







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	Tier 2	Tier 3	Out of Scope
<p>Your business has a Vendor or Supplier Number to a HARPS Participating Retailer*.</p>	<p>Your business packs or re-packs any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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*; <p>OR</p> <p>Your business is an Approved Supplier to a Tier 1 business, who supplies to a HARPS Participating Retailer* (in final retail packaging);</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Your business provides Support Services[^]</p>	<p>Your business supplies bulk produce (not in final retail packaging) for further packing to a Tier 1 or Tier 2 supplier;</p> <p>OR</p> <p>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*.</p> <p>(NB: Suppliers of retail-branded pre-packs are excluded from this rule as they qualify as a Tier 1 or Tier 2 supplier).</p> <p>When a sales transaction (i.e. you do not handle the product) is made from one wholesaler to another wholesaler, the seller does not require HARPS approval, only certification to the approved GFSI Scheme.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>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).</p>
<p>Action Required</p>	<p>Action Required</p>	<p>Action Required</p>	<p>Action Required</p>
<p>Your business requires HARPS approval, this includes certification to an approved GFSI Scheme** <i>and</i> the HARPS requirements.</p> <p> GFSI Scheme AND  HARPS</p>	<p>Your business requires HARPS approval, this includes certification to an approved GFSI Scheme** <i>and</i> the HARPS requirements.</p> <p> GFSI Scheme AND  HARPS</p>	<p>Your business is required to be certified to an approved GFSI Scheme**.</p> <p> GFSI Scheme</p>	<p>No action required for HARPS.</p> <p> NO ACTION</p>

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

** **Approved GFSI Schemes:** BRC, Freshcare, GLOBALG.A.P., SQF. Refer to <https://harpsonline.com.au/growers-and-suppliers/> for further information.

[^] **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).

