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Directions for the Use of 1080 Pest Animal Bait Products in Victoria
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| **land on which the bait is to be laid** | Land described as:  
- the location address of the property; or  
- property name; or  
- public land management unit; or  
- a minimum of 4 GPS reference points (that create a polygon of land) within the boundaries of one of the above descriptions, which encompasses the area in which the baiting will be undertaken, where the boundaries of the above descriptions are more than 2 kilometres away. |
| **lay (bait)** | Placement of bait in the landscape. This includes burial and surface placement of bait by aerial, broadcast, or trail application. |
| **manufacture/manufacturer** | Includes the process of refining, adding or mixing 1080 poison to create a 1080 pest animal bait product either registered with, or under a permit from, the APVMA; ‘manufacturer’ has a corresponding interpretation. |
| **untaken bait** | 1080 pest animal bait products that have been laid or placed in the landscape but have not been taken. |
| **unused bait** | 1080 pest animal bait products that have not been used, laid or placed in the landscape. |
| **PCL** | Pest Control Licence – issued by DH under section 101 of the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 to permit a person to apply pesticides in the course of the business of a pest control operator. |
| **perishable baits** | 1080 pest animal bait products made by injecting or applying 1080 Aqueous Solution to carrot or liver or boneless red meat and supplied under a permit from the APVMA. These baits have a short shelf-life and must be laid within 3 days of the date of manufacture. |
| **pest animal** | An animal species declared as a ‘pest animal’ under Victorian legislation. Pest animal species that may be baited with 1080 poison in Victoria include wild dogs, foxes, rabbits and feral pigs. |
| **product label** | The written, printed and related graphic matter on, or attached to, the primary container in which the product is directly packed and the outside container or wrapper of the retail or wholesale package. A label includes a tag leaflet, sticker, brand, stamp, mark, stencil or written statement. 1080 product labels must be approved by the APVMA. |
| **restricted chemical product** | A chemical product declared under the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994 as a restricted chemical product. Restricted chemical products may only be supplied to authorised persons. |
| **risk assessment** | The process of assessing the risks associated with the use of 1080 pest animal bait products. |
| **SDS** | Safety Data Sheet – a document that describes the identity, properties, health hazards, precautions for use and handling of a hazardous substance. |
| **SMS** | Short Message Service – the transmission of short text messages to and from mobile phones. |
| **shelf-stable baits** | Shelf-stable baits are 1080 pest animal bait products that generally have a shelf-life in excess of one year and are registered with the APVMA. They include dried manufactured meat-based baits and dry oat baits. They do not include air dried boneless red meat or liver baits. |
| **supply** | Provide, give or deliver, whether or not for fee, reward or consideration or in expectation of fee, reward or consideration. |
| **trail baiting** | A method of bait placement where a furrow is cut into the surface of the land and bait is laid along the furrow either by hand or using a bait layer. The layer can be calibrated to alter the quantity of bait laid depending on the number of pest animals to be baited. |
| **written notification** | Acceptable forms of written notification for the purposes of 1080 baiting are:  
(a) by personal service. Personal service of a document is effected by leaving the document with the person to be notified or if the person does not accept the document, by leaving the document in the person's presence, and telling the person the nature of the document; or  
(b) by leaving the document at the address of the person to be notified (i.e. by inserting into the mail box); or  
(c) by attaching the document to some part of the premises (i.e. by securely attaching the document to the main entrance gate(s) to the premises where it is most likely to be found on entry); or  
(d) by posting the document to the person to be notified at the person's proper address by ordinary, certified or registered post; or  
(e) by facsimile to the person's fax number; or  
(f) by electronic transmission (e.g. email or SMS) (if it is reasonable to do so and the person receiving the email or SMS consents to being notified in this manner); or  
(g) after exhausting and documenting all reasonable steps taken to notify, by securely attaching the notification in a weather proof envelope at the main entrance(s) to the property. |
1. Introduction

Registered products containing sodium fluoroacetate (1080) are approved by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) for the control of a variety of pest animals in Victoria, being rabbits, wild dogs, foxes and feral pigs. The use of 1080 pest animal bait products is one element of pest management and should be used as part of an integrated pest animal control program. Integrated pest animal control requires planning, the use of a range of control tools and is best achieved with cooperation from adjoining land managers.

