

Is HARPS required for my business?

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 for one of the HARPS Participating Retailers*.

Action Required

If you have not yet achieved HARPS approval go to www.harpsonline.com.au to register your interest in achieving HARPS approval.

Contact your respective retailer customer(s) for further information.

Tier 2

Your business packs or re-packs:
Loose product with PLU/DataBar stickers applied as specified by a HARPS Participating Retailer*; or
Retail-branded pre-packs; or
Retail Returnable Plastic Crates (RPC's); or
Proprietary-branded pre-packs; or
Loose product in final retail packaging, packed to a retail specification destined for a HARPS Participating Retailer*; or
Your business is part of an Approved Supplier Program for your Tier 1 customer, who supplies to a HARPS Participating Retailer*; or
Your business provides Ancillary 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.

Notify HARPS of your interest in achieving approval by registering at www.harpsonline.com.au by 30th June 2018.

Tier 3

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

Out of Scope

Your business processes fresh produce. (e.g. value-adding such as bagged salads, fresh cuts, sliced mushrooms/carrots, shelled nuts etc.)

Virtual brokers that do not qualify as a Tier 1, 2 or 3 supplier.

Action Required

No action required for HARPS.

HARPS
Harmonised Australian Retailer Produce Scheme

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

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

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