

# **A.F.S.A.**

## **S.P.V. NATIONAL POLICY**

The A.F.S.A. will actively promote to the relevant State and National Transport Authorities the industry goal of a registration category that recognizes the high proportion of work that is done off road by our members' vehicles. We also aim to have this linked to the fertiliser industry and Commonwealth Government supported education program Fertcare. Fertcare covers the special training and quality standards required to operate spreaders at industry best practice levels, for spreader drivers and machine accreditation.

## **AFSA National Fertiliser Policy**

AFSA is interested in the marketing and product quality aspects of the manufactured fertiliser industry products, particularly any physical properties that effect spreadability.

### **Key Objectives**

- To actively promote the development of national standards including labeling standards of agricultural fertiliser products.
- To actively promote the establishment of national testing standards for soil analysis.
- To oversee the development and delivery of a national training program for fertilizer advisers, sales and logistic personal, using the AFSA code of practice and guidelines as key reference material.
- To support and encourage fertiliser manufacturers to produce product that enables the fertiliser spreading industry to comply with the AFSA spreading code of practice which includes the accuspread program.
- Product quality properties that can affect application accuracy are Particle size, Bulk density, Uniformity. These property measurements should be part of the information given to the person operating the applicator or seeder by the fertilizer manufacturer or supplier. Variations of no more than +or – 5% on the figures given should occur.

As key strategy for these actions we are looking to continue our productive working relationships with the other key fertiliser industry bodies particularly the manufactures organization FIFA as well as Govt and farmer groups.

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## **AFSA National Gypsum Policy**

AFSA is interested in the marketing and on farm aspects of the Gypsum industry.

- To actively promote the development of national standards including labeling standards of agricultural gypsum products.
- To actively promote the establishment of national testing standards for gypsum analysis.
- To oversee the development of a national training program for advisers working in the gypsum responsive soil areas and incorporate this into the Fertcare Level Band C (sales and agronomy)
- To support the testing of all agricultural Gypsum suppliers on at least a bi annual basis by the relevant state dept responsible for agriculture.
- To support Gypsum manufacturers to produce product that enables the Gypsum spreading industry to comply with the AFSA spreading code of practice.
- To have gypsum labels state the physical properties of gypsum that could effect spreading such as typical moisture levels from point of manufacture, approx bulk density.
- To have gypsum labels state the quality properties of gypsum that are important for the customer such as Sulphur %, Sodium %, Calcium Sulphate %.

As a starting point for these actions we are looking to establish productive working relationships with the other key gypsum industry bodies as well as Govt and famergroups.

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## **NATIONAL INSURANCE POLICY**

The A.F.S.A. seeks to have a relationship with a National Insurance Company that is committed to providing support to members through specialty insurance products that reflect the needs of the fertilizer industry and actively promote industry risk management programs such as Fertcare.

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## **AFSA National Lime Policy**

AFSA is interested in the marketing and on farm aspects of the lime industry.

- To actively promote the development of national standards including labeling standards of agricultural lime products.
- To actively promote the establishment of national testing standards for lime analysis.

- To oversee the development of a national training program for advisers working in the acid soil areas and incorporate this into the Fertcare Level Band C (sales and agronomy)
- To actively support other national initiatives some of which are outlined in the recommendations in the Vic inquiry on the impact and trends in soil acidity.
- To support the testing of all agricultural lime suppliers on at least a bi annual basis by the relevant state dept responsible for agriculture.
- To support lime manufacturers to produce product that enables the lime spreading industry to comply with the AFSA spreading code of practise.
- To have lime labels state the physical properties of lime that could effect spreading such as typical moisture levels from point of manufacture, approx bulk density, particle sizes ie >1mm, >.5mm,>.25mm,>.1mm.

As a starting point for these actions we are looking to establish productive working relationships with the other key lime industry bodies as well as Govt and famergroups.

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# **NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

The A.F.S.A. recognises the industry we work in carries some operational risks and is committed to providing support to members through developing links with specialist service providers with products that reflect the needs of the fertilizer industry.

The A.F.S.A. will develop and actively promote industry risk management programs as part of wider industry programs such as Fertcare.

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## **AFSA National Compost Policy**

AFSA is interested in the marketing and on farm aspects of the compost industry.

- To actively promote the development of national standards including labeling standards of agricultural compost products.
- To actively promote the establishment of national testing standards for compost analysis.
- To oversee the development of a national training program for advisers recommending compost and incorporate this into the Fertcare Level Band C (sales and agronomy) modules.
- To support the testing of all agricultural compost suppliers on at least a bi annual basis by the relevant state dept responsible for agriculture.
- To support compost manufacturers to produce product that enables the compost spreading industry to comply with the AFSA spreading code of practice.

- To have compost labels state the physical properties of compost that could effect spreading such as typical moisture levels from point of manufacture, approx bulk density.
- To ensure compost manufacturers take a professional approach to the preparation of compost for sale by supplying a screened impurity free (any debris or hard rubbish removed) fully composted (harmful pathogens removed) even product that will flow through modern bulk spreading equipment.

As a starting point for these actions we are looking to establish productive working relationships with the other key compost industry bodies as well as Govt and famergroups.