

