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VPC Approved Handlers

VCCA Conference, Dunedin Approved Handler Qualifications Staged Implementation

September 2004

Transfer Date

1 November 2004

Vertebrate Poisons will be transferred from the old regulations to the new HSNO controls

Will be known as Vertebrate Toxic Agents (VTAs)

Approved Handler Requirement

/// When using the substances:

- **Must be present, and**
- **Must be available**

/// Otherwise must be locked up

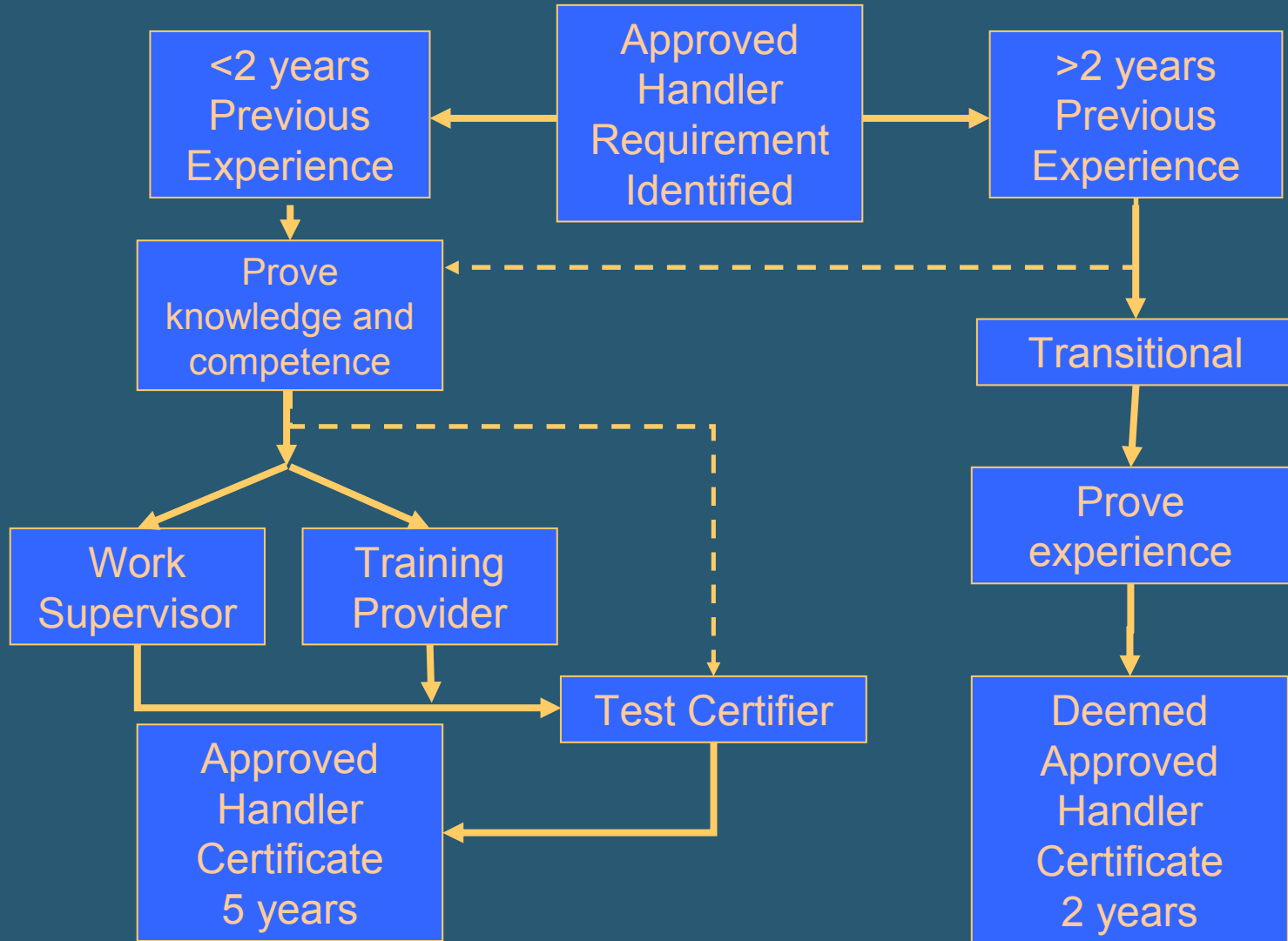
Approved Handler Qualification

- /// **Can become either:**
 - **A full Approved Handler (5 year certificate); or**
 - **A transitional Approved Handler (2 years)**

- /// **The full handler status achieved by experience, competence and knowledge**
 - **For specified parts of the lifecycle**

- /// **Transitional status is obtained by a ‘deeming’ provision of the regulations**

Approved Handler Approval Process



Transitional Approved Handler Qualification

- /// Regulation change removes the need to go to a test certifier ('deeming')
- /// Existing licence will provide evidence during the transitional period
- /// Will need to retain the VPC licence and produce on demand.

