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## **New rules for storing toxic and corrosive substances**

If you have toxic or corrosive substances that are below the thresholds for needing to establish a hazardous substances location, there are new storage requirements that came into force on 1 June.

These new storage requirements include things like making sure the storage area is secured from unauthorised access, water is available so someone can wash their hands and all storage and handling areas have sufficient ventilation.

There's also new requirements for storing toxic and corrosive substances on farms larger than 4 ha in size. The requirements include keeping the storage area for these substances at least 10 metres away from the farm house or other protected places. You must also make sure spills will be contained or you store toxic and corrosive substances in an area where a spill would not reach a protected place, waterways, or boundaries with other properties.

Details about all the new requirements, including the thresholds for needing a hazardous substance location, are given in our quick guide at the bottom of our [Storing hazardous substances](#) webpage. This guide explains the technical terms used in this article too.

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