1080 pest animal bait products are available to users in two formulations; shelf-stable baits and perishable (short-life or fresh) baits. Shelf-stable baits include dried manufactured meat baits and dry oat baits. Perishable baits are a fresh bait product that must be laid within three days of the date of manufacture. Liver, carrot and boneless red meat are examples of perishable baits.

1080 poison is included in Schedule 7 (Dangerous Poison) of the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons. Schedule 7 poisons have a high potential for causing harm at low exposure and require special precautions for handling and use. Schedule 7 poisons are only available to authorised persons who have the knowledge and skills to handle them safely.

The only 1080 pest animal bait products legally available for users in Victoria are:

- APVMA products registered for use in Victoria; and
- Perishable baits made using 1080 Aqueous Solution and supplied in accordance with an APVMA permit.

It is illegal for anyone, including 1080 pest animal bait users, to manufacture a shelf-stable or perishable 1080 pest animal bait product without having a manufacturing licence from the Victorian Department of Health (DH).

1.1 Purpose of the Directions for the Use of 1080 Pest Animal Bait Products in Victoria

This document outlines the use of 1080 pest animal bait products in Victoria in accordance with relevant legislation. It is a legal requirement that all persons using 1080 pest animal bait products in Victoria use them in accordance with:

- the 1080 pest animal bait product label; and
- the relevant Safety Data Sheet (SDS); and
- this document.

This document emphasises the responsibilities of the bait user to ensure that any risks associated with the use of 1080 pest animal bait products are managed appropriately. This document is also designed to promote the safe use of 1080 pest animal bait products in Victoria.

This document represents the minimum standards that apply to 1080 pest animal bait use in Victoria. Bait users should always manage the risks associated with their particular baiting activity appropriately to ensure the safe and effective use of 1080 baits for pest animal control.
2. Relevant Legislation for 1080 Pest Animal Bait Product Users

Users of 1080 pest animal bait products are required to comply with the following legislation as well as any associated Regulations, Standards, Codes and statutory requirements.

The onus is on the user of 1080 pest animal bait products to comply with the directions on the product label and relevant legislative provisions.

Commonwealth Legislation:
The Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994 and associated Regulations 1995 classify 1080 as a restricted chemical product. This means that 1080 pest animal bait products are only available to ‘authorised persons’ who have the skills necessary to handle them safely. This Act also contains regulations that restrict the availability, storage and use of restricted chemical products.

State Legislation:
The Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992 and Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Regulations 2007 govern the use of agricultural and veterinary chemicals, such as 1080 pest animal bait products in Victoria.

The Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 and the Occupational Health and Safety (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 1999 make provision to maintain a safe working environment, including the handling and use of agricultural chemicals.

The Occupational Health and Safety (Incident Notification) Regulations 1997 describe incident notification requirements that bait users must adhere to.

3. Authorisation for the Use of 1080 Pest Animal Bait Products

3.1 Authorised persons

The Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994 states that restricted chemical products (including 1080 pest animal bait products) can only be supplied to ‘authorised persons’.

An ‘authorised person’ (also known as authorised users or bait users for the purposes of this document) for the supply and use of 1080 pest animal bait products in Victoria includes:

- A person who holds a valid Agricultural Chemical User Permit (ACUP) with a 1080 endorsement issued under the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992; or
- A person, entity or staff member operating under a valid Commercial Operator Licence (COL) with a vermin destroyer endorsement issued under the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992 who has successfully completed the Course in Minimising Risks in the Use of 1080 Pest Animal Bait Products for Vertebrate Pest Control; or
- A person who holds a valid Pest Control Licence issued under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008, with an authorisation to use pesticides formulated for the control of pest animals to protect a building used for commercial purposes, a domestic premises, or privately owned land adjacent to domestic premises; and has completed the Course in Minimising Risks in the Use of 1080 Pest Animal Bait Products for Vertebrate Pest Control; or
- A person who holds a valid Pilot (Chemical Rating) Licence issued under the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992 and has successfully completed the Course in Minimising Risks in the Use of 1080 Pest Animal Bait Products for Vertebrate Pest Control.

