
Water Cartage

Information Sheet

Approval of Water Tankers

1. An authorised person may inspect a water tanker that is to be used in a water distribution business.
2. The water tanker must be produced for inspection at a time and place agreed between the authorised person and the distributor (or prospective distributor) or, in the absence of agreement, nominated by the authorised person.
3. The authorised person must issue a certificate of approval for a water tanker if, after inspecting the tanker, the authorised person is satisfied that
 - (i) the tanker and its associated fittings and equipment are structurally sound and in good condition; and
 - (ii) the nature and condition of any internal coating or lining are appropriate for domestic water distribution; and
 - (iii) the water tanker is equipped with appropriate equipment to prevent contamination of water during loading, transport, or delivery, including a backflow prevention system to prevent contamination of
 - water from the source of supply by water or other material from the water tanker; and
 - water in the water tanker by water or other material from a receiving tank; and
 - (iv) the tanker complies in other respects with the requirements of local law policies.

Periodic or other inspection of approved water tankers

- 1 A distributor must produce an approved water tanker for inspection by an authorised person if:
 - (a) the inspection is a periodic inspection required under a local law policy; or
 - (b) the authorised person, by written notice given to the distributor, requires the distributor to produce the water tanker for inspection.
- 2 The time and place at which the water tanker is to be produced for inspection under subsection (1) are to be decided by way of agreement between the authorised person and the distributor or, in the absence of agreement, to be nominated by the authorised person in a written notice to the distributor.

Cancellation of approvals

An authorised person may, by written notice to a distributor, cancel the approval for a water tanker if:

- (a) the distributor notifies the authorised person of an intention to stop using the water tanker in the distributor's water distribution business; or
- (b) the authorised person is, after inspecting the tanker, of the opinion that:
 - (i) the tanker or its associated fittings and equipment are not structurally sound or not in good condition; or
 - (ii) the condition of the internal coating or lining is not appropriate for domestic water distribution; or
 - (iii) the tanker does not comply with a requirement of a local law policy.

Log books

A distributor must ensure that a logbook is carried in each water tanker setting out

- (a) each day on which water is obtained for the tanker, the place from which the water is obtained, and the amount of water; and
- (b) each day on which water is delivered from the tanker, the places to which the water is delivered, and the amount of water delivered at each place; and
- (c) other information required under a local law policy or condition of the permit.

Inspection

An authorised person may require a person in charge of a water tanker apparently used in a water distribution business to stop the tanker for inspection. The authorised person may:

- (a) inspect the water tanker and its fittings and equipment; and
- (b) take samples of the water from the water tanker.

The authorised person may require the person in charge of the water tanker to produce a logbook for inspection, and may take copies of or extracts from the logbook.