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Certification Requirements for Pesticides

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Test Certificates

- **Approved Handlers**
 - **Required for all types of hazardous substances**

Tracking

- Needed only for highly toxic substances
(approx the old deadly and dangerous poisons)
- Requires:
 - Approved Handler
 - Records
 - Transfer
 - Use
 - Disposal

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Staged Implementation

- The new law is being introduced gradually

Person in Charge

- **Responsible for:**
 - **Keeping records**
 - **Looks after equipment used**
 - **Advice on protective clothing**
 - **Ensures compliance for hazardous substance locations**

Approved Handler requirement

- Almost certain that every ‘contractor’ will require to be an Approved Handler
- Requirement is driven if the chemicals are toxic to humans
- Also if certain ecotoxic substances are used in certain ways

Types of chemicals

| Type | Examples |
|------------------------------|--|
| Organophosphate insecticides | Actellic, Baygon, Dursban, Nuvos, |
| Pyrethroid Insecticides | Bestox, Biflex, Cislin, Coopex, Demand, Dominex, Fendona, Perigen, Permex, Reslin, Responsar |
| Remaining Insecticides | Ficam W, Stardust |

Who is an Approved Handler?

- A suitably competent and qualified person who can provide guidance to others
- Knowledgeable about the relevant parts of HSNO

Why is an Approved Handler required?

- To manage hazardous substances to prevent damage to:
 - **Environment**
 - Spray drift
 - Affecting waterways
 - **Workers**
- Know what to do in an emergency

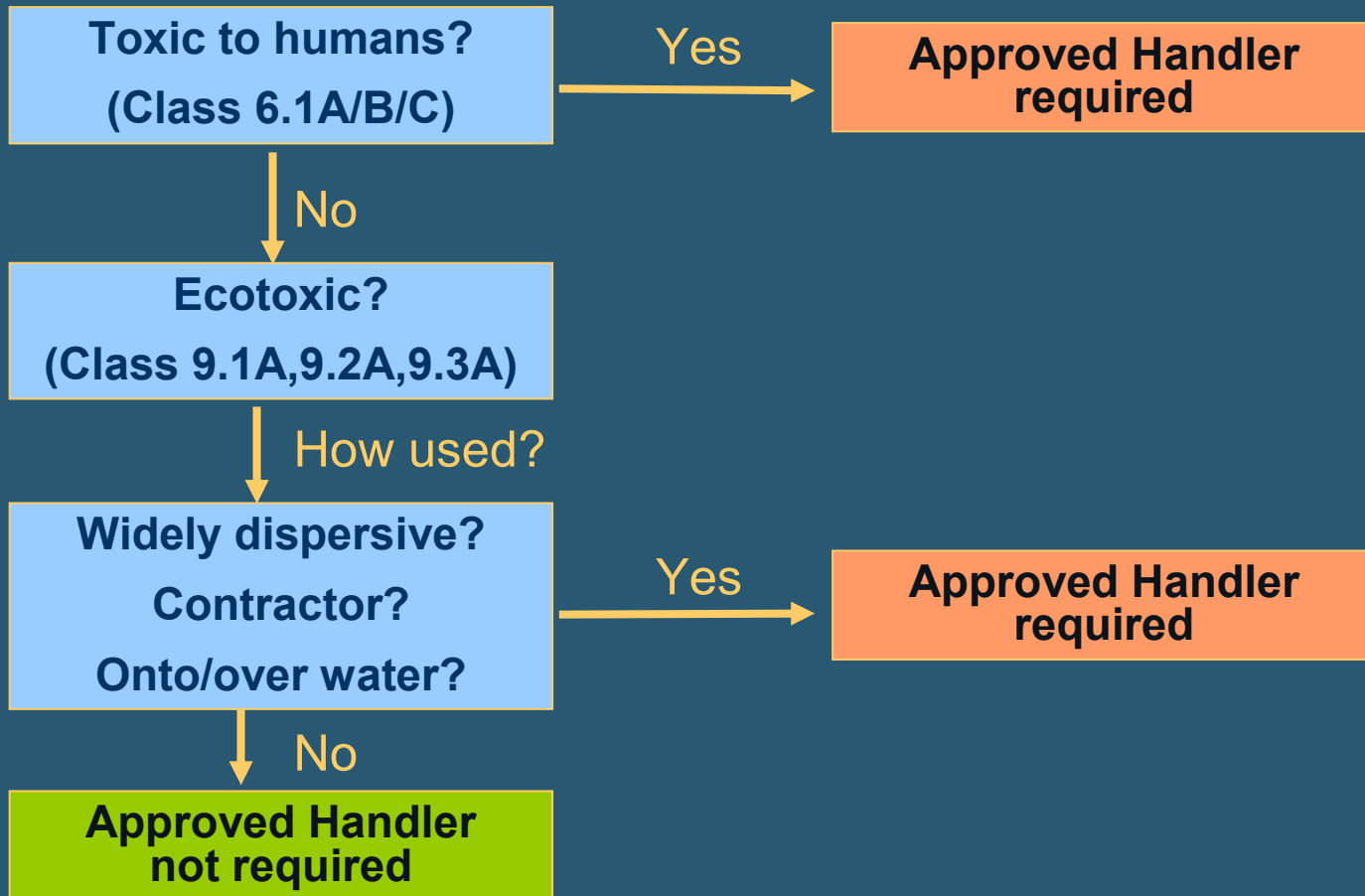
What products require Approved Handlers?

