

1080

Pest Animal Bait Products

Frequently Asked Questions

Commercial Operator Licence holders

How does this change affect me?

Commercial Operator Licence holders (COLs) with a vermin destroyer endorsement, who have completed Agsafe Guardian 1080 for Perishable Bait training and 1080 Perishable Bait Manufacturer training, can apply to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for a licence to manufacture and supply to end users, perishable 1080 pest animal bait products to authorised users.

Vermin endorsed COLs who apply 1080 pest animal bait products must comply with the following new requirements for purchase and use of 1080 bait:

- undertake a risk assessment prior to the purchase of 1080 pest animal bait; and
- complete a Bait User Declaration; and
- comply with the *Directions for the Use of 1080 Pest Animal Bait Products in Victoria*; and
- ensure all people using 1080 pest animal baits under the COL have completed a *Course in Minimising the Risks in the Use of 1080 Pest Animal Bait Products for Vertebrate Pest Control* (1080 training).

If I don't wish to become a manufacturer of 1080 bait, do I have to complete the 1080 user training?

Yes. If you want to purchase and use 1080 pest animal bait you must have your vermin destroyer endorsement and complete the 1080 user training. All users of 1080 bait in Victoria will need to complete the new 1080 training as all bait users need to be informed of the changes to the 1080 system.

What about my staff - do they need to complete the 1080 user training?

Yes. Improving access to 1080 bait means it is extremely important that users know how to use it safely. Staff of COL holders must complete the 1080 user training to ensure they are aware of the requirements and risks involved in the handling and use of 1080 bait, which is a dangerous poison with no antidote.

How do I qualify to manufacture and sell perishable bait products?

To qualify as an authorised person to obtain a licence to manufacture and supply perishable 1080 pest animal bait products, you must:

- hold an existing DHS licence for the manufacture of Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) registered 1080 pest animal bait products; and
- be a COL holder with a vermin destroyer endorsement, who has successfully completed Agsafe Guardian 1080 for Perishable Bait and 1080 Perishable Bait Manufacturer training.

Where perishable 1080 pest animal bait products are registered with the APVMA, such products may be supplied by wholesale, or by retail, with the appropriate DHS licence.

COLs with a licence to manufacture and retail perishable 1080 pest animal bait products (using 1080 aqueous solution) may use such products in their own business, or supply the products directly to an authorised end user, or to another COL to lay on behalf of a landholder.

Where can I find out more information about Agsafe Guardian 1080 for Perishable Bait training?

Go to the Agsafe website at www.agsafe.com.au or call 02 6230 4799.

Where and when is the 1080 Perishable Bait Manufacturer training taking place?

This will be determined based on an expression of interest process. Persons wishing to undertake this training must register with the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) by calling the DPI Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

Where can I find out more about the DHS licence to manufacture and retail 1080 products?

Go to the DHS Drugs and Poisons website at http://www.health.vic.gov.au/dpu/1080_poison.htm or call 1300 364 545 or email dpu@dhs.vic.gov.au

For more information about DPI visit the website at www.dpi.vic.gov.au or call the Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

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