

Farm buildings in South Australia Revised Minister's Specification and Fact Sheet with layout examples

Pork SA Producers and Agribusiness Members

RE: Final determinations - Revised fire safety specifications for farm buildings used for livestock production – refer to attached Fact Sheet and Minister's Specification

Please find attached Gazetted changes to the Minister's Specification for Farm Buildings in SA.

These will come into effect on 1 May 2015.

Already specified and maintained

- Ministers Specs apply to NEW buildings only, does not include refurbished/remodelled unless foot print is enlarged, and development approval is sought
- Fire engine is the pump; farms do not have to provide pumps for CFS

Concessions

- Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions (see attached Fact Sheet) i.e. compliance with Minister's Specification means no requirement to refer the application to the fire authority under regulation 28(3) of the Development Regulations
- Reductions in amount of water required
- 36000L/500-1000m² shed (50% more if non-fire retardant).
- Only need one tank regardless of the number of sheds provided hydrants are as specified. Therefore, could have 6 x 600 m² shelters serviced by one tank/water supply if properly situated (see examples of layouts in attached Fact Sheet).
- Greater distance from hydrants to buildings - The increase of Fire hydrants located so that every part of the perimeter of a building is within 100 m from a hydrant outlet (previously 70 m)
- Use of existing infrastructure – tanks with residual amounts assured, dams
- Allowance for tanks with fire service connections to be used instead of hydrants
- Hydrant ring mains not required
- Other concessions regarding distances between exits, portable fire extinguishers, lighting are provided (see Minister's Specification attached), hose reels as an alternative to wall mounted fire extinguishers