

# How to use HGP's responsibly

Some countries and customers will not accept beef or beef products that are treated with hormonal growth promotants (HGPs).

Australian producers must use HGPs responsibly to protect our market access. Follow the steps below.

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## 1. Have a registered PIC

To purchase HGPs from an authorised seller, you must have a Property Identification Code (PIC).

## 2. At the time of purchase, complete a HGP purchaser declaration form and provide it to the supplier

Your supplier should have copies of this form or you can access it on the APVMA website. This form includes details about you, the HGP supplier, which HGP products will be implanted into which cattle, and the details of the property where the cattle will be implanted.

## 3. Use HGP products according to the label directions

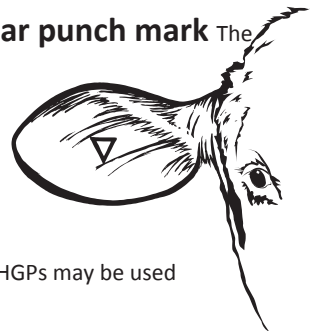
Approved guidelines for use of HGP products are prominent on the label. Follow these guidelines which can include information on dosage, application, withholding periods and more.

## 4. Identify HGP-treated cattle with a triangular ear punch mark

The prescribed ear punch mark shall be in the form of an equal sided triangle with sides of 20 millimetres; applied so as to leave a space on all sides within the margin of the right ear.

If an animal has previously been treated with HGPs and has been ear punched with the prescribed mark, there is no requirement to again identify the animal with this mark.

Only the approved ear punch available from authorised retailers of HGPs may be used for applying this prescribed earmark.



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## 5. Keep a record each time an animal is treated with HGPs

This includes date of treatment; description, location and number of livestock treated; and details of the product used (including trade name, batch number and dose).

Keeping records and identifying treated cattle with a triangular ear punch mark are legal requirements in all states and territories, and are requirements of the Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) program.

## 6. Declare animals treated with HGPs on the National Vendor Declaration (NVD) form

Tick 'Yes' for Question 1 on the NVD (i.e. Have any of the cattle in this consignment ever in their lives been treated with a hormonal growth promotant (HGP)?)

It is an offence to represent HGP-treated cattle as being untreated and doing so can result in a penalty.

**If you are unsure whether cattle have ever in their lifetime been treated with HGPs, tick 'Yes' on the NVD.**

NVDs are legal documents that are key to Australian beef's traceability and market access.

**NATIONAL VENDOR DECLARATION (CATTLE) AND WAYBILL** C0720

This form cannot be used where eligibility for the EU market is required.

**Part A To be completed by the owner or person who is responsible for the husbandry of the cattle.**

Owner of cattle \_\_\_\_\_ (FULL TRAINING NAME)

Property/place where the journey commenced \_\_\_\_\_ (ADDRESS)

Property Identify: \_\_\_\_\_ (ADDRESS) \_\_\_\_\_ (STATE)

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_ (THIS MUST BE IN FULL)

1 **Have any of the cattle in this consignment ever in their lives been treated with a hormonal growth promotant (HGP)?**  
(Use a second document for mixed consignments.)  
Yes  No

2 **Have any of these animals been on a property listed on the ERP database or placed under any restrictions because of chemical residues?**  
Yes  No  If Yes, give details: \_\_\_\_\_ /20 \_\_\_\_\_ /20

3 **Are any of the cattle in this consignment still within a Withholding Period (WHP) or Export Slaughter Interval (ESI) as set by APVMA or SAfEMEA, following treatment with any veterinary drug or chemical?**  
Yes  No  If Yes, give details: \_\_\_\_\_ /20 \_\_\_\_\_ /20

4 **In the past 60 days, have any of the cattle in this consignment consumed any material that was still within a withholding period when harvested, collected or first grazed?**  
Yes  No  If Yes, give details: \_\_\_\_\_ /20 \_\_\_\_\_ /20

5 **In the past 42 days, were any of these cattle**  
a) grazed in a spray risk area; or  
b) fed fodders cut from a spray drift risk area? (See Explanatory Notes for definition of spray drift risk area.)  
Yes  No  If Yes, Date sprayed: \_\_\_\_\_ /20

6 **Please include any additional information below**  
eg: vaccination programs, animal health certification, additional declarations, etc.

**Declaration**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (FULL NAME) \_\_\_\_\_ (FULL ADDRESS) \_\_\_\_\_ (LPA)

ADDRESS ONLY

declare that, I am the owner or the person responsible for the husbandry of the cattle and that all the information in part A of this document is true and correct. I also declare that I have read and understood all the questions that I have answered, that I have read and understood the explanatory notes, and that, while under my control, the cattle were not fed restricted animal material (including meat and bone meal) in breach of State or Territory legislation.

Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date\* \_\_\_\_\_ /20

\*Only the person whose name appears above may sign this declaration, or make amendments which must be initialed.

Tel no. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax no. \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Part B To be completed by the person in charge of the cattle while they are being moved.**  
Completion of this part is optional in SA and VIC.

Movement commenced: \_\_\_\_\_ /20 \_\_\_\_\_ (am/pm)

Vehicle registration number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am the person in charge of the cattle during this movement and declare all the information in Part B is true and correct.  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ /20 Tel no. \_\_\_\_\_

\*Only the person carrying the cattle, other vehicle registration numbers are to be recorded.

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If in  
doubt,  
tick **YES**

