

# Factsheet – Logistics services

## Who is this factsheet for?

This factsheet is for persons working at logistics companies that transport, store or deliver regulated poisons in Queensland.

The factsheet describes changes and requirements that apply to the supply, storage and transport of regulated poisons under the *Medicines and Poisons Act 2019* (the MPA) which replaced the Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulation 1996 (HDPR) on 27 September 2021.

## What are the changes?

- If a logistics company is engaged or contracted by a poison manufacture or wholesale licence holder to store, distribute or transport regulated poisons, the company is not required to hold a licence or an approval under the MPA.
- The poison manufacture or wholesale licensee is responsible for meeting the requirements under the MPA. This includes developing and implementing a Substance Management Plan (SMP) to ensure safety and security in all dealings with regulated poisons.
- Any premises where regulated poisons are stored, including at a logistic company's storage facilities, are classed as a regulated place, and must be included under the manufacture or wholesale licence and comply with the licensee's SMP.
- During transport the regulated poisons may be transferred from one vehicle to another, or temporarily stored awaiting connection. Such arrangements must ensure the safety and security of the poison and be clearly set out in the licensee's SMP, as the licence holder remains responsible for the safe transport and delivery including interim storage of the poison.
- If however, the logistics company repackages regulated poisons and distributes it (i.e. sell or supply) it will require a manufacturing licence, regardless of whether the work is being undertaken on behalf of a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler. To apply for a licence, please go to 'Poisons licence application forms and fees – manufacturing, wholesale, and retail sale of poisons'
- Persons who hold a manufacturer or wholesaler licence will be required to prepare and implement a SMP.
- The SMP must comply with Departmental Standard: '*Substance management plans for regulated poisons – version 1*'
- Licensees will be given until 26 September 2022 to prepare and implement a SMP.

## How to apply for a licence

To apply for a licence, go to '[Poisons licence application forms and fees](#)'

For more information on manufacturing or wholesale licences and transport of medicines – please see the Medicines factsheets.

## For further information

- [Relevant factsheets](#)
  - Manufacturing licence – poisons
  - Wholesale licence – poisons
  - Poisons terms
  - Transitional arrangements
- [Departmental Standard](#)
  - Substance management plans for regulated poisons – version 1