current certified handler compliance certificate for one or more of the following changes to be made to the certificate:
 - (a) the addition of a class 6 substance;
 - (b) the addition of a life cycle phase of a class 6 substance.

Part 3

Certification and record-keeping requirements

Subpart 1—Information to be recorded in certified handler compliance certificate

12 Scope of certification

- (1) A compliance certifier must ensure that a certified handler compliance certificate specifies the scope of the certification in accordance with subclauses (2) to (9) and the applicant's knowledge and practical skills.
- (2) Subject to subclauses (3) to (5), a compliance certifier must record in a certified handler compliance certificate the name and classification or classifications of each class 6 substance or combination of class 6 substances in respect of which the compliance certifier is satisfied the applicant meets the relevant competency requirements.
- (3) For the purposes of subclause (2), the compliance certifier must record in the certified handler compliance certificate:
 - (a) in relation to the name and classification of an agrichemical,—
 - (i) the word 'Agrichemicals'; and
 - (ii) the classifications 6.1A and 6.1B:

Example

Hazardous substance and class

Agrichemicals - 6.1A, 6.1B.

- (b) in relation to the name of a fumigant, the chemical name of the active ingredient used as the fumigant:
 - (c) in relation to the name of a vertebrate toxic agent, the chemical name of the active ingredient used within the vertebrate toxic agent.
- (4) In the case of a vertebrate toxic agent, the compliance certifier must also record the following statement: 'For use as vertebrate toxic agent only'.
- (5) In the case of a class 6 substance other than an agrichemical, a fumigant, or a vertebrate toxic agent, the compliance certifier may record the name of an applicable group standard and a relevant description of the substance instead of the name of the substance.

Example

Hazardous substance and class

Metal industry Products (Toxic 6.1, Corrosive) - containing hydrofluoric acid – 6.1A, 6.1B

- (6) A compliance certifier must not record a commercial product or trade name in a certified handler compliance certificate.
- (7) A compliance certifier must record in a certified handler compliance certificate the particular life cycle phase or phases of each class 6 substance or combination of class 6 substances—

- (a) to which the certificate applies; and
 - (b) in respect of which the compliance certifier is satisfied the applicant meets the relevant competency requirements.
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Example

Hazardous substance and classes

Life cycle phases

Methyl bromide – 6.1B

Use, storage, transport, disposal

Potassium cyanide – 6.1B

Manufacture, Use, Storage

Yellow phosphorous – 6.1D

Use, Storage

- (8) When recording the life cycle phase or phases in a certified handler compliance certificate under subclause (7), the compliance certifier must, in the case of the use life cycle phase, also record how the substance is to be used, if the applicant has only demonstrated knowledge and practical skills in using a substance in that particular way.
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Example

Details of certification

Use of 6.1A and 6.1B substances with a handheld sprayer

Example

Details of certification

Use of 6.1A and 6.1B substances with a vehicle mounted boom sprayer

- (9) A compliance certifier must record in a certified handler compliance certificate the workplace or workplaces at which the applicant is to be a certified handler, if applicable.
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Example

This certificate applies only to workplaces under the management or control of the Department of Conservation.

13 Other information to be recorded

- (1) A compliance certifier must ensure that the following information is recorded in a compliance certificate:
 - (a) that the compliance certificate is issued under regulations 4.1 and 6.23 of the Regulations:
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Example

Compliance Certificate as a Certified Handler

This certificate is issued in accordance with regulations 4.1 and 6.23 of the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017.

This compliance certificate certifies that the handler has met the relevant requirements for the substances and life cycle phases specified below.

- (b) the provisions of the Regulations for the purposes of which the certificate is issued:

Example

This certificate is issued for the purposes of regulation 13.9 of the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017.