- **Tracked substances**
- **Highly hazardous substances**
 - **Flammable**
 - **Toxic**
 - **Ecotoxic**
- **Where a Location Certificate is required**

Where is the Approved Handler needed?

- **Ecotoxics**
 - **Generally this control has been removed, except:**
 - For contractors
 - For widely dispersive use
 - For use into or over water
- **Poisons**
 - **Substances highly toxic to humans**
 - **Equivalent to deadly and dangerous poisons**
- **Flammables**
 - **If more than 2000 litres (total on a farm)**
 - **Lower quantities outside of farms**

Do I need to be an Approved Handler?



Which products need an Approved Handler and tracking?

- Ficam W
- Dursban NF
- Nuvos
- Permex

Commercial Contractor needs to be an Approved Handler

- Biflex 80SC
- Biflex 100EC
- Reslin
- Dursban SL
- Responsar (greater than 1 litre pack)
- Cislin
- Demand CS
- Coopex
- Perigen 500
- Actellic
- Fendona 15 SC
- Bestox PC50
- Dominex 100

How to become an Approved Handler

- **Transitional**
 - Need to demonstrate 2 years experience
 - Lasts for 2 years, non-renewable

- **Full**
 - Apply to a test certifier
 - Knowledge of substances
 - Practical competence
 - HSNO knowledge

Who is a Test Certifier

- Qualified person approved by ERMA New Zealand for locations, tanks and handlers
- Where do I find one
 - Register on our website
- Do not necessarily need face to face for Approved Handler

How do I get the qualifications?

- **Training provider**
 - **Growsafe introductory course**
 - **Other training course**
 - **Test Certifier**
- **At work**
- **Must have experience and competence as well as the qualifications**

