



Regulatory Posture Statement 2026–30

Overview

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority is the independent statutory authority responsible for administering the Commonwealth agricultural and veterinary (agvet) chemicals legislative framework.

We regulate agvet chemicals to protect the health and safety of people, animals and the environment, and to support primary industries, biosecurity and international trade for all Australians. We play a critical role in ensuring Australians have access to safe and effective agvet chemicals and we undertake our full suite of regulatory functions to support agricultural productivity and maintain confidence in the agvet regulatory system.

We are responsible for regulating control of agvet chemicals in Australia up to and including the point of supply. This includes the registration of agvet chemical products manufactured, imported, supplied, sold or used in Australia, and the monitoring of compliance with, and enforcement of, the [Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994](#) (Agvet Code) and other legislative instruments. We also work with state and territory regulators who are responsible for controlling the use of agvet chemicals beyond the point of supply.

Our regulatory posture aligns with our strategic objectives and demonstrates our commitment to meeting our Ministerial Statement of Expectations and Regulator Statement of Intent. We have adopted a continuous improvement approach to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of our regulatory operations. We regulate in an open, accountable and predictable way that encourages compliance. Our compliance posture promotes voluntary compliance and education, balanced with proportionate action to secure compliance with the Agvet Code.

Our regulatory posture

Our regulatory posture reflects our commitment to being a trusted, transparent and fair regulator. We recognise that trust is critical to our ability to regulate effectively, and that transparent engagement is essential to our approach. Our approach is also aligned with the Australian Government's [Regulatory Policy, Practice & Performance Framework](#) and the 3 principles of best practice outlined in the [Regulator Performance Guide \(RMG 128\)](#).



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Our regulatory behaviours

Our posture	What we expect of our staff	What our stakeholders can expect
 <p>We are accountable to the Australian public and to the Parliament.</p>	<p>We always act in the best interest of the Australian community, consistent with our legislative remit and APS values. We report transparently on performance and deliver on the government's expectations in the Ministerial Statements of Expectation.</p>	<p>Stakeholders can expect a regulator that is transparent, accountable and responsive. Our work is focused on delivering firm and fair regulatory outcomes for all Australians.</p>
 <p>We deliver the full suite of our regulatory functions in accordance with our legislative obligations.</p>	<p>We apply our full suite of regulatory functions with rigour, accuracy and consistency. Our actions are proportionate and always compliant with the law.</p>	<p>Stakeholders can expect a regulator that supports innovation while maintaining system integrity, and that promotes a shared understanding of legislative obligations.</p>
 <p>We place the onus on applicants and registrants to satisfy the legislative requirements.</p>	<p>We set clear application requirements and assess only complete and valid submissions. Incomplete or flawed applications will be rejected promptly.</p>	<p>Stakeholders can expect transparent requirements, equal treatment of all applicants, clarity about all ongoing compliance obligations, and efficient processing of quality applications.</p>
 <p>We make consistent and predictable decisions that are data-driven and evidence-based.</p>	<p>We base decisions on contemporary science and risk assessment frameworks, drawing on international data where appropriate to ensure timely, credible outcomes.</p>	<p>Stakeholders can expect scientifically robust and transparent decisions and clear, consultative communication on regulatory changes, including guidance materials.</p>
 <p>We apply risk-based approaches that support productivity.</p>	<p>We will prioritise our resources toward the greatest risks to humans, animals, the environment, and to Australia's trade, applying streamlined, proportionate approaches where appropriate.</p>	<p>Stakeholders can expect efficient, risk-based regulation that balances administrative burden, support for innovation and Australian productivity.</p>
 <p>We act swiftly when there is evidence of non-compliance.</p>	<p>We respond proportionately to non-compliance, using our statutory powers where necessary to protect, people, animals and the environment.</p>	<p>Stakeholders can expect timely, transparent enforcement and confidence that serious risks are managed decisively.</p>
 <p>We are clear and concise in our communications.</p>	<p>We communicate clearly and transparently, using plain language to explain our decisions, processes and expectations. We are open and responsive to feedback.</p>	<p>Stakeholders can expect decisions that are easy to understand and guidance that is consistent, timely and in plain language.</p>