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Hello Frances

Thankyou for your email and for also providing a copy of the Accreditation Training Manual.

I note that closing date for submissions from interested parties is the 8th February 2007. I will forward to you early next week a copy of the submissions received by the ACCC should Agsafe wish to provide comments on issues raised by interested parties.

I have also attached for your information a letter sent today to manufacturers who are not members of CropLife or Animal Health Alliance seeking comments on Agsafe's application for revocation and substitution.

I have outlined below a further list of questions which I would be grateful if Agsafe could address.

1. I note that there are a number of pieces of legislation in each State and Territory which regulate the use of agricultural and veterinary chemicals.

How does Agsafe incorporate the different requirements from the various pieces of legislation into the Code of Practice and the Accreditation Training Manual? For example, is it the case that the standard incorporated into these documents reflects the highest standard which exists in State or Territory legislation?

How does Agsafe ensure that the Code of Practice and the Accreditation Training Manual are up to date and address the range of different legislative requirements that may change from time to time?

Does Agsafe conduct a periodic review of these documents? If yes, how often is a review conducted and what process is involved in reviewing the documents?

2. Are the requirements in the Code of Practice and the Accreditation Training Manual consistent with State, Territory and Federal legislation?
3. Are there generic manufacturers of agricultural and veterinary chemicals which operate in Australia? Could Agsafe please provide details on the extent generic manufacturers are represented in the agricultural and veterinary chemical market? Are generic manufacturers accredited under the Agsafe Guardian Program?
4. On page 6 of the Public Interest Statement you advise that premises are charged \$135 for each hour that a facilitator spends on site. Is Agsafe able to advise, on average, how many hours businesses usually need to have an Agsafe facilitator on site?
5. Agsafe has advised that Kenso Corporation, the Victorian Chemical Company, Conquest Chemicals, Spray Gro and Ospray are manufacturers who are not represented by CropLife or Animal Health Alliance but are nonetheless aligned to the principles of the Agsafe Program.

Could you please confirm whether these manufacturers are accredited under the Agsafe Guardian Program?

Should you have any queries about the questions outlined above please contact me on the number listed below.



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Regards

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