To become authorised, a person must successfully complete specific training.

Note:

- An authorised person may use an ‘agent’ to purchase 1080 pest animal bait products on their behalf. The agent must be an authorised person who must present their valid authorisation at the point of supply.
- A person who is not an authorised person may use 1080 pest animal bait products under the direct and immediate supervision (see Glossary) of a person holding a valid ACUP with 1080 endorsement, providing that 1080 pest animal bait products are being used in accordance with the directions on the product label, the relevant SDS and this document.

At all times the authorised person is responsible for the use of 1080 pest animal bait products.

1 1080 pest animal bait product users should note that Acts, Regulations, Codes and statutory requirements are amended periodically. It is the responsibility of the user of 1080 pest animal bait products in Victoria to understand and comply with all current provisions.
3.2 Requirements of bait users

Authorised users of 1080 pest animal bait products must:

- Use 1080 pest animal bait products in accordance with:
  - the product label; and
  - the relevant SDS; and
  - relevant Commonwealth and State legislation; and
- Comply with the current version of the Directions for the Use of 1080 Pest Animal Bait Products in Victoria (i.e. this document) including:
  - assessing and managing the risks associated with the use of 1080 pest animal bait products; and
  - keeping records of use for 2 years; and
  - make records of neighbour notification within 48 hours of notification and keep for 2 years.

4. Using 1080 Pest Animal Bait Products

Users of 1080 pest animal bait products are responsible for complying with the directions on the product label, the relevant SDS and this document. Non-compliance with the directions on the product label is an offence under the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992.

The details on the product label have been developed and approved to ensure that:

- the product can be safely used for the purposes for which it was registered; and
- appropriate precautions are taken to minimise risk to the user and others (including notification to neighbours, warning signs, minimum distances to dwellings and waterways); and
- non-target species are not exposed to unnecessary risks.

4.1 Risk assessment

The bait user is responsible for assessing and managing the risks associated with the use of 1080 pest animal bait products (see Section 7). Risk assessment\(^2\) assists in determining if baiting is an appropriate pest animal control strategy, the likely quantities of bait required and identifies potential risks that will need to be mitigated (e.g. non-target species).

For assistance in identifying non-target species that may be at risk in your location contact the DEPI Customer Service Centre on 136 186. For further information regarding potential risks to non-target species and mitigation options please visit www.depi.vic.gov.au/1080.

An example of a risk assessment that could be used is available at www.depi.vic.gov.au/1080 or by contacting the Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

4.2 Purchasing 1080 pest animal bait products

1080 pest animal bait products may only be supplied by accredited or authorised retailers or wholesalers to authorised persons.

4.2.1 Authorised persons purchasing bait for their own use

At the point of sale, an authorised person must present their valid:

- ACUP (with 1080 endorsement); or
- COL (with vermin destroyer endorsement) and evidence of the successful completion of the Course in Minimising Risks in the Use of 1080 Pest Animal Bait Products for Vertebrate Pest Control; or
- PCL (with authorisation to control pest animals) and evidence of the successful completion of the Course in Minimising Risks in the Use of 1080 Pest Animal Bait Products for Vertebrate Pest Control; or
- Pilot (Chemical Rating) licence and evidence of the successful completion of the Course in Minimising Risks in the Use of 1080 Pest Animal Bait Products for Vertebrate Pest Control.

\(^{2}\) Risk assessment in this section is primarily concerned with risks relating to non-target or environmental damage. Section 7 of this document is concerned with work health and safety risks associated with 1080 use
4.2.2 Authorised persons acting as an ‘agent’ to purchase baits on another person’s behalf
If the authorised person is acting as an agent on behalf of another authorised user, the agent must make a record of each person they are purchasing baits on behalf of prior to purchasing bait.

This record must include the following information:
- full name and address of the agent and bait user/s; and
- authorisation type, number and expiry date of the agent and bait user/s; and
- 1080 bait product name, total quantity purchased and quantity provided to each bait user.

The agent must sign and date this record and keep it for 2 years. An example agent record template is available at www.depi.vic.gov.au/1080

4.3 Transport of bait
1080 pest animal bait products must be transported in accordance with the directions on the product label, the relevant SDS, this document and all other relevant Acts, Regulations, Codes and statutory requirements.

