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Factsheet

Inspection standards for *drumMUSTER* eligible containers

A number of concerns have recently been raised by *drumMUSTER* approved processors about the cleanliness standards of containers collected at some *drumMUSTER* collection locations.

All containers collected through the program must be inspected by a trained *drumMUSTER* inspector. Only containers meeting the Agsafe cleanliness standard are accepted into *drumMUSTER* storage facilities.

Processing of the Containers

Processors will reject non-eligible or unclean containers when processing on site.

Rejected drums will be marked by the processor. These rejected drums become the property of the collection agency and remain on site. The collection agency are responsible for the cleaning and disposal of these rejected containers.

The acceptance of containers at collection sites that have not been adequately cleaned may pose a risk to the safety of persons during the subsequent handling and reprocessing or recycling of the materials.

Ineligible containers also include containers from manufacturers who are not part of the Industry Waste Reduction Agreement (IWRA).

The *drumMUSTER* levy is only paid on those containers originating from manufacturers who are party to the IWRA and all other containers should not be accepted by *drumMUSTER* and rejected at the point of inspection.

Some products are not eligible under the *drumMUSTER* program (no levy is charged on these products). These ineligible products include liquid chlorine (unless sold and used as a dairy or farm disinfectant) and petroleum products.

Non-eligible *drumMUSTER* containers should be disposed of through existing council waste or recycling schemes. Where appropriate, refer to the container product label for specific disposal instructions.



Example of uninspected containers rejected by an approved processor. Note, some with lids still had raw chemical in the container.



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The inspection process in brief

The *drumMUSTER* program is for the collection of empty, clean, eligible containers. Every container accepted for collection must be visually inspected and must pass the cleanliness standard set out in the IWRA. *drumMUSTER* provides comprehensive training for inspectors who run the collection centres.

drumMUSTER will only reimburse its program partners for the collection of "levy paid" containers carrying the *drumMUSTER* sticker/logo.

A number of smaller manufacturers have not joined the program. Their containers are not eligible for collection through *drumMUSTER*.

The program collects eligible returnable containers between 1L and 205L. Procedures for the inspection, collection and storage of containers should be implemented to minimise the risk of personal injury from contact with chemical residues and to ensure containers that are not covered by the IWRA, are not collected and processed under the program.

Points to remember

- Only accredited *drumMUSTER* inspectors can perform the inspection procedure.
- Containers not meeting the requirements of the *drumMUSTER* program must be rejected.
- Rejected containers will remain the responsibility of the person who presented the containers for inspection.
- Only those containers that have been inspected in accordance with the above procedures and found to meet the *drumMUSTER* cleanliness standard should be accepted into the *drumMUSTER* compound.
- Metal and plastic containers should be stored separately in the compound with the larger containers (20L and above) stacked on their side to ensure rain water does not pool inside the containers.

Eligible container logo



Drums stacked correctly to ensure rain water cannot enter the inspected drums.



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