Staged implementation

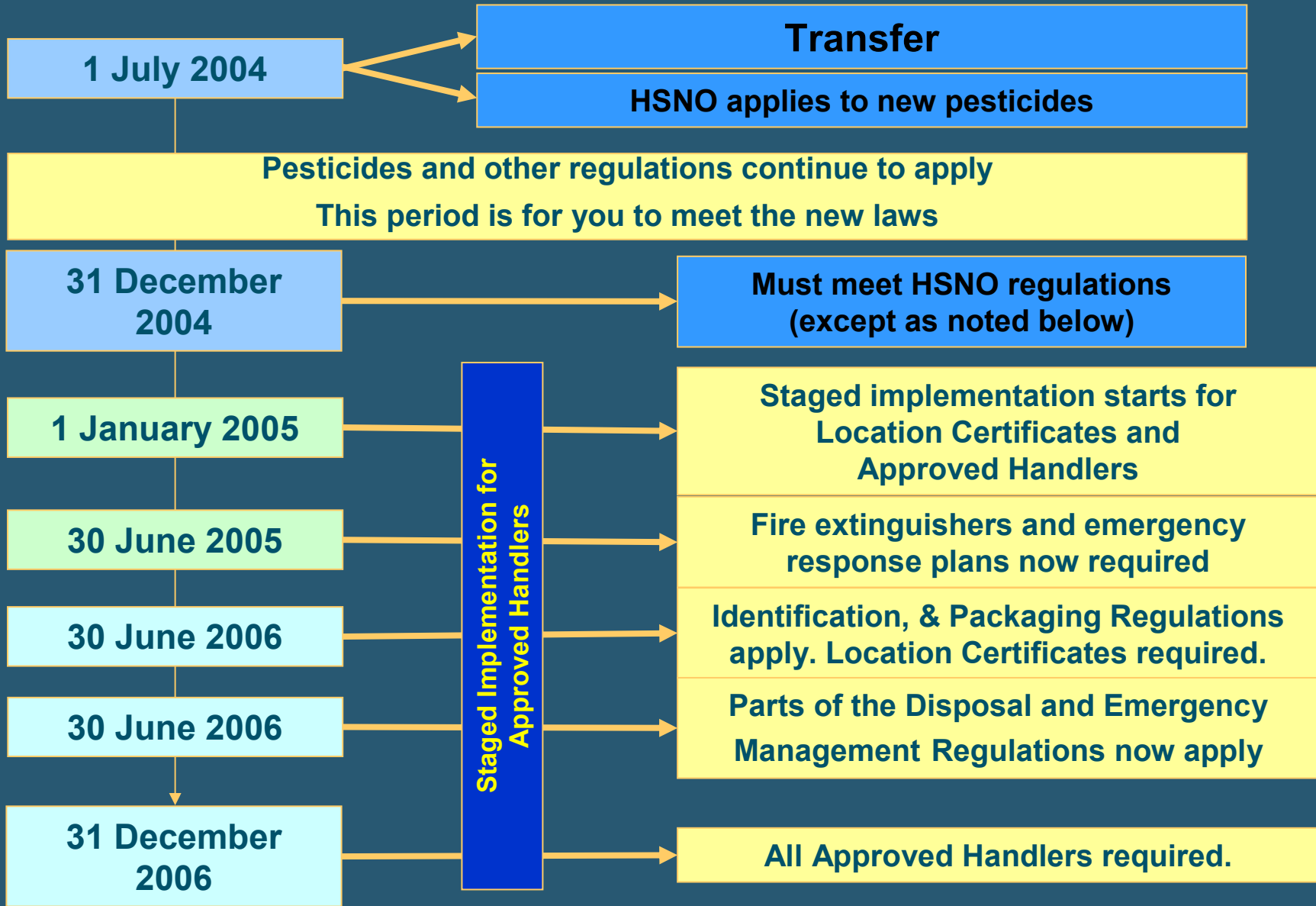
- Will not be introducing the new law immediately.
- Why:
 - Industry, enforcement officers and Test Certifiers need to become familiar
 - Approved Handlers need to get trained
 - Will take time to issue all the Test Certificates

Timetable for Approved Handlers

- **People with two years previous experience:**
 - **No requirement until 1 January 2005**
 - **Then automatically become an Approved Handler for two years ie until 31 December 2006**
 - **Must become a full Approved Handler by 31 December 2006**
 - **Must start doing something now to meet the deadline**
- **People with no previous experience:**
 - **No requirement until 1 January 2005**
 - **Must become a full Approved Handler by 1 January 2005**

timetable for Pesticides Transferred in July 2004

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Communications

- Various publications available from our website.
- Step by step guides for industry sectors
- Pan industry guides for common issues
 - Eg Approved Handlers

Further information

- ERMA New Zealand web site www.ermanz.govt.nz
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