



Implementation of updated guidelines for determining a minor use

Transition map

Affected industries moving from 'minor' status to 'major' status

- Blueberries
- Cucumber
- Zucchini
- Lentils
- Celery
- Watermelon
- Atlantic salmon

Pre-implementation (3 months prior)

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) Permits Team will:

- review permits held by affected industries (above) that expire in next 12 months
- send emails to permit holders to advise additional information will be required for renewal to justify minor use status
- communicate directly with holders and via stakeholder meetings to emphasise that permits **will not** be cancelled because of new guidelines
- issue cover letters to advise when further information will be required at renewal.

Minor use applications currently in the system will continue to be assessed under the previous guidelines.

Implementation (0 to 3 months after publication)

APVMA Permits Team will:

- request further information to satisfy minor use criteria as required, as part of normal permit assessment process
- issue cover letters to advise when further information will be required at renewal.

Minor use applications where assessment has already commenced will continue to be assessed under previous guidelines.

Implementation (3 to 12 months after publication)

APVMA Permits Team will:

- request further information to satisfy minor use criteria as required, as part of normal permit assessment process.
- issue cover letters to advise when further information will be required at renewal.

Minor use applications where assessment has already commenced will continue to be assessed under previous guidelines. New applications will be expected to address minor use criteria according to the new guidelines.

Post-implementation (12 months to 3 years)

The new guidance becomes standard practice. New applications will be expected to address minor use criteria according to the new guidelines. The APVMA may allow some exceptions to be applied where applicants have not had sufficient time to obtain data, but this should not be expected. Applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis to ensure access to critical chemicals is not lost.