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Dear Customer,

Re: APVMA Suspension of Registration: SGAR products

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) has published a Notice of Suspension affecting the registrations and labels of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticide (SGAR) products, effective 24 March 2026.

Importantly, the APVMA has issued a deemed permit allowing these products to continue to be supplied and used during the suspension period. Products may only be sold or supplied if they are accompanied by the updated APVMA use instructions, and users may only use these products in accordance with those instructions, which temporarily operate in place of the approved label.

The suspension will remain in place until updated labels are approved by the APVMA, at which point the registrations will be reinstated.

This action forms part of the APVMA's broader regulatory review of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides, particularly in relation to secondary poisoning risks to wildlife. As part of this review, these products are expected to transition to Restricted Chemical Product (RCP) status, a process anticipated to take approximately 12 months.

The suspension affects the following Bell Laboratories rodenticide products:

- Ditrac All Weather Blox Rodenticide
- Ditrac Rodenticide
- Contrac Blox
- Contrac Soft Bait

It is important to reiterate that the suspension applies only to second-generation anticoagulant rodenticide (SGAR) products. Accordingly, Fastrac Blox Rodenticide, which contains the non-anticoagulant active ingredient bromethalin, is not affected.

From 24 March 2026

Existing stock may continue to be sold or supplied during the suspension period, provided the product is accompanied by the APVMA permit instructions at the point of supply. Users may continue to use existing stock only in accordance with those instructions until updated labels are approved.

For convenience, the APVMA permit instructions that temporarily replace the approved label are reproduced below in this document.

Key requirements include:

- Tamper-resistant bait stations must be used wherever bait could be accessed by pets, children, or non-target animals.
- Outdoor baiting is restricted. Bait must only be placed in tamper-resistant, weather-resistant bait stations within 2 metres of buildings.
- Bait stations must not be placed outdoors for the control of mice.
- Bait must not be placed directly into rodent burrows.
- Treatment periods must not exceed 35 days without reassessing the infestation.
- Dead rodents must be searched for and removed regularly to reduce the risk of secondary poisoning.
- Disposable gloves must be worn when handling bait, bait stations, or rodent carcasses.

Bell Laboratories, Inc. is actively working to update product labels to incorporate the new APVMA use instructions, with the aim of lifting the suspension as quickly as possible.

To ensure that existing stock in inventory or in transit can continue to be supplied and used compliantly, Bell is also arranging to supply physical labels containing the updated use instructions, which can be applied to the product lid prior to sale in accordance with the terms of the deemed permit.

Due to the short notice period, there may be some delay in the availability of these labels. In the interim, a printed copy of this document supplied with the product will satisfy the requirement to provide the APVMA permit instructions at the point of supply.

Next Steps

The APVMA has indicated that second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides will transition to Restricted Chemical Product (RCP) status, which will introduce mandatory training requirements for users.

- As the implementation of RCP training requirements falls under the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF), the specific training requirements will be determined and administered by the States and Territories.
- Further guidance on the structure and delivery of this training is expected to be released by the States, and the broader transition process is anticipated to take approximately 6–12 months.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements or the use of affected products, please contact the Bell Laboratories team.

Yours sincerely,



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DEEMED PERMIT: Instructions for Use

- **DO NOT** place bait stations outdoors for control of mice.
- **DO NOT** use in areas accessible to non-target animals, pets or children unless secured in a tamper resistant bait station.
- **DO NOT** place bait outdoors unless it is secured in a tamper-resistant and weather-resistant bait station which is secured in place.
- **DO NOT** place bait stations more than 2 meters from buildings.
- **DO NOT** apply this product directly into burrows.
- **DO NOT** use the product continuously for more than 35 days without an evaluation of the state of the infestation and of the efficacy of the treatment.

Hazardous to wildlife. Search for and dispose of dead rodents and slugs/snails in the infested area at each visit to prevent secondary poisoning. In case slugs/snails are present, move bait station to another location within the rodent infested site, away from slugs/snails. Dispose of slugs/snails, dead rodents and uneaten bait in compliance with local, state or territory government regulations.

When using the product wear disposable gloves. During cleanup and disposal operations of bait and bait stations, wear disposable gloves. Wear disposable gloves when handling rodent carcasses. Wash clothes after performing re-handling activities.