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AS2057 - INSTALLATION OF HORIZONTAL CHEMICAL SOIL BARRIERS (PART B)

The Agriculture and Resource Management Council of Australia and New Zealand agreed to phase out Heptachlor and Chlordane in Australia by 30 June 1995.

The Council, on considering the request for an extension in the Northern Territory, agreed there were unique circumstances in the Territory which required consideration, and agreed to allow the continued use of these insecticides in the Northern Territory with a target date for withdrawal of 30 June 1997.

This extension was conditional on the Territory agreeing to changes to the method of treatment, qualification of Pest control Operators and monitoring of use of the chemicals.

The change to the method of treatment requires that all horizontal barriers be covered by concrete (mowing strip). This will require "Part B" treatments to be protected with a nominal 50mm X 300mm wide concrete strip. This concrete strip will also assist in preventing planting close to the building, disturbance of the soil against the building and will also offer a very good inspection barrier. The introduction date for this requirement will be the 1 January 1995, and all Permits to Build must reference this requirement from this date.

It should be noted that presently all proposed alternatives to organochlorines, chemical and physical, require these mowing strips to be installed.

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