SOP

Storing Certified Handler Products

Class 6.1A and 6.1B substances on farms of 4 ha or more

Key point: at any quantity, class 6.1A and 6.1B products must be under a certified handler's personal control or secured from everyone else. Larger amounts also need a certified hazardous substance location.

How much triggers a location on your farm?

Class 6.1A	Class 6.1B
100 kg or L	**500** kg or L

Thresholds for a farm of 4 ha or more. They apply per location, such as a storeroom, not the whole property.

What do you need?

Over the threshold, and there for more than 2 hours?

YES

Hazardous substance location

Notify WorkSafe 30 working days before commissioning. Get a location compliance certificate and renew it every 36 months.

NO

Secure store or cabinet

Still locked, labelled and separated, with the records and clean-up gear overleaf. Check the Calculator for what else applies.

⚠ **2 hours applies because 6.1A and 6.1B are tracked. Splitting stock only avoids a certificate if the locations are at appropriate distances.**

Using an indoor cabinet?

Class 6.1A	Class 6.1B	All toxic in the cabinet
25 kg or L max	**50** kg or L max	**250** kg or L max

No incompatible substances in a cabinet. Keep it near water for washing hands. Multiple cabinets must be 3 m apart or stay within these totals.

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What your store needs

Locked and secured
Under a certified handler's personal control, or secured with locks or a keypad known only to authorised people.

Kept apart
Incompatible substances separated by at least 5 m, or 3 m if both are solids, or in separate compounds.

Spills contained
Clean-up gear, absorbent, PPE and a leak-proof disposal container on hand. Secondary containment as required for the class and quantity.

Water for washing
Closed containers: water for washing hands. Opened containers: safety shower and eye wash as well.

Signs when required
At entrances where required, and legible from 10 m. Good practice to always have them.

Emergency plan
Required at 100 kg or L of class 6.1A or 6.1B. Test it at least yearly and keep it away from the store.

Sound store
Materials compatible with the substances, ventilated where toxic dust, mist or vapour is a risk, away from heat. Two ways in if over 25 m².

Records on hand
Inventory with name, UN number, maximum amount and location. A current SDS for each product. Training records.

Some items apply only above set quantities or at a certified location. Check the WorkSafe Hazardous Substances Calculator for your products.

Tracking

Keep a record of the name and amount, exactly where it is, and the competent person in control. An inspector must be able to:

2 minutes
to identify its location from the record

1 hour
to find the substance, or sooner if your emergency plan says so

If something goes wrong

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Fire, injury or uncontained spill

0800 764 766
National Poisons Centre, 24 hours

0800 030 040
WorkSafe, if a notifiable event

1. Stop, move people away and keep others out of the store.
2. Follow your emergency plan and the first aid steps on the label and SDS.
3. Contain spills with the clean-up gear and stop them reaching drains or waterways.
4. Give emergency services the inventory. For poisoning advice, call the National Poisons Centre.
5. Tell your employer, and report lost or stolen product to Police (good practice). Notify WorkSafe if it is a notifiable event.

Summary only. Check the label, SDS and your location compliance certificate: WorkSafe guidance on location compliance certificates, tracking, inventories and certified handlers, and the Hazardous Substances Calculator; National Poisons Centre.