

Section 2

Application Type and Related Approvals Required

2.1 Application type

This application is for the REASSESSMENT of a hazardous substance under section 63 of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996.

The applicants, AHB and DOC, made an application to ERMA in January 2002 to decide whether there were grounds for the reassessment of sodium fluoroacetate (1080) and substances containing 1080. In March 2002, ERMA decided that there were grounds for reassessment, namely:

- there is significant new information available relating to the effects of 1080, gathered as a result of extensive studies conducted in New Zealand during its use
- there is projected to be an increase in the use of 1080 as a result of increases in possum control programmes by AHB
- the use of 1080 continues to attract public concern.

This reassessment application covers both the import of 1080 (technical grade active) into New Zealand, and the manufacture of 1080 formulations in New Zealand.

The full list of substances being reassessed is contained in Section 3.1 of this application, along with information on each substance. A description of the manufacturing process in New Zealand is contained in Section 3.5 (Lifecycle) of this application.

2.2 Other approvals

Sodium fluoroacetate (1080) was assessed and registered in New Zealand in 1964. All 1080 formulations that are being reassessed have existing approvals under the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997. No additional approvals are required.