

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR TRANSPORT

Note: There are State and Federal **Transport, Transport and Storage of Dangerous Goods** and **Occupational Health and Safety** Regulations which have to be observed. Ignorance of the law is no defense and all AFSA members will be familiar with them. Each worksite will ensure the appropriate Acts, Legislation and Regulations, relating to their operations, are available for staff to peruse at any time. There are no assessment events for these government requirements.

<i>ISSUE</i>	<i>STRATEGY</i>
1.1 Product Contamination	THE PRODUCT SPECIFIED ON THE OFFICIAL ORDER WILL BE FREE OF CONTAMINATION.
1.1.1 <i>Product</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The plant operator / owner will visually inspect the product specified on the official order and will ensure that only this product is loaded on the transport vehicle.
1.1.2 <i>Trays and Bins</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The plant owner / operator will visually inspect the tray or bin prior to loading and all residues of previous loads will be removed. Particular attention will be given to biologically active material (seeds etc.)
1.1.3 <i>Vehicle</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The driver will ensure that at all times his vehicle is maintained to a high degree of cleanliness.• In the case of “on farm” dumping, the driver will make every effort to ensure that his vehicle is “clean on” to the property.• As far as is possible, where provided by the property owner / manager, provision will be made for vehicles to be washed down in order to make the vehicle “clean off.”
1.2 Spillage	FERTILISER PRODUCTS WILL AT ALL TIMES BE CONTAINED WITHIN THE TRAY OR BIN.
1.2.1 <i>Trays and Bins</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The plant owner / operator will visually inspect and ensure at all times that the tray or bin is in a suitable condition to contain the load i.e. no leaks.• The driver will ensure that at no time is it possible for fertiliser to spill from the tray or bin due to incorrect loading.• The driver will ensure that <i>every</i> load is covered with a tarpaulin (or solid cover) fitted so as to prevent spillage.
1.2.2 <i>Vehicle</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The driver will ensure that all fertiliser residue is removed from vehicle surfaces before proceeding onto a public thoroughfare after either loading or unloading.
1.3 Occupational Health	CONTACT WITH THE PRODUCT BEING TRANSPORTED WILL BE KEPT TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM AT ALL TIMES.
1.3.1 <i>Operator and Driver</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The operator and/or driver will take what ever precautions are necessary to minimise contact with fertilisers being transported

i.e. correct Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) which includes, Overalls, Gloves, Respirator, Hat and Boots as necessary for the product being handled.

1.3.2 Public

- The operator and/or driver will ensure that there is no unwanted contact between the product being transported and members of the public.

1.4 Occupational Safety

ALL TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT WILL UNDERGO REGULAR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND WILL BE OPERATED WITHIN ALL ESTABLISHED SAFETY LIMITS.

1.4.1 Maintenance

- **Each job:** the operator will carry out the tasks listed in the AFSA “*Sunvisor Checklist : Transport*”
- **Each week:** the operator will organise completion of the AFSA “*Routine Checklist : Transport*”
- **Each year:** the owner / operator will ensure that the transport vehicle is serviced according to the AFSA “*Annual Service Checklist : Transport*”

1.4.2 Off-road Safety

- As well as complying with all State and Federal Regulations covering the Transport industry, operators / drivers involved in “off-road” transportation will pay particular attention to the AFSA Safety Manual for Off Road Maneuvering and Tipping.
- The operator will be aware of, and comply with, all safety limits for his particular transport vehicle. *Under no circumstances will these limits be exceeded.*
- When dumping “on farm”, the driver will pay particular attention to the siting of dump areas with regard to safe unloading and recovery of the product.

1.5 Sound Practice

THE **RIGHT QUANTITY** OF THE **RIGHT PRODUCT** WILL BE SAFELY LOADED AND DELIVERED TO THE **RIGHT PLACE** AT THE **RIGHT TIME** AND IN THE **RIGHT CONDITION** AND **WITHOUT CAUSING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.**

1.5.1 Right Quantity

- The owner / operator will ensure that only the quantity of fertiliser ordered by the customer is loaded.
- The owner / operator will provide a Weighbridge Docket signed by the operator and the Weighbridge attendant, with each load delivered.

1.5.2 Right Product

- The owner / operator will inspect and otherwise verify the product being loaded to ensure it is the correct product according to the customer’s original order.
- If the operator has any doubts of the nature of the product, the customer will be contacted to determine the ordered material and verification of the product being loaded will be undertaken.

1.5.3 *Right Destination*

- It will be the responsibility of either the customer or the dispatching agent to provide the driver with sufficient directions to locate the dumping site.
- In the case of “on farm” dumping it will be necessary for the customer to mark visually the required dump area by placing an *AFSA Dump Site* marker on site. AFSA Markers will be available on request from AFSA Transport operators.

1.5.4 *Right Time*

- Operators / drivers will ensure that whenever possible fertiliser will be delivered at the pre arranged time. Should this not be possible, the operator will contact the customer and advise a revised schedule.

1.5.5 *Right Condition*

- The operator / driver will ensure that the product is delivered in good condition, ie. that which meets the manufacturers’ specifications and guidelines, and free from contamination.
- In the case of “on farm” dumps, the operator / driver will advise the customer as to who is responsible for ensuring that the product is securely covered and preserved in good condition (See above).

1.5.6 *Environmental Impact*

- The operator / driver will ensure that environmental impact is minimised at all times.
- In the case of “on farm” dumping, the operator / driver will discuss with the customer the necessity to ensure that no environmental impact occurs as a result of fertilisers being blown or washed from the dumpsite.
- The operator / driver will advise the customer as to the suitability of any proposed dumpsite.