Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Amendment Order 2004 (No. 1) 2004 No. 55

Explanatory Statement

Statutory Rules 2004 No. 55

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Issued by the Authority of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry

Subject

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Regulations 1999

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Order 1999

Section 7 of the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994 (the Act) provides that the Minister may make orders for the purposes of the Act.

This Amendment Order implements amendments to the schedule classification advised by the National Drugs and Poison Scheduling Committee (NDPSC) of the Therapeutic Goods Administration within the Department of Health and Ageing.

Following a review of the available toxicology data on chlorination compounds, the NDPSC decided to alter some of the poisons schedule classification for certain chlorinating chemicals. The changes impact mainly on swimming pool and spa treatment products. As a consequence of the change to the scheduling of calcium, lithium and sodium hypochlorites, the standard form of label for these product must be amended and re-gazetted to provide that a label for pool and spa hypochlorites must be in the republished form.

Section 4 of the Order provides that a label for container for pool or spa hypochlorites must be in the form (if any) last published for those containers by the National Registration Authority (now known as the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)) in the Gazette and in force on 31 October 1999. This Amendment Order omits the date 31 October 1999 and inserts 31 March 2004.