

# FACT SHEET

## Restrictions in the use of Security Sensitive Ammonium Nitrate (SSAN)

Growers who use fertilizers which contain ammonium nitrate may be affected by changes to Explosives legislation. These changes, which have just come into effect under the *Explosives Regulation 2005*, reflect a tightening of Australia's security.

Here is what you need to know:

- Under the new regulations, any fertilizers containing more than 45% ammonium nitrate are designated Security Sensitive Ammonium Nitrate (SSAN), with access and use restricted.
- Growers who use SSAN as a fertilizer must get a 'Licence to use Security Sensitive Dangerous Substances' by January 1 2006. From this date it will be illegal to be in possession of SSAN without a licence; nor will it be possible to purchase SSAN without the licence.
- All applicants for the 'Licence to use Security Sensitive Dangerous Substances' are required to undergo a security clearance check through the NSW and Commonwealth police and security agencies.
- If you use SSAN you have a responsibility to limit unauthorized access to this fertilizer. You are required to develop a Site Security Plan which describes how you control access, use and transport of the SSAN you purchase.

More detailed information and suggested templates for the Site Security Plan can be found in WorkCover's 'Guide on how to Complete a Site Security Plan (SSP) for the Agricultural Use of Security Sensitive Ammonium Nitrate (SSAN)', which is available on the WorkCover website at [www.workcover.nsw.gov.au](http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au) and from WorkCover offices.

- If, as the licence holder, you wish any of your employees to have unsupervised access to SSAN, the law requires that by January 1 2006 your employees must have undergone security clearance, hold an 'Unsupervised Handling Licence', and be listed on your Site Security Plan.
- When you apply for 'Licence to use Security Sensitive Dangerous Substances' you can apply to transport up to 5 tonnes of SSAN yourself as long as it is in a single direct journey. The other option is to ask your supplier to arrange 'licensed transport'.

- An indicative list of market name fertilizers containing ammonium nitrate, along with the percentage of ammonium nitrate they contain, is available on the WorkCover website at [www.workcover.nsw.gov.au](http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au). Translations of this list, in ten languages, can be accessed at [www.nationalsecurity.gov.au](http://www.nationalsecurity.gov.au).
- Alternative products to fertilizers containing SSAN are being developed. These fertilizers will not require a licence. Ask your fertilizer supplier for details.
- The fee component for the 'Licence to use Security Sensitive Dangerous Substances' consists of \$100 for the licence and \$150 for the security clearance. The 'Unsupervised Handling Licence' costs \$150 per person. Licences are valid for five years. Renewal will include fresh security checks.
- To apply for the 'Licence to use Security Sensitive Dangerous Substances' you need Form FE02 for an individual or Form FE03 for a company, and for the 'Unsupervised Handling Licence', Form FE01. All are available from WorkCover.
- Licence application forms and supporting documentation such as proof of identity should be submitted at Australia Post, together with payment of the appropriate licence and security clearance fees.
- For further information on restrictions in the use of SSAN, check the WorkCover website at [www.workcover.nsw.gov.au](http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au) or contact your local WorkCover office.