

Proposed product stewardship regulations: Agrichemicals, their containers, and farm plastics

Consultation questions

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1.		Do you agree with the description of the problem posed by agrichemicals, their containers, and farm plastics? Yes No. Comments (optional):
2.		What other information should we consider in analysing the problem?
3.	a)	In line with its accreditation, the new scheme's provisional name is Green-farms. Do you support this name? Yes No
	b)	If you have an alternative suggestion, please specify.
4.		Do you agree the options presented (Option 1 – Introduce WMA regulations; Option 2 – No action) are the appropriate ones to consider? Yes No
		If not, what other options do you suggest?
5.		Do you support a national take-back and recycling scheme for agrichemicals, their containers, and farm plastics? Yes No. Comments (optional):
6.	a)	Do you support the proposal to only allow sale of the following products in accordance with an accredited product stewardship scheme?
		 Agrichemicals sold in containers and drums of 1,000 litres or less (including household pest and weed control products). Yes No. Comments (optional):
		Plastic bale wrap and silage sheet. Yes No. Comments (optional):
		 Small plastic bags (40 kilograms or less when full) containing products such as seed, feed, fertiliser, soil and crop inputs, farm and animal supplements. Yes No. Comments (optional):
		 Bulk woven polypropylene bags (over 40 kilograms when full) containing products such as seed, feed, fertiliser, soil amendments, minerals and bulk nutrition. Yes No. Comments (optional):
	b)	If you answered no for any of the product categories above, what changes could we make to the proposal to gain your support?
7.	a)	Do you support the proposal to set a product stewardship fee on the following imported or domestically manufactured products, to cover their end-of-life management?
		 Agrichemicals sold in containers and drums of 1,000 litres or less (including household pest and weed control products). Yes No. Comments (optional):
		Plastic bale wrap and silage sheet. Yes No. Comments (optional):
		• Small plastic bags (40 kilograms or less when full) containing products such as seed, feed, fertiliser, soil and crop inputs, farm and animal supplements. Yes No. Comments (optional):
		 Bulk woven polypropylene bags (over 40 kilograms when full) containing products such as seed, feed, fertiliser, soil amendments, minerals and bulk nutrition. Yes No. Comments (optional):

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b)	If you answered no for any of the product categories above, what changes could we make to the proposal to gain your support?	
8.	Do you think that any particular products in the four proposed categories should be exempt from regulation? Yes No.	
	If yes, please specify which products, and provide details.	
9.	From the following list of products proposed to be in scope of regulations, are you aware of any imported products that are subsequently re-exported in the same packaging without being used in New Zealand?	
	 Agrichemicals sold in containers and drums of 1,000 litres or less (including household pest and weed control products). Yes No. Comments (optional): 	
	Plastic bale wrap and silage sheet. Yes No. Comments (optional):	
	 Small plastic bags (40 kilograms or less when full) containing products such as seed, feed, fertiliser, soil and crop inputs, farm and animal supplements. Yes No. Comments (optional): 	
	 Bulk woven polypropylene bags (over 40 kilograms when full) containing products such as seed, feed, fertiliser, soil amendments, minerals and bulk nutrition. Yes No. Comments (optional): 	
10.	The following products are out of scope of the regulations proposed through this consultation. However, they may be considered for regulation in future. Do you support their inclusion in a regulated product stewardship scheme in future, subject to further government consideration?	
	Irrigation piping. Yes No. Comments (optional):	
	Shrink/pallet wrap. Yes No. Comments (optional):	
	Tunnel house covers. Yes No. Comments (optional):	
	Wool fadges. Yes No. Comments (optional):	
	Potted plant pots. Yes No. Comments (optional):	
	Vineyard netting. Yes No. Comments (optional):	
	 Hail netting and other coverings. Yes No. Comments (optional): Other agricultural plastic products. Yes No. If yes, please specify which ones. 	
11.	Do you support the proposal to require the product stewardship organisation to provide a take-back service for in-scope products, and to prescribe requirements for that service (eg, that the collection network covers enough of the country)? Yes No. Comments (optional):	
12.	Do you support the proposal that the Ministry will charge the accredited scheme to recover the costs of monitoring the performance of the scheme? Yes No. Comments (optional):	
13. a)	Do you agree with the description of the expected impacts of Option 1: Introduce WMA regulations? Yes No. Comments (optional):	
b)	Are you aware of other data or information that would help us assess the impacts of this option? Yes No. If yes, please specify.	
14. a)	Do you agree with the description of the expected impacts of Option 2: No action (maintain the voluntary approach)? Yes No. Comments (optional):	
b)	Are you aware of other data or information that would help us assess the impacts of this option? Yes No. If yes, please specify.	
15.	If you had to take part in the proposed regulated scheme, how would this affect your business?	
	Please give details of anticipated costs, benefits and any other impacts.	