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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee CH-005, Pesticides, to supersede AS 2476—1981.

The Standard refers to general principles of fumigation based on good commercial practice leading to safe and economical use of fumigants and control of the infesting organism. Detailed safety instructions are given by fumigant manufacturers and suppliers, and there may also be relevant codes of practice published by the National Health and Medical Research Council and the various publications of departments such as state departments of agriculture or health.

It should be noted that fumigant chemicals, while invariably toxic and requiring considerable care in application, are also chemically reactive and in some cases may affect the end use properties of the materials being fumigated. Materials known to be affected by fumigants should not be exposed to those fumigants.

Incorrect use of fumigants may adversely affect the environment or their continuing efficacy against specific pests, and so need to be used in accordance with the manufacturer's label.

The terms 'normative' and 'informative' have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

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