

## APVMA- Policy for Registration of Sheep Branding Substances

Sheep branding substances have been registered in one or two states and there was a general agreement that they should be registered nationally by the National Registration Authority. The relevant legislation is Section 8.(1)(f) *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Regulations*. This policy applies to all sheep branding substances including fluids, aerosols and solid markers.

This document outlines the requirements in relation to both performance and labelling of the product that will have to be met in order for the *National Registration Authority of Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals* to consider registration of a sheep branding substance.

### Requirements

In an attempt to eliminate coloured fibre contamination in the finished product it is a requirement that the branding substance be “scourable”. A branding substance will be considered scourable if, when tested in accordance with the *Australian Standard, Scourable Branding Substance for Greasy Wool* (AS 4054-1992), it achieves pass results for both scouring treatments at high temperature and low temperature.

The following information is required to support an application for registration.

1. A covering letter stating the purpose of an application for registration.
2. Registration fee of \$620.
3. A completed application form for the registration of a sheep branding substance (including manufacturers specifications or nominated compendial standards).
4. Two copies of the proposed draft label.
5. A letter or certificate from the CSIRO Division of Wool Technology, or Australian Wool Testing Authority, to the effect that the product has been tested and found to be readily scourable by Australian scouring methods.

Note: Where essentially the same base product is manufactured with different pigments to produce a range of colours, the requirement is to register these as one product, attracting a single fee, to cover the range of colours. A certificate regarding scourability is required for each colour in the range.

### Labelling

Each container of the sheep branding substance should be labelled clearly and legibly with the following information.

1. Appropriate signal headings if the formulation contains any scheduled substances.
2. The cautionary statement “FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY”.
3. Descriptive, distinguishing name of the product.

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4. Statement relating to constituents in the formulation. Any scheduled constituent and solvents used in the formulation must be named and amounts nominated where possible.
5. Statement of claims (optional if included in the name of the product).
6. Contents.
7. Clear directions for use and appropriate warnings, including:
  - a) For all products, the statement

“Excessive application levels are to be avoided as they may result in discolouration after scouring.”
  - b) If the product is a spray
    - i. the appropriate distance and time to be used to avoid excessive application, e.g. 300mm for less than 1 second. Aerosol markers are to be applied at no less than 300mm from the wool.
    - ii. the statement, “The Australian Wool Corporation Code of Practice for Preparation of Australian Woolclips states that the use of this product must be confined to the head of the animal.”
  - c) If the product is a liquid, the statement

“Liquid must not be rediluted with solvents as this practice will cause the brand to become non-scourable.”
8. Safety directions and first aid statements, if required (See Appendix P of SUSDP regarding uniform paint standard, plus any other FAISD statements for scheduled and non-scheduled constituents).
9. Company/manufacturers name and street address (and trademark).
10. Batch number.
11. Date of manufacture.
12. Storage instructions.
13. NRA Approval Number.
14. Disposal statement.
15. Statement of compliance with the *Australian Standard, Scourable Branding Substances for Greasy Wool (AS 4054-1992)*.

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Label Layout

**SIGNAL HEADINGS**

**FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY**

PRODUCT NAME **SHEEP BRANDING FLUID/SPRAY/SUBSTANCE**

**Contains:** g/L or g/kg (where applicable)

**Solvent:** g/L (where applicable)

**Statement of claims** (optional)

**Contents**

**THIS PRODUCT COMPLIES WITH THE AUSTRALIAN STANDARD, SCOURABLE BRANDING SUBSTANCES FOR GREASY WOOL (AS 4054-1992)**

**DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

**Excessive application levels are to be avoided as they may result in discolouration after scouring.**

**The Australian Wool Corporation Code of Practice for Preparation of Australian Woolclips states that the use of this product must be confined to the head of the animal.**  
(where applicable)

Other instructions (e.g. Hold can 300mm or more from the sheep and spray for less than 1 second).

**SAFETY DIRECTIONS** (where appropriate)

**FIRST AID** (where appropriate)

**DISPOSAL**

**COMPANY NAME AND STREET ADDRESS**

**STORAGE**

**BATCH NUMBER**

**DATE OF MANUFACTURE**

**NRA APPROVAL NUMBER**

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