1080 pest animal baits must be transported in a secure and safe manner in such a way that the product is not lost in transit and that the packaging remains intact to prevent access and exposure to unauthorised persons, pets or livestock. A bait user must, as soon as possible after being issued with 1080 pest animal bait products, transport those baits by the most direct route to the land on which the bait is to be laid or stored, pending its use.

4.4 Storage of bait
The storage of 1080 pest animal bait products must adhere to the directions on the product label, the relevant SDS, this document and all other relevant Acts, Regulations, Codes and statutory requirements.

1080 pest animal bait products must be stored in a secure and safe manner in such a way that unauthorised persons, pets or livestock cannot have access to 1080 pest animal bait products. 1080 pest animal bait products must be kept or stored only in the original container and bearing the original label as supplied by the manufacturer.

Baits must not be stored after a baiting program is complete in accordance with Section 4.9 Table One.

4.5 Notification to neighbours
A person who intends to use 1080 pest animal bait products must ensure that written notification is provided to all adjoining neighbours (see Glossary for definition of adjoining neighbour). Notification is not required where the distance between the location where the bait is laid and the adjoining property is more than 2 kilometres. For a definition of the location where the bait is laid see Glossary (‘land on which the bait is to be laid’).

Written notification must be provided at least 72 hours in advance of baiting. If baiting does not commence within 10 days of notification, a further 72 hours written notice to neighbours of intent to lay baits is required.

For baiting programs that are continuous or run for extended periods of time, written notification to neighbours (in accordance with the above requirements) must occur every 6 months.

Notification must specify:
- the dates between which baiting will occur; and
- that steps (e.g. muzzling, restraint) need to be taken to ensure that domestic dogs do not gain access to 1080 pest animal baits or poisoned animals.

Bait users participating in a coordinated community baiting program are able to notify other participating adjoining land owners/occupiers by co-signing an acknowledgement of notification form. Non-signatories must be notified as described above. An acknowledgement of notification form is available at www.depi.vic.gov.au/1080

The bait user must make records of neighbour notification within 48 hours of notification and keep a record for 2 years.

Example templates relating to neighbour notification and record keeping are available at www.depi.vic.gov.au/1080 or by contacting the DEPI Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

For assistance in identifying who to notify for an adjoining parcel of Crown land, please contact the nearest regional DEPI office to the land on which the bait is to be laid, or contact the DEPI Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

4.5.1 Standard Notification requirements
Notification must specify:
- the dates between which baiting will occur; and
- that steps (i.e. muzzling, restraint) need to be taken to ensure that domestic dogs do not gain access to 1080 pest animal baits or poisoned animals.
4.5.2 Coordinated Community Baiting Programs

Bait users participating in a coordinated community baiting program are able to notify other participating adjoining land owners/occupiers by co-signing an acknowledgment of notification form. This form must specify the following information:

- the names and signatures of participants in the coordinated community baiting program that are using the acknowledgment of notification form (i.e. bait users and neighbours being notified);
- the bait type and target animal; and
- location or address where the baits are to be laid; and
- dates between which baiting will occur; and
- bait users’ contact phone numbers.

Non-signatories will be considered not to have been notified via this form. Non-signatories must be notified as per the requirements of section 4.5.1.

An acknowledgement of notification form is available at www.depi.vic.gov.au/1080

4.6 Signage

Signage to warn that 1080 pest animal bait products have been placed on the land must be displayed on all lands on which baits are laid to inform people using or entering the land of potential risks. Signs must be erected at all vehicular entry points and any other commonly used entry points to the land immediately before 1080 pest animal bait products are laid on the land. Warning signs must:

- display the word ‘warning’ or ‘poison’; and
- state that domestic animals and pets may be affected; and
- state the pest animal targeted by baiting; and
- state the type of poison being used; and
- state the date/s that baits will be laid; and
- state a valid contact telephone number for further information (this must be the telephone number of the owner or manager of the land on which the baiting is occurring or the person responsible for laying the baits).

Signs must remain in place until four weeks after the baiting program has been completed after which time the signs must be removed.

