

APVMA Rodenticide Review Summary – 2025–2026

Why the Review?

The APVMA is currently reassessing anticoagulant rodenticides due to:

- Environmental risks: Detected in native carnivores (e.g., marsupials, barn owls), threatened vertebrates, and pork
- Secondary poisoning: Risks to children, pets, and non-target species
- Human health concerns: Especially around liquid and concentrated bait formulations

Current Review Timeline

Item	Estimated Timeframe
APVMA Final Decision	Feb 2026 (updated)
Industry feedback & response	Ongoing through 2025
Potential implementation	~12-month phase-out if changes occur

Likely Regulatory Scenarios

Based on presentations (e.g., Pesticon 2025 – Gerwyn Jones, PelGar Intl), possible outcomes include:

- No more liquid baits
- No supermarket/hardware sales (retail ban)
- Reduced pack sizes (≤ 300 g)
- Licensed/professional use only
- Mandated bait removal after set period
- Alternative actives under consideration (e.g., Norbormide – targets *Rattus* genus specifically; ineffective on mice)

NZ Comparison – Already Implemented

As of 1 Jan 2025, NZ has banned the use of SGARs (second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides) in outdoor areas unless directly connected to a building. Australia may follow a similar path after the review.

What You Should Do Now

Monitor updates from APVMA and stakeholder groups

Plan for stock reviews and label updates for rodenticides

Begin evaluating or trialing non-anticoagulant actives or IPM-aligned solutions