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## MEMO

**DATE:** April 14, 2016  
**TO:** Fertilizer Canada Membership  
**FROM:** Giulia Brutesco, Senior Director, Industry Standards  
**SUBJECT:** Agricultural Ammonium Nitrate Code of Practice – Implementation Update

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Congratulations to the more than 25 agri-retailers who have initiated audits at their facilities to ensure the safe and secure storage and handling of ammonium nitrate.

The Agricultural Ammonium Nitrate Code of Practice (AN Code) came into force December 31, 2015, requiring all members of Fertilizer Canada who store, distribute, or handle agricultural ammonium nitrate to achieve certification through an audit with the AN Code requirements. Fertilizer Canada is also very encouraged that a number of non-Fertilizer Canada agri-retailers in regions of the country where ammonium nitrate use is prevalent are participating in the AN Code on a voluntary basis. We are confident that compliance with the AN Code will come close to 100 per cent of eligible facilities in Eastern Canada in the near future. Fertilizer Canada recognizes that compliance with the AN Code has required significant effort and investment of agri-retailers in a short timeframe. The commitment of agri-retailers to safety and security is commendable.

Given that this is the first year of the mandatory audited AN Code and that there has been a shortage of auditors, we have been flexible in working with facilities to encourage compliance. Agricultural ammonium nitrate facilities which have not yet initiated an AN Code audit should identify themselves to Fertilizer Canada through the Agricultural Warehousing Standards Association (AWSA) and confirm arrangements for an audit **by April 30, 2016**. Audits should be scheduled as soon as feasible.

Please contact Anthony Laycock at AWSA to book your audit at 1-877-236-2972 or [awsa@funnel.ca](mailto:awsa@funnel.ca).

Certification is a condition of membership with Fertilizer Canada. While we are being flexible, Fertilizer Canada expects all facilities to work diligently to complete certification within a reasonable timeframe. Fertilizer Canada expects all facilities, regardless of the status of the audit process, to comply with the requirements of the AN Code.



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Ammonium nitrate is an important fertilizer product valued by farmers. By participating in the AN Code, agri-retailers are protecting the safety and security of Canadians and ensuring that farmers can grow healthy crops using ammonium nitrate for years to come.

Please visit [www.fertilizercanada.ca](http://www.fertilizercanada.ca) for more information on the Code, e-Learning and additional resources. If you have any questions or concerns about the Code or the audit process, please contact Amanda Pach at 613-786-3040 or [apach@fertilizercanada.ca](mailto:apach@fertilizercanada.ca).