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Clarification on Product Transfer at non-certified sites

The purpose of this Technical Bulletin is to provide clarification on acceptable practices for the transfer of anhydrous ammonia (product) under the Ammonia Code of Practice.

A scenario was recently encountered by an Ammonia Code auditor where a third-party hauler hired by an ammonia retailer was transferring ammonia to delivery units at a non-certified location owned by the third party, prior to the product being delivered to end users. The product originated from a Code certified site.

The intent of the Ammonia Code of Practice is to ensure safe storage and safe transfer of ammonia. Ammonia transfer between delivery units at a non-certified location does not align with the intent of the Ammonia Code. This restriction ensures that safe and secure measures are in place while product is being transferred.

The Ammonia Code applies to storage and handling operations, including fixed and temporary facilities, which includes transloads. The two acceptable scenarios for product transfer by the retail sector include:

- (1) transfer at sites certified under the Ammonia Code of Practice; and
- (2) transfer to end-users in-field / on-farm.

Edits will be made to the Ammonia Code of Practice Preface *Ag Retailers and Transloads* section to provide clear guidelines on the applicability of the Code for like scenarios of product transfer, to clarify that non-end user ammonia transfer is not permitted under the Ammonia Code of Practice unless the site is certified.

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