



Technical Alert

Feedback from industry sought on the draft National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern

Australian governments have decided to pursue a voluntary code of practice for businesses that manage, handle or use products containing 11 chemicals identified as having the potential to be used to make homemade explosives.

This code will affect importers, manufacturers, transporters, universities, farmers, hardware stores, hairdressers and any other businesses or industry sectors that manage, handle or use any of these chemicals.

Governments do not want these chemicals getting into the wrong hands and Australian businesses play a critical role in achieving that by managing security risks as part of good business practice. The Attorney-General's Department is looking to these businesses and the community to provide direct feedback on the draft code. Feedback will feed directly into the revision of the draft code to ensure that it can be easily understood and effectively used by businesses.

You can submit your feedback until **1 March 2013**. To download the draft code of practice and for details on how to submit your feedback, visit www.chemicalsecurity.gov.au/PublicConsultation.