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NPCA National Tech Transfer Seminar

VTA Licencing

25 November 2004

Transfer Date

- /// **Vertebrate Poisons, with the exception of 1080, were transferred to HSNO controls on 1 November 2004**

Hazardous Substances (Vertebrate Toxic Agents) Transfer Notice 2004 – 29 October 2004 – Issue 141

- /// **Now known as Vertebrate Toxic Agents (VTAs)**

1080

1080 was not transferred because:

- /// DOC and Animal Health Board are making an application for reassessment of 1080 early in 2005**
- /// Avoid potential confusion for licence holders**
- /// Avoid additional compliance cost for users (depending on controls set by the reassessment).**

Approved Handler/Licence Requirement

/// When using the substances:

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

/// Otherwise must be locked up

Staged Implementation

- /// **Nothing will start until 1 November 2005 – Transitional Provisions Apply**
- /// **Industry will be given time to comply to obtain full Approved Handlers**
- /// **Other individuals have until 1 May 2007 on A-Z basis**

(Gazette will be amended to link in with 1080 reassessment)

Transitional Licence

- /// **Must currently hold a VPC licence**
- /// **Will need to retain the VPC licence and produce on demand.**
- /// **Must have a HSNO Licence by the end of transitional period**
- /// **If no licence – Apply to ACVM until 1 November 2005**

Tracking

- /// Required for all controlled vertebrate poisons
- /// Responsibility of 'person in charge'
- /// Must have records at each stage of lifecycle
 - Manufacture / importation to disposal / use
- /// May only transfer if:
 - To an Approved Handler
 - In transit must comply with Emergency Management Regs, Transit Depot requirements, Land Transport Rules.

Person in Charge

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

Transport

- /// **Licencing and tracking not required in transport mode provided 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**
- /// **Transport operator must transfer to an Approved Handler or lock up.**

Permissions

- /// Just continuing on what the Medical Officer of Health has always done.
- /// Plus if used on DOC land, will require permission from DOC.

New VTA Licencing

Licence requirements under HSNO

There are eight important parts:

- /// **Proof of identity**
- /// **Age**
- /// **Require possession for work**
- /// **Fit and proper person**
- /// **Approved handler**
- /// **Photo licence cards**
- /// **Application form**
- /// **Fees**

We will be combining ACVM requirements into the HSNO licencing system – “One Stop Shop”

Proof of Identity

Establish evidence of identity

- /// Determine the person exists (living)
- /// Person links to Identity
- /// Provide evidence:
 - Drivers Licence
 - Passport
 - Birth certificate
 - Etc.

AGE

- /// **Must be 17 years of age and over**
- /// **If younger, or no licence, must work under immediate supervision of a licence holder**

Require the Substance for Work

- /// **Must require a licence for ‘work’**

- /// **Need to determine how we assess this requirement.**
For example,
 - **Will employees require a letter from an employer?**
 - **Will self employed provide confirmation of a contract or show a history of contracting?**
 - **Will we just ask for declaration on the application form?**
 - **How do we accommodate job seekers?**

Fit and Proper Person (F&P)

- /// **Similar rules as apply now!**
- /// **Process still being developed but Regulations include:**
 - **Criminal History**
 - **Pending criminal proceedings**
 - **Protection orders under the Domestic Violence Act 1955**
 - **Other court orders that may be considered relevant**
 - **Behavioural history, including history of violence, drug abuse, or alcohol abuse**
 - **Any information or matters collected by the Police that relate to the applicant's conduct**
 - **Any other information or evidence that is considered relevant to the issuing of the licence**
 - **Information provided by the Director of New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (grounds for revocation).**

Fit and Proper Person (F&P)

/// Complete a application

/// F & P requirement met if:

- ACVM licence issued after 31 May 2000
- Current Firearms Licence
- Obtain Police clearance.

ERMA will provide guidelines & an assessment service for those that fall outside the guidelines.

