

# Project Summary

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## Chemical Residue Monitoring for the Fodder Industry

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### Objectives

- To coordinate the review of changing maximum residue limit (MRLs) in fodder markets.
  - Ensure stakeholders are aware of any changes and the impact on industry is considered.
  - Seek industry agreement on the impact of those changing regulations and MRLs.
  - Agree on a strategy with industry and government on any request to alter those changes.
  - Where changes cannot be altered, seek agreement from the fodder & other industries on appropriate management strategies to manage exports and compliance with MRLs. This includes appropriate communication packages (i.e. on the impact of chemical use) to those using chemicals such as growers and their advisors.
  - The project, via the review process, will provide a central location for industry enquiries on market regulations, MRLs and general chemical information to be maintained.
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## In summary

This project will provide advice to the fodder industry on changing market requirements for a range of food safety parameters and assisting industry to consider actions to address any market access concerns subsequently arising.

The main task will involve reviewing the current and proposed changes to market maximum residue limits (MRLs) for chemicals on fodder commodities traded domestically within Australia and internationally. Heavy metal and mycotoxin maximum levels (MLs) will also be included in the project.

Each proposed change will be scrutinised considering the potential impact on the Australian fodder industry. During this process, the registration of the chemical in Australia, the MRL that applies in Australia and the market will be reviewed to determine if the change in MRL is a cause for concern for market access compliance. If no potential impacts are expected, no further action will occur.

If the change presents a potential market access issue for the fodder industry, we will liaise with industry

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(major fodder sector stakeholders including processors, marketers and others) and seek advice on management strategies available and the suitability of those strategies to understand the impact on the change on industry. Where required, consultation with Government will occur on the potential for a submission to the importing country (or Australian Government) seeking a change in the proposed MRL to be adopted.

## Outcomes

The outcome of all deliberations will be made available to industry as required, to ensure transparency of decisions and recognise the need for the Australian fodder industry to maintain its competitive advantage.

It is anticipated that information on market requirements will be available to industry on existing platforms such as FodderSafe, although the mechanisms will be evaluated and refined as the project continues. Regular communication via other means such as emails and meetings via teleconference will occur to ensure all industry stakeholders are aware of outcomes of the project.

This project will consider the major fodder commodities (such as various cereal hays and straws) of relevance to Australia and the important export markets in South East Asia and the Middle East that currently are the focus of industry.

In addition to providing advice on changing MRL and MLs, current and future market requirements and regulations in the form of various reports will also be provided upon request to industry stakeholders.



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