

Agriculture Victoria - Requirement for Ag Vet Chemicals use in Victoria

Recording Veterinary Chemical Use www.agriculture.vic.gov.au

New record keeping requirements apply to individuals who treat stock animals (i.e. any animal used as or to produce food for humans) using a veterinary chemical product that is classified as a Schedule 4 Poison or any animal health product which has a withholding period.

The following records must be **made within 48 hours of using a veterinary chemical product and kept for a period of two years from the date of use:**

1. Product trade name
2. Species of the animal
3. Location of the animal
4. Identification number (if known) or description of the animal
5. Date/s the animal was treated with the product
6. Quantity of the product used for each treatment.

Exemptions

Veterinary practitioners are exempt from these requirements, as they have different record keeping requirements.

Explanatory Notes

1. Product trade name: The full name of the product should be recorded to avoid confusion. Many products on the market have similar names but different concentrations, approved uses and rates, so be specific.
2. Species of the animal: The species of the animal being treated (e.g. cow, pig, sheep).
3. Location of the animal: This must be detailed enough to allow a person who is unfamiliar with the location to identify it. Paddock and property identifiers may be used (e.g. home farm - dam paddock, Logan's block - front paddock).
4. Identification number (if known) or description of the animal: Any identification number (e.g. NLIS) or description (e.g. colour, breed, age, size of mob/flock/herd) that can be used to identify the treated animal.
5. Date/s the animal was treated with the product: The actual date you treated the animal. If treatment was administered over a period of time, write down each date.
6. Quantity of the product used for each treatment: The exact quantity used (e.g. 20 mL, 100 mL/1000 L water, 1 tube, 1 tablet) for each treatment needs to be recorded. The product label or advice note provided by a veterinary practitioner should contain this information.

Record Keeping Format



Sample record keeping templates available from DEPI.

You may keep your records in a format that suits you (e.g. hand written, computer generated, using record books or as part of a quality assurance program). The only requirement is that they contain all the required information, are clear, accurate and must be readily available to a DEPI authorised officer upon request.

Sample record keeping templates for recording the use of agricultural chemicals, poison baits and veterinary chemicals are available from the DEPI Chemical Use website at www.depi.vic.gov.au/agriculture-and-food/farm-management/chemical-use, under 'Application Forms'.

Benefits of Keeping Records

Keeping records of agricultural and veterinary chemical use is not just a matter of complying with the law, records can demonstrate that you are following good agricultural practice and even assist you improve your operation.

Records are an excellent point of reference that can be used to review previous pest management practices and to calculate the quantity of chemical product you will need for the next application. They can also be used to evaluate how well a chemical worked, which can save both time and money.

Making records at the time of application only takes a few minutes and also demonstrates that you have assessed risks and checked application rates, wind speed and withholding periods before applying the product. Irrespective of how chemical use records are used, their usefulness will depend on the quality of records you keep.

<http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/farm-management/chemical-use/veterinary-chemicals/recording-veterinary-chemical-use/keeping-records-legal-requirements-for-agvet-chemical-use-in-vic>

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