- (c) a unique certificate number on the compliance certificate that includes as a prefix the compliance certifier's authorisation number issued by WorkSafe:
 - (d) the certified handler's full legal name:
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Example

Josephine Harriet Alana Bloggs

- (e) the full residential address of the certified handler as at the date of issue, provided that—
 - (i) if the certified handler has a street address, the street number, street name, suburb, town or city, and country must be included; and
 - (ii) if the certified handler does not have a street address, for example, the certified handler is living in a rural location, the compliance certifier may record a PO Box or Private Bag number, town or city, and country:
 - (f) the certified handler's work telephone number or work email address or both, if available:
 - (g) the date of issue:
 - (h) the date the compliance certificate comes into force:
 - (i) the date of expiry:
 - (j) the full name and authorisation number of the compliance certifier, as specified in the certifier's document of authorisation issued by WorkSafe:
 - (k) the handwritten signature or electronic signature of the compliance certifier.
- (2) For the purposes of—
- (a) subclause (1)(g), the compliance certificate must be issued on the date the compliance certifier is satisfied the applicant meets the relevant competency requirements specified in regulation 4.3 of the Regulations or as soon as reasonably practicable after that date; and
 - (b) subclause (1)(h), the date the compliance certificate comes into force must be the same as the date of issue; and
 - (c) subclause (1)(i), the date of expiry must be exactly 5 calendar years from the date of issue; and
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Example

Date of issue:	3 December 2018
Date compliance certificate comes into force:	14 December 2018
Date of expiry:	3 December 2023

- (d) subclause (1)(k), the handwritten signature or electronic signature of the compliance certifier must be the compliance certifier's usual signature and not an abbreviated form or their initials (for example, if a compliance certifier

usually signs his or her name as ‘David Smith’, that form of words must be used, not ‘Dave Smith’ or ‘DS’).

- (3) A compliance certifier must not vary a certified handler compliance certificate that has been issued, except to correct a minor error (for example, where the compliance certifier has decided the applicant meets the competency requirements for a particular class 6 substance or life cycle phase but accidentally records a different class 6 substance or life cycle phase on the certificate).

Subpart 2—Records

14 Records management

- (1) A compliance certifier must make a record of all information viewed as part of the verification and assessment process and retain copies of all relevant documents, including documents identifying the full legal name of the applicant.
- (2) The records must provide sufficient rationale to justify the decision to issue or not to issue a compliance certificate.
- (3) If a compliance certifier conducts a written or oral test, the following information must be recorded:
 - (a) the date and time of the test:
 - (b) the name of the applicant:
 - (c) the subject areas covered:
 - (d) the assessment of the answers.

Schedule 1

Additional provisions: verifying competency requirements for certified handler of agrichemicals

1 Classification, properties, and adverse effects

The specific matters in respect of which a compliance certifier must verify competency in relation to the hazard classification, properties and adverse effects of agrichemicals are—

- (a) the types and classifications of agrichemicals, including their subsidiary properties such as flammability; and
- (b) if the transport phase involves the transportation of bulk quantities of the substance, knowledge of the relevant parts of the UN Model Regulations.

2 Legislative controls

- (1) This clause applies to the extent relevant to the life cycle phase for which the applicant is to be certified.
- (2) The specific matters in respect of which a compliance certifier must verify competency in relation to legislative controls for agrichemicals are—
 - (a) requirements regarding the storage and transport of class 6 substances; and
 - (b) transport restrictions for pesticides; and
 - (c) signage requirements; and
 - (d) requirements applying under the Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Notice 2017.

3 Safe handling

The specific matters in respect of which a compliance certifier must verify competency in relation to the safe handling of agrichemicals are—

- (a) material handling and mixing techniques, where applicable; and
- (b) equipment handling techniques, where applicable; and
- (c) equipment calibration and maintenance, where applicable; and
- (d) understanding of the mode of action, symptoms of poisoning and appropriate first aid.

Schedule 2

Additional provisions: verifying competency requirements for certified handler of fumigants

1 Classification, properties, and adverse effects

The specific matters in respect of which a compliance certifier must verify competency in relation to the hazard classification, properties and adverse effects of fumigants are—

- (a) the classifications of fumigants, including their subsidiary properties, such as corrosiveness; and
- (b) if the transport phase involves the transportation of bulk quantities of the substance, knowledge of the relevant parts of the UN Model Regulations.

2 Legislative controls

- (1) This clause applies to the extent relevant to the life cycle phase for which the applicant is to be certified.
- (2) The specific matters in respect of which a compliance certifier must verify competency in relation to legislative controls for a fumigant are—
 - (a) requirements regarding the storage and transport of class 6 substances; and
 - (b) transport restrictions for fumigants; and
 - (c) signage requirements; and
 - (d) requirements for buffer zones, where applicable; and
 - (e) restrictions on methyl bromide, where applicable; and
 - (f) requirements for annual reporting, where applicable.

