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Food Standards

Within the jurisdiction of the City of Armadale WA we have strawberry farms. Unfortunately most of the primary production at the orchards within our area are not part of this category.

The information provided by Food Standards for Proposal P1052 – PPP Requirements for Horticulture (Berries, Leafy Vegetables and Melons) covered all the aspects thoroughly.

The one major concern with Food Safety Management Standard is **language barriers**. This will be such crucial information but some farmers can't communicate very well in English to have a clear understanding of the hazards.

In the supporting document 1

P1052 - Primary Production and Processing Requirements for Horticulture (Berries, Leafy Vegetables and Melons)

Current food safety measures for horticultural produce (domestic and international) (as at 5 March 2021)

Under **Chemicals** - It is important to have specific under this section about Waste management for appropriate disposal of (pesticides and herbicides) empty containers as some farmers don't manage this very well. This is also important in case of flooding or wind storms that those empty containers be **properly contained** in an enclosure than ending up meters away on other PP farms or the re-use of such containers on the farm without realising the danger.

Our suggestion is to add to Chemicals Waste material to be controlled in a way that does not pose a risk of contamination **although it is mentioned under Crop inputs** it is still something that must be directly related to this section of Chemicals for those you struggle with language

barriers : Application of agricultural and veterinary inputs is managed properly to minimise the potential for chemical contamination.

- Documentation of agricultural chemical applications maintained.
- Agricultural chemicals be correctly labelled, stored, and disposed of in a manner that does not pose a risk of contaminating crops.

Just as Egg farms must have a Food Safety Management Statement FSA 4.2.5 covering everything the same principals must be applied for horticulture (berries, melons and leafy vegetables)

Since implementing the Food Safety Management Statement and all record keeping for Egg Farms it changed the standards at the Primary production point significantly.

Kind regards