

Farm Chemical Storage Checklist



Item	Yes	No
1. Do you have a lockable chemical store? a. Ideally a stand-alone concrete, brick or iron clad construction with a concrete floor		
2. Is the chemical store construction suitable for the chemicals stored? a. Fire rating b. Concrete floor		
3. Is your chemical store located in the most appropriate position? a. Close to delivery and despatch points b. Complies with local government and OH&S legislation c. Complies with separation distances from other buildings, services and roadways d. Appropriate for wash-down and spillage clean-up e. Ideally, a stand-alone store that is clear of other workplace services and activities		
4. Has an interceptor trap been installed to the drain from the floor of the chemical store? a. An interceptor trap needs to be installed so that the store can be washed out without any chemicals escaping into the environment b. The contents of the trap can be pumped into a container and taken to the disposal depot		
5. Does the store have natural, or electrical lighting? a. Is the wiring in good order to prevent the possibility of sparking?		
6. Is the chemical store vented correctly? a. There should be a vent at the highest point and the lowest point in the store to prevent the build-up of gases and vapours		
7. Can the stored chemicals be affected by UV rays or excessive heat? a. UV rays might destroy labels as well as damage the chemical		
8. Has suitable bunding been provided for stored chemicals? a. Containers of chemicals are placed in bunding so any leaks will be contained. b. The complete store can have concrete floor bunding to contain any leakage		
9. Is the correct signage displayed? a. The classes of chemicals stored b. HAZCHEM signs at the entrances if the classes and quantities of chemicals stored require that. Refer to the Dangerous Goods / Hazardous Substance Regulations c. Sign indicating where the PPE is located d. Sign indicating where First Aid is available e. Signage must comply with sizes and colours		
10. Is shelving suitable for the chemicals stored? a. Shelving should be made from material which will not absorb chemical (wooden shelving is unacceptable) b. Shelving must be strong enough to sustain the weight of the chemicals stored		
11. Have segregation rules been applied? a. Veterinary, pesticides and insecticides should be stores separately		
12. Has suitable fire protection been installed? a. A fire extinguisher of the correct type should be available		