3 Safe handling

The specific matters in respect of which a compliance certifier must verify competency in relation to the safe handling of a fumigant are—

- (a) notification of fumigation application, where applicable; and
- (b) supervision of fumigation, where applicable; and
- (c) ventilation of fumigation area and safety of risk area, where applicable; and
- (d) operational requirements for the fumigant, where applicable; and
- (e) material handling techniques, where applicable; and
- (f) equipment handling techniques, where applicable; and
- (g) equipment calibration and maintenance, where applicable; and
- (h) understanding of the mode of action, symptoms of poisoning and appropriate first aid; and

- (i) handling of leaking fumigant; and
- (j) monitoring for compliance with exposure limits.

Schedule 3

Additional provisions: verifying competency requirements for certified handler of vertebrate toxic agents

1 Classification, properties, and adverse effects

The specific matters in respect of which a compliance certifier must verify competency in relation to the hazard classification, properties and adverse effects of vertebrate toxic agents are—

- (a) the classifications of vertebrate toxic agents, including their subsidiary properties, such as flammability; and
- (b) if the transport phase involves the transportation of bulk quantities of the substance, knowledge of the relevant parts of the UN Model Regulations.

2 Legislative controls

- (1) This clause applies to the extent relevant to the life cycle phase for which the applicant is to be certified.
- (2) The specific matters in respect of which a compliance certifier must verify competency in relation to legislative controls for vertebrate toxic agents are—
 - (a) requirements regarding the storage and transport of class 6 substances; and
 - (b) transport restrictions for vertebrate toxic agents; and
 - (c) permissions and notification requirements for a vertebrate toxic agent application; and
 - (d) requirements regarding signage to be used when a vertebrate toxic agent is applied or laid outdoors; and
 - (e) requirements for pesticides misapplied, lost, spilt or stolen; and
 - (f) requirements applying under the Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Notice 2017.

3 Safe handling

The specific matters in respect of which a compliance certifier must verify competency in relation to the safe handling of vertebrate toxic agents are—

- (a) pesticide exposure routes, pathways and risk management; and
- (b) understanding of the mode of action, symptoms of poisoning and appropriate first aid; and
- (c) material handling techniques for the correct use and disposal of vertebrate toxic agents, where applicable; and
- (d) procedures for securing the site, where applicable; and
- (e) knowledge of bait type and method of application, where applicable.

Schedule 4

Additional provisions: verifying competency requirements for certified handler of other class 6 hazardous substances

1 Classification, properties, and adverse effects

The specific matters in respect of which a compliance certifier must verify competency in relation to the hazard classification, properties and adverse effects of any other class 6 substance for which the applicant is to be a certified handler are—

- (a) the classifications of the substance, including its subsidiary properties, such as flammability; and
- (b) if the transport phase involves the transportation of bulk quantities of the substance, knowledge of the relevant parts of the UN Model Regulations.

2 Legislative controls

- (1) This clause applies to the extent relevant to the life cycle phase for which the applicant is to be certified.
- (2) The specific matters in respect of which a compliance certifier must verify competency in relation to legislative controls for any other class 6 substance for which the applicant is to be a certified handler are—
 - (a) requirements regarding the storage and transport of the substance; and
 - (b) signage requirements; and
 - (c) requirements applying under the Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Notice 2017; and
 - (d) requirements imposed under the HSNO Act on the substance, whether by a hazardous substance notice issued by the EPA or as controls applying to the relevant individual approvals or imposed on the relevant group standards, as applicable.

3 Safe handling

The specific matters in respect of which a compliance certifier must verify competency in relation to the safe handling of any other class 6 substance for which the applicant is to be a certified handler are—

- (a) the symptoms of poisoning by the substance; and
- (b) the exposure routes, pathways and risk management of the substance; and
- (c) understanding of the mode of action, symptoms of poisoning and appropriate first aid; and
- (d) equipment handling techniques; and
- (e) equipment calibration and maintenance, where applicable; and
- (f) material handling techniques for the correct use and disposal of the substance.

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