



Security

Information sheet for fertilizer distributors/retailers/sellers



In June 2004 the Council of Australian Governments, which comprises the Prime Minister, State Premiers, Territory Chief Ministers and the President of the Australian Local Government Association, agreed that a national approach would be taken to restrict access to security sensitive ammonium nitrate (SSAN)* for other than specifically authorised users.

All States and Territories are developing licensing regimes which will control access to SSAN. Work is currently being undertaken at the national level to finalise key issues relating to the regulation of SSAN. Once these issues are resolved States and Territories will be able to finalise the arrangements for their licensing regimes and notify users and stakeholders.

The new licensing regimes will ensure that only people with a legitimate need will be permitted to purchase and use SSAN. They will also ensure persons of security concern can not purchase the product and that it is stored, handled and transported safely and securely.

In the meantime, if you sell SSAN fertilizers to members of the public you can play a role in keeping Australia secure by taking the following steps.

1. Know your buyers of SSAN fertilizer; only supply to customers who have an account with full address and contact details recorded.

For unknown/new buyers

- adopt a policy of opening an account
- ask for and record photo identification details (for example, a driver's licence)

2. For all transactions, record the date, total quantity, number and size of bags (25kg, 50kg, 1000kg etc) and anticipated use.
3. Place a sign in your premises advising buyers of these arrangements. (Sample attached).

By being alert to suspicious buyers of SSAN, you can help protect Australia from terrorism. The following signs may indicate a suspicious buyer.

- A new customer
- Not from the local area
- Does not want product delivered
- Insists on paying cash
- Will not supply adequate (drivers licence) identification
- Is nervous or impatient
- Has little knowledge of agriculture or fertilizers, e.g.
 - Vague about the quantity required
 - Vague about use
 - Purchasing out of season
 - Not interested in alternatives – insistent on SSAN fertilizer

Supply the product **only if you are satisfied that it is for genuine agricultural use**. If you are not sure, you can refuse a sale.

Report any suspicious incidents or purchase attempts to the 24-hour National Security Hotline:

1800 123 400

* Security Sensitive ammonium nitrate fertilizers are defined as those fertilizers containing greater than 45% ammonium nitrate (liquid fertilizers are not included).

More Information: Further information will be provided as the final details of the licensing system are agreed by the Australian Government and the states and territories. In the meantime, if you need advice to assist long-term planning the following officials can be contacted.

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| <p>NSW</p> <p>WorkCover Assistance Service Phone 131 050 Email contact@workcover.nsw.gov.au</p> |
| <p>VIC</p> <p>Dangerous Goods Unit WorkSafe Victoria Phone 03 9641 1555 Email info@workcover.vic.gov.au</p> |
| <p>QLD</p> <p>Chief Inspector of Explosives Department of Natural Resources and Mines; Phone 32371386 Fax. 32354395 Email explosives@nrm.qld.gov.au Website www.nrm.qld.gov.au/mines/explosives</p> |
| <p>WA</p> <p>Safety, Health and Environment Division Department of Industry and Resources Call centre phone number 08-9222 3413 Call centre fax number is 08-9222 3525 Email edg@doir.wa.gov.au</p> |
| <p>SA</p> <p>Workplace Services Department for Administrative and Information Services Information Service 1300 365 255 Reception Phone (08) 8303 0400 Reception Fax (08) 8303 0423 Website www.Eric.sa.gov.au</p> |
| <p>TAS</p> <p>Helpline Workplace Standards Tasmania PO Box 56 Rosny Park Tas 7018 Phone: 1300 366 322 (local rate within Tasmania) Phone: 03 6233 7657 (outside Tasmania) Fax: 03 6233 8338</p> |
| <p>NT</p> <p>NTWorkSafe Phone 1800 019 115 Email ntworksafe.deet@nt.gov.au Website www.worksafe.nt.gov.au</p> |
| <p>ACT</p> <p>Manager Dangerous Substances, Gas and Plant ACT WorkCover Phone 6205 0200</p> |

Ammonium nitrate sales

‘It is our policy to supply security sensitive* ammonium nitrate fertilizers only to customers who provide proof of identity. We will maintain the information as part of the sales record. The information retained will only be disclosed as required by law.’

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