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TO: Fertilizer Canada members
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RE: CAN Security Code – Treatment of Sites Handling AN and CAN

Fertilizer Canada has released the new Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (CAN) Security Code of Practice (CAN Security Code) for implementation in 2019. The CAN Security Code aims to provide uniform security practices for the handling, transportation, storage and/or sale of CAN in Canada. As of January 1, 2019, CAN agri-retail and distribution sites will be able to schedule their formal site audit in order to obtain their certification. The deadline for certification is December 31, 2019.

Fertilizer Canada has received a number of questions regarding the certification process for sites who handle both ammonium nitrate (AN) and calcium ammonium nitrate (CAN). The following information is intended to provide additional guidance for the sites in which this applies.

Retail and distribution sites which handle and/or store both AN and CAN may be eligible for a combined audit. This process expedites the audit process by jointly assessing the requirements of the Agricultural Ammonium Nitrate Code of Practice (AN Code) and the CAN Security Code.

The AN Code came into force on December 31, 2015 requiring Fertilizer Canada members who handle, store, transport and sell AN to achieve their certification through a formal audit as a condition of membership. As part of the two year cycle, certification renewal audits for will be coming due again this year.

Due to the similarities in the security requirements of both Codes, AN sites whose AN Code certification is in “good standing” will have access to the option of a combined audit. In this case, sites who choose to complete their initial CAN Security Code audit during their next scheduled AN Code audit can do so as a combined audit so long as it is scheduled before the December 31, 2019 certification deadline and does not allow certification under the AN Code to lapse. During the combined audit process, the auditor will conduct physical requirement and documentation spot checks for both products.

If a site chooses not to perform their initial CAN Security Code audit as a combined audit, their audit will be required to meet the certification deadline of December 31, 2019. However, a combined audit process can be adopted at a later date so long as the timing of the audit does not allow certification under either Code to expire. This may mean advancing an audit prior to the next scheduled audit.

For more information on the audit process, please contact the Anthony Laycock by phone at 1-877-236-2972 or by email at awsa@funnel.ca.

Regards,

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