'Deeming'

- /// **Transitional certificate only**
- /// **Must currently hold a VPC licence**
- /// **Need to have two years experience**
- /// **Must have a full Approved Handler certificate at the end of transitional period.**

Tracking

- /// Required for all controlled vertebrate poisons
- /// Responsibility with 'person in charge'
- /// Records at each stage of lifecycle
 - **Manufacture / import through to disposal / use**
- /// May only transfer if:
 - **To an Approved Handler**
 - **To an approved location (for storage Class 2 to 5)**
 - **In transit complies with Emergency Management Regs and Transit Depot requirements**

Person in Charge

- /// Equivalent to the ACVM 'Responsible Trader'
- /// Can be at each site, or provided for several sites

Transport

- /// **Approved Handler not required in transport mode if Land Transport Safety Rules are met**
- /// **Tracking is not applied to the transport mode if Land Transport Safety Rules are met**
- /// **Tracked substance may be collected by transport operator who is not an Approved Handler, providing an Approved Handler has signed for the substance**

Licence requirements under HSNO

- /// Act amendment allows for ‘licences’
- /// Regulations set the details
- /// Fit and Proper Person
- /// Photo ID cards

Fit and Proper Person (FPP)

- /// **Similar rules as applied now**
 - **Will need to prove identity**

- /// **Transfer Criteria**
 - **Obtained a FPP with your VPC licence within the last five years; or**
 - **Firearms licence**

- /// **Process still being developed.**

Staged Implementation

- /// **Nothing will start until 1 May 2005 when 'deeming' starts**
- /// **Industry has until 1 November 2005 to obtain full Approved Handlers**
- /// **Private individuals have until 1 May 2007 on A-Z basis**

Staged Implementation Fit and Proper Person (FPP)

- /// If you have FPP on your VPC licence this will be OK if less than 5 years old.
- /// If don't already have FPP you must obtain it at same time as the full Approved Handler certificate.
- /// FPP will need to be renewed when the full Approved Handler certificate is renewed

Permissions

- /// Just continuing on what the Medical Officer of Health has always done.

Test certifiers

- /// **Currently adequate numbers**
- /// **Will be appointed under HSNO and ACVM**
- /// **One stop shop for applicants**



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ACVM TEST CERTIFIERS - APPROVED HANDLERS:

Why 2 'players' in this process?

- Pesticides including VTA are registered products under ACVM Act 1997, and used in the management of risks associated with the following;
 - a) Risks to Trade, Agricultural Security and Animal Welfare
 - b) Compliance with domestic Food Standards
- These are NOT covered by HSNO Act





Why restrict VTAs to Approved Handlers under ACVM Act?

- **To manage risks for VTAs:**
 - **Widely dispersed VTAs (e.g. aerial application) potential for residues in animals**
 - **Some VTAs can have persistent residues**
 - **Some VTAs have Animal Welfare Aspects**
- **This means some VTAs will be restricted to Approved Handlers to manage the above**



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ACVM TEST CERTIFIERS – APPROVED HANDLERS: Process: ‘one stop shop’ for applicants

- /// **ACVM Group will approve Test Certifiers (TCs) who meet ACVM Criteria**
- /// **Approved TCs will issue Test Certificates for Approved Handlers who use VTA products**
- /// **Register kept by ACVM Group of TCs approved under the ACVM Act**



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Conditions of Registration on VTAs - ACVM Act

- **Currently been reviewed**
- **Will be in place by 1 November 2004**
- **Currently opportunity for public submissions on proposed conditions**
- **See ACVM Website for documents:**
<http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/acvm/publications/consultation/vta/index.htm>

Training

- /// **Currently regulated**
- /// **HSNO allows different ways to meet the qualification requirements**
- /// **Training**
 - **Training organisations**
 - **Test certifiers**

Photo ID cards (for Licence)

- /// **Process still being developed**
- /// **Will be issued through test certifiers**
- /// **Intention is that the cost will be recovered in the overall fee**

Key Dates

1 November 2004	Transfer. VPC licensing continues
1 May 2005	New law starts. New entrants obtain an Approved Handler certificate.
1 November 2005	All main industry players converted to Approved Handlers and licences.
1 May 2007	Everyone converted to Approved Handlers and licences (A-Z approach)

Communications

- /// Various publications available from our website.
- /// Will be a Compliance Guide for VTAs
- /// Quick Guides for common issues
 - E.g. Approved Handlers; tracking

Further information

- /// ERMA New Zealand web site
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