Approved Handler Qualification

- /// Can become either:
 - A transitional Approved Handler
 - A full Approved Handler

- /// Transitional status is obtained by a ‘deeming’ provision of the regulations
 - 2 years experience (hold a VPC Licence)
 - Complete the deeming form – Pindone only
 - Must have a full Approved Handler certificate at the end of transitional period.

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

Approved Handler Training

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

Photo Licence Cards

- /// **Card still being developed**
- /// **Will be issued through test certifiers for five years (via a service provider)**
- /// **Card will be similar to driver licence**

Application Form

Form will be developed which supports:

- /// Proof of Identity needs
- /// Why licence required
- /// Fit and Proper Person information
- /// Approved handler
- /// Photo licence requirements
- /// Basic information requirements

Fees

Fee are not know at this stage.

/// Test Certifier

- **Approved Handler training**
- **Administration**

/// ERMA fees:

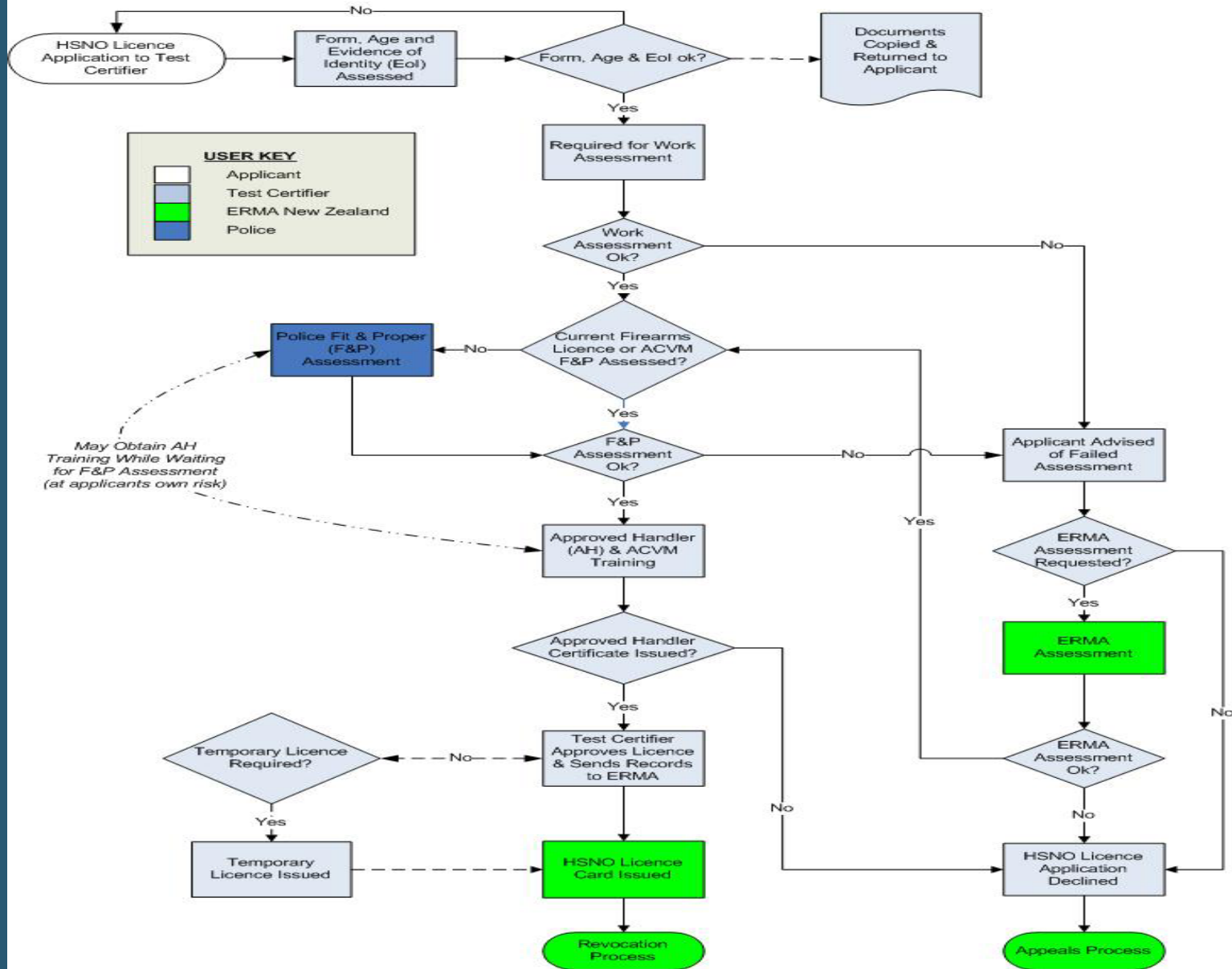
- **Police f&p assessment**
- **The card**
- **ERMA Administration (F&P assessments, database, admin, revocations, appeals)**

