
Regulatory Compliance Statement

OASE Water Technology Range – Non-Biocidal Products and APVMA Status

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Purpose of this Statement

This statement outlines the regulatory classification and compliance status of the following OASE Water Technology products supplied by Algae Control Australia: **OptiLake, SchlixX, SchlixX Plus, ClearLake, SeDox Max**, and **SeDox Speed**. These products are applied in lakes and ponds to enhance water quality, stabilise nutrient levels, and support natural equilibrium without the use of harmful or biocidal chemicals.

Regulatory Context

In Australia, agricultural and veterinary chemical products are regulated by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) under the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994 (Agvet Code). The Agvet Code defines an agricultural chemical product as a substance or mixture used or represented as being suitable for destroying, repelling, inhibiting the growth of, or modifying the physiology of pests, or as a plant growth regulator, defoliant, desiccant or thinning agent. Products require APVMA approval when used or marketed to control living organisms such as pests, weeds, or pathogens, or to alter biological growth.

Why the OASE Range is Not an Agricultural Chemical Product

- **Non-biocidal in nature** — the range does not kill, repel, or inhibit pests or microorganisms; it acts through physicochemical and biological support mechanisms.
- **Focus on water quality** — e.g., OptiLake and SeDox act on non-living parameters such as pH, hardness, and phosphate.
- **Safe biological enhancement** — e.g., SchlixX Plus and ClearLake contain naturally occurring, non-pathogenic bacteria that support natural cycles.
- **No pesticidal claims** — products are not marketed as biocides or pesticides.
- **Environmentally restorative** — actions include enhancing oxygen conditions, phosphate removal/immobilisation, and overall water balance.

Conclusion: APVMA Status (analysed as exempt)

Based on analysis against the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994, OptiLake, SchlixX, SchlixX Plus, ClearLake, SeDox Max, and SeDox Speed do not meet the definition of agricultural chemical products. Accordingly, they are **analysed as APVMA exempt** for their intended use as non-biocidal water quality enhancers and do not require APVMA registration.

Responsible Use and Ongoing Compliance

Algae Control Australia ensures that product representations remain non-biocidal and non-pesticidal and monitors legislative updates for ongoing compliance. Site-specific assessments and responsible, label-aligned use are recommended.

Statement of Assurance

The OASE Water Technology range supports aquatic ecosystems naturally, without biocides. For the reasons set out above, these products are not agricultural or veterinary chemical products under the Agvet Code and, for their intended use, are **analysed as APVMA exempt** and therefore do not require APVMA registration.

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