For baiting programs with a duration of longer than four weeks, signs need to be regularly checked and maintained to ensure they remain legible. Continuous (i.e. ongoing/permanent) baiting programs may display permanent signs which state the date that baiting commenced and that it is a site of permanent baiting.

Warning signs cannot be removed from the land at any time while 1080 pest animal bait products are present on the land.

Signs must:

- be weather-resistant; and
- be A5 (i.e. 21.0 centimetres x 14.8 centimetres) or greater in size; and
- display bold writing (written in English) in clearly visible colours; and
- display a minimum font size of 20 point (i.e. 4 millimetres); and
- be clearly visible at all times.

An example sign is available at www.depi.vic.gov.au/1080 or by contacting the DEPI Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

4.7 Reducing potential harm to non-target animals

To reduce the potential harm to non-target species, including wildlife:

- bait users must comply with free feeding directions on the product label (if applicable); and
- bait placement and/or bait placement design must be such that non-target access is minimised; and
- baits must not be laid at times when, or in locations where, birds or other non-target wildlife are likely to be harmed by them; and
- potential risks must be reduced by correct bait placement, selection of the minimum effective baiting rate and avoidance of baiting during the non-target wildlife’s main breeding seasons.

Steps (e.g. restraint, muzzling) must also be taken to ensure that domestic dogs or other domestic animals do not gain access to 1080 pest animal bait products or poisoned animals.
When trail baiting, aerial baiting or ground broadcast baiting, a person must not allow domestic stock owned by or under the control of that person, to access any land on which bait has been laid until:

- the baiting has been completed; and
- to the extent possible efforts have been made to collect and destroy untaken bait to prevent access by domestic stock and non-target species.

4.8 Distance restrictions
Users must adhere to minimum distance requirements when laying/placing bait. The minimum distance requirements are specified below:

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<td>Boundary fences</td>
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<td>Edge of formed public roadways</td>
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In the case of aerial baiting (only) the following minimum distances must be adhered to:

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Further information on formed public roadways can be found at www.depi.vic.gov.au/1080

4.9 Laying of baits
The 1080 pest animal bait product label describes the rate at which bait must be laid and the method by which it must be placed (including burial) on land. Bait users must follow all directions on the product label when laying baits (including free feeding requirements and application rates) and refer to the SDS for additional information on safe use.

In Victoria, aerial application of 1080 pest animal baits for pest animal control is restricted to the use of carrots for rabbit control only.

When using 1080 pest animal bait products authorised persons must at all times adhere to the baiting rate specified on the product label.

Bait users must check baits and bait stations in accordance with the relevant product label directions.

1080 pest animal bait products should be laid as soon as possible after the time of their purchase and in accordance with the timeframes specified in Table One. Baits must not be stored beyond the timeframes specified in Table One, or beyond the timeframes specified on the product label.
Table One: Bait lay, recovery, destruction and disposal

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<th>Maximum period of time between bait purchase/the date of manufacture and the destruction or disposal of unused or untaken bait</th>
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<td>2 months from purchase</td>
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<td>Shelf-stable wild dog bait</td>
<td>1 month</td>
<td>2 months from purchase</td>
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<td>Perishable fox bait (liver)</td>
<td>3 days</td>
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<td>Perishable wild dog bait (liver and boneless red meat)</td>
<td>3 days</td>
<td>14 days</td>
<td>17 days from the date of manufacture</td>
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<td>Perishable rabbit bait (carrot)</td>
<td>3 days</td>
<td>4 days</td>
<td>7 days from the date of manufacture</td>
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4.10 Bait and carcass disposal

4.10.1 Bait disposal
To the extent possible bait users must collect untaken baits in accordance with the timeframes specified in Table One.

Bait users must destroy untaken and unused bait as soon as practical after recovery and in accordance with the timeframes specified in Table One.

