

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Amendment Regulations 1999 (No. 2) 1999 No. 247

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1999 No. 247

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Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994

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Section 6 of the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994* (the Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations for the purpose of the Act.

The Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Bill was passed in March 1994 as part of the package of legislation to implement the National Registration Scheme of agricultural and veterinary chemicals. The Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Regulations ("the regulations") provide necessary support to the Act.

The amending regulations make changes to the existing regulations in respect of certain swimming pool and spa chemicals, known as hypochlorites.

The first amendment to the regulations defines swimming pool and spa hypochlorites. The second amendment makes provision for an Order to prescribe standardised labels for containers for pool and spa hypochlorites. The third amendment specifies reduced fees for initial registration and annual renewal of registration; and the fourth amendment specifies the maximum permissible period for assessment of application for registration.

The National Registration Authority for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals undertakes to have published on the 26 October 1999 in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette standards for the purpose of definitions for swimming pool and spa hypochlorites.

Details of the regulations are set out below.

Regulation 1 names the present set of Regulations.

Regulation 2 specifies that the Regulations will commence on 31 October 1999.

Regulation 3 specifies the amendments, namely it

- * defines swimming pool and spa hypochlorites;
- * makes provision for an Order to prescribe standardised labels for containers of pool and spa hypochlorites;
- * makes pool and spa hypochlorites subject to an annual renewal fee of \$200;
- * specified the date when the assessment of an application begins; and
- * makes a new class of registration for pool and spa hypochlorites with a 3 month assessment period, and a registration fee of \$310.

