



The 2021 Independent Review of the Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Regulatory System in Australia

What do the proposed changes mean for... CHEMICAL COMPANIES?

As an independent Panel, we have reviewed the Australian pesticides and veterinary medicines regulatory system. We have recommended changes that will improve the way you manufacture and supply pesticides and veterinary medicines in Australia.

Our recommended changes will help you to:

- **Be more competitive in the Australian market.** The introduction of a licensing scheme for internationally registered products will provide an alternative pathway to allow you to introduce chemical products currently registered in certain overseas markets without seeking full Australian registration (Recommendation 36).
- **Access more sources of active constituents.** Active constituents will be approved at the substance level, independent of the site of manufacture. This will make it easier to source active constituents, providing your business with resilience and flexibility (Recommendation 48).
- **Add uses to labels more easily.** Filling the gap between permits and registrations, supplemental labels will allow new and minor uses to be added to registered products, increasing your market access (Recommendation 41).
- **Get your products on the market faster.** The introduction of lower regulatory pathways for lower risk products, and fast-tracked generic/priority applications will reduce the time taken to register these chemical products (Recommendation 42).
- **Access a national sales market.** The introduction of a national licensing scheme for applicators, and consistent rules for using and supplying pesticides and veterinary medicines will make it easier for you to supply products in different states and territories (Recommendation 19).
- **Simplify your product labels.** When designing or updating your product labels, you will have more flexibility on wording and presentation and be able to provide information electronically (Recommendation 24).

Other benefits that will improve the system and the chemical manufacturing industry include:

- **Changes to data protection periods.** Data provided for veterinary medicine applications to the APVMA will now have the same period of protection as data for pesticide product applications, providing consistency across the system (Recommendation 46).

- **Allowing assessments by accredited assessors.** Introducing a pool of accredited assessors will allow you to have more control over your assessment timeframes (Recommendation 49).
- **Providing consistent advice to your users.** Under the single national law reform, rules for using pesticides and veterinary medicines will become consistent across Australia, making it easier for you to provide advice to users (Recommendation 43).
- **Simplify adverse experience reporting.** The process for reporting adverse experiences associated with your products will be streamlined, reducing the time taken to submit reports (Recommendation 13).

Find out more about our recommendations by reading the final report or visiting haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/agvet-chemicals-regulatory-reform.

Not part of a chemical company? View our other resources that might be relevant to you.