

HARPS Decision Graphic: Is HARPS required for my business?

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HARPS is a retailer-led scheme designed to assist with compliance to food safety, legal and trade legislation for suppliers to the major grocery retailers in Australia

Tier 1

Your business has a Vendor or Supplier Number to a HARPS Participating Retailer*.

Action Required

Your business may require HARPS approval, this includes certification to an Approved Base Scheme** and the HARPS requirements by 1st January 2019. Contact your respective retailer customer(s) for further information.

 **Base Scheme** AND  **HARPS**

Tier 2

Your business packs or re-packs any of the following:

- Loose product with PLU/DataBar stickers applied as specified by a HARPS Participating Retailer*;
- Retail-branded pre-packs;
- Retail Returnable Plastic Crates (RPC's);
- Proprietary-branded pre-packs;
- Loose product in final retail packaging, packed to a retail specification destined for a HARPS Participating Retailer*;

OR

Your business is an Approved Supplier to a Tier 1 business, who supplies to a HARPS Participating Retailer* (in final retail packaging);

OR

Your business provides Support Services[^]

Action Required

Your business may require HARPS approval, this includes certification to an Approved Base Scheme** and the HARPS requirements by 1st January 2019. Contact your respective retailer customer(s) for further information.

 **Base Scheme** AND  **HARPS**

Tier 3

Your business supplies bulk produce (not in final retail packaging) for further packing to a Tier 1 or Tier 2 supplier;


OR

Your business is a low volume producer supplying a total of 10 pallets or less per calendar year, per site. This is a collective total across all HARPS Participating Retailers*.

(NB: Suppliers of retail-branded pre-packs are excluded from this rule as they qualify as a Tier 1 or Tier 2 supplier).

Action Required

Your business may be required to be certified to an Approved Base Scheme** by 1st January 2019.

 **Base Scheme**

Out of Scope


Your business processes fresh produce (e.g. value-adding such as bagged salads, fresh cuts, sliced mushrooms/carrots, shelled nuts etc.). Your business requires food safety certification to a scheme as required by your retailer customer.

OR

Your business is a virtual broker (agent or merchant) that does not qualify as a Tier 1, 2 or 3 supplier (i.e. you do not physically handle the product).

Action Required

No action required for HARPS.

 **NO ACTION**

* **HARPS Participating Retailer(s):** ALDI, Coles, Costco, Metcash (IGA), Woolworths

** **Approved Base Schemes:** BRC, Freshcare, GLOBALG.A.P., SQF

[^] **Support Services:** Services including ripening, brokerage activities (agent or merchant), storage and cooling (where product handling and traceability are the responsibility of the Support Service supplier).