



## HeadsUp

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### [APVMA September quarterly report released with performance maintained](#)

The APVMA's first quarter performance statistics for July – September 2021 have been released. Overall, 94.7 per cent of applications were completed on-time, which is an increase from the previous quarter and generally consistent with the same quarter of 2020 (94 per cent). Of note, is the improvement in permit processing, which increased to 80 per cent (up from 70 per cent in the previous quarter and again consistent with performance from the September quarter 2020 at 78 per cent).

The number of major pesticide applications completed within timeframe fell slightly to 98 per cent from the previous quarter's mark at 99 per cent, while the non-technical pesticide applications fell one point to 99 per cent, from 100 per cent the previous three quarters. This generally maintains the timeframe performance of the APVMA, however, this is achieved as a result of a significantly reduced workload. The APVMA started 839 new applications and processed 771 applications for product registration, active approval and permits. This is down from 1,004 new applications and 1,016 finalised applications from the same quarter in 2020, indicating that while there remain fewer applications to process, the APVMA continues to reduce backlogs that should make increasingly reliable achievement of minimum statutory timeframes.

Likewise, work in progress for products, actives and permits fell to 1,166 this quarter, down from 1,253 in the September 2020 reporting period.

The timeframe performance for major assessment applications remains broadly consistent, losing one point five percentage point from the last quarter (99 per cent) to be at 97.4 per cent. This is an increase from the previous year when major assessments were at 94 per cent.

CropLife continues to work constructively with the Regulator, Department and Federal Government on implementing targeted reforms to see further, genuine efficiency improvements and remove unnecessary regulatory burden on our industry so that the Regulator can further increase efficiency to exceed the minimum statutory requirements.

[View the full timeframe performance statistics online](#)

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