Other Processes

- /// **Suspension of licence (6D)**
 - **False misleading application**
 - **Police investigation**
 - **Charged with an offence**
 - **NZSIS**

- /// **Revocation of licence (6E)**
 - **False misleading application**
 - **Convicted of an offence**
 - **Action indicate no longer f&p**

HSNO Licencing Application Process



Communications

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

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Further information

- /// ERMA New Zealand web site
www.ermanz.govt.nz
- /// ERMA New Zealand publications (from web or hard copies)
- /// By email vtainfo@ermanz.govt.nz
- /// By phone **0800 376 234**
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Approved Handler Competency Requirements

/// Personnel Qualifications Regulations

- **Operating equipment**
- **Obligations and liabilities under HSNO**
- **HSNO and substance**
 - **Adverse effects**
 - **Classifications**
 - **Controls**
 - **Regulations**
 - **Codes of Practice**
 - **Precautions**
 - **Emergency Procedures**

Registered Vertebrate Poisons That Do Not Require Approved Handler, Licence and Tracking as of 1 November 2004

Alpha-chloralose

P05311 Alpha-chloralose Wheat
P02611 Pestoff Treated Wheat
P03282 Pestoff Treated Peas
P03622 Pestoff Treated Wheat
P04001 Pestoff Bird Control Paste

Brodifacoum

P04991 Pestoff Brodifacoum Possum Bait
P05136 Pestoff Waxed Possum Bait
P05099 Pestoff Rodent Blocks
P05137 Pestoff Rodent Bait
A09014 Pestoff Rodent Bait 20R
P03443 Talon Possum Bait
P02974 Talon Rodenticide
A09229 Talon WB
P05119 Talon Rat and Mouse Pellets

Bromadiolone

P02964 Bromatrol
P03416 Squeak Super
P03026 Rid Rat Super
P05059 Contrac All Weather Blox
P04023 Bromard

Cholecalciferol

P05263 Feracol

Coumatetralyl

P01177 Racumin
P05300 Racumin Paste
P02970 No Rats & Mice
P02999 Tracks No Rats & Mice

Diphacinone

P03392 Pest Gone Rodent Bait
P04538 Ditrac All Weather Rodent Blocks
P05013 Pest Off Ferret Paste

Flocoumafen

A09219 Storm Secure
P03609 Storm
P07032 Stratagem

Pindone

P04396 Pindone possum pellets
P04110 Pindone rabbit pellets
P04478 Pindone RS5 rabbit pellets

Registered Vertebrate Poisons That Require Approved Handler, Licence and Tracking as of 1 November 2004 (excluding 1080)

/// Pindone

- P04468 Pindone Liquid Concentrate (Approved Handler Only)

/// Sodium Cyanide

- P00707 Cyanide Paste for Possum Destruction
- P03061 Trappers Cyanide Paste

/// Potassium Cyanide

- P04713 Feratox
- P05623 Cyanara Ferapaste

/// Yellow Phosphorus

- P01902 Phosphorised Possum Paste Double Strength
- P00805 Phosphorised Rabbit Paste

/// 3-Chloro-p-touidine hydrochloride

- P02624 DRC 1339