

NOTICE

Amendments to legislative instruments for fees and timeframes

The APVMA made some amendments to the legislative instruments under the Agvet Codes relating to fees and timeframes and created a new principal instrument to deal with additional information submitted by applicants voluntarily.

On 9 January 2008, the following four instruments relating to fees and timeframes were registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments:

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Amendment Instrument No. 1 (Trial Protocols) 2008;

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Amendment Instrument No. 2 (Multiple Applications) 2008;

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Amendment Instrument No. 3 (Multiple Applications) 2008; and

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Instrument No. 3 (Assessment Periods for Applications where Additional Information is Submitted Voluntarily) 2008.

All four instruments commenced on registration and are available on ComLaw:
www.comlaw.gov.au.

The *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Amendment Instrument No. 1 (Trial Protocols) 2008* amends the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Instrument No. 2 (Modular Assessment Fees) 2005* to allow residue assessments of trial protocols for agricultural and veterinary chemical products.

The *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Amendment Instrument No. 2 (Multiple Applications) 2008* amends the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Instrument No. 1 (Application Fees) 2005* to allow multiple applications to be submitted under category 14 for the purpose of varying particulars or conditions of registration or label approval, provided the variation involves minor label changes in relation to two or more chemical products, the application is made by the same applicant and the variation is the same for each label change.

The *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Amendment Instrument No. 3 (Multiple Applications) 2008* amends the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Instrument No. 2 (Modular Assessment Fees) 2005* by providing a new modular fee and timeframe for multiple applications. The proposed new modular fee for multiple applications allows applications to be “bundled” so that the module 1 screening fee (currently \$460) applies once irrespective of how many separate products are included in the multiple application. In addition, the module 11.4 finalisation fee (currently \$145) applies for each product up to five products and then once for each subsequent “bundle” of up to five products. If any technical assessment is required, the multiple application fee includes the ordinary modular fee for the technical assessment multiplied by the rate or actual number of times that the technical assessment is required.

The *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Instrument No. 3 (Assessment Periods for Applications where Additional Information is Submitted Voluntarily) 2008* is a new principal instrument, which provides additional time for the APVMA to consider additional information submitted by applicants voluntarily.

This instrument and new compilations of the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Instrument No. 1 (Application Fees) 2005* and the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Instrument No. 2 (Modular Assessment Fees) 2005* are available on ComLaw: www.comlaw.gov.au and the APVMA website: www.apvma.gov.au/about_us/legislat.shtml.