Collected untaken and unused baits for the control of foxes, wild dogs and feral pigs must be buried to a depth of at least one metre or incinerated.³

Collected untaken and unused baits for the control of rabbits must be buried to a depth of at least 50 centimetres or incinerated.³

4.10.2 Carcass disposal
All reasonable steps must be taken to recover the carcasses of poisoned animals during baiting and for 14 days after the baiting program. Carcasses must be buried or destroyed as follows:

- carcasses of foxes, wild dogs and feral pigs must be buried to a depth of at least one metre or incinerated.³
- carcasses of rabbits must be buried to a depth of at least 50 centimetres or incinerated.³

4.11 Disposal of containers
Containers which have held 1080 pest animal bait products are not to be used for any other purpose and must be disposed of in accordance with the product label directions, the relevant SDS, this document and local legislative requirements.

If no landfill is available, bury the containers below 50 centimetres in a disposal pit specifically marked and set up for this purpose clear of waterways, desirable vegetation and tree roots.

³ Bait users must incinerate baits in accordance with legislative requirements.
5. Safety Directions

Bait users must comply with the safety directions and first aid instructions on the product label, the relevant SDS and this document. 1080 is highly toxic and must be handled with care. There is no effective antidote to 1080.

If poisoning occurs, speed in treatment is essential and hospitalisation is likely to be needed. If poisoning occurs contact a doctor or the Poisons Information Centre immediately on 13 11 26.

1080 is a very dangerous poison that is harmful if swallowed. Users must:

- wear elbow-length PVC gloves when opening 1080 pest animal bait product containers and handling bait products - these gloves should be washed thoroughly in running water immediately after each day’s use; and
- wash contaminated clothing thoroughly after each day’s use; and
- wash their hands, arms and face thoroughly with soap and water (after removal of gloves) before smoking, drinking or eating and after each day’s use; and
- wash gloves, hands and equipment regularly to ensure that cross-contamination with other items is avoided.

If product comes in contact with skin, remove contaminated clothing and immediately wash skin thoroughly with soap and water.

6. Record Keeping

Persons using 1080 pest animal bait products must make within 48 hours of use, and keep for a period of 2 years after the date of use, an accurate written record of the use in accordance with the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Regulations 2007. A record keeping template is available on the DEPI website at www.depi.vic.gov.au/1080 or by contacting the DEPI Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

Persons acting as agents must keep records of all persons for whom they have purchased bait for a period of 2 years (see section 4.2.2).

The bait user must also make records of neighbour notification within 48 hours of notification and keep a record of all neighbour notifications for 2 years. A neighbour notification template is available on the DEPI website at www.depi.vic.gov.au or by contacting the DEPI Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

In Victoria it is a requirement to record the location where agricultural chemicals are used. In terms of 1080 bait use, bait users are encouraged to comply with this requirement by use of a map showing the location of where baits were laid.

7. Work Health and Safety

Persons using 1080 pest animal bait products in their workplace are required to assess work health and safety risk and implement control options in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, Occupational Health and Safety (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 1999 and the relevant SDS.

The management, handling and use of 1080 pest animal bait products must be conducted in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, Occupational Health and Safety (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 1999 as well as any associated Standards, Codes and statutory requirements.

Bait users must adhere to incident notification requirements under the Occupational Health and Safety (Incident Notification) Regulations 1997.

8. Incident Reporting: Non-Target Animals

If bait users are concerned for any companion animals, livestock or wildlife suspected of being poisoned with 1080 they should refer them for immediate veterinary assistance.

All incidents of suspected 1080 poisoning of non-target animals, including domestic dogs, must be reported to the DEPI Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

These actions may allow for the capture of information important in any investigation, such as a veterinarian being able to take a sample of the stomach contents of an animal suspected of being poisoned.
9. Review

DEPI reserves the right to review any part of this document at any time.

10. Further Information

Acts
Victorian Legislation and Parliamentary documents can be found at www.legislation.vic.gov.au

Label Information
Information about chemical product labels can be obtained at www.apvma.gov.au

Online Pest Animal Information
A range of pest animal biology and management information is available on the DEPI website. Information is available free of charge at www.depi.vic.gov.au or by contacting DEPI's Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

Work Health and Safety
The Worksafe Advisory Service can respond to general work health and safety issues.
In Victoria they can be contacted by phone on 1800 136 089, by email at info@workcover.vic.gov.au or by visiting their website at www.workcover.vic.gov.au

Poisoning
If poisoning occurs contact a doctor or the Poisons Information Centre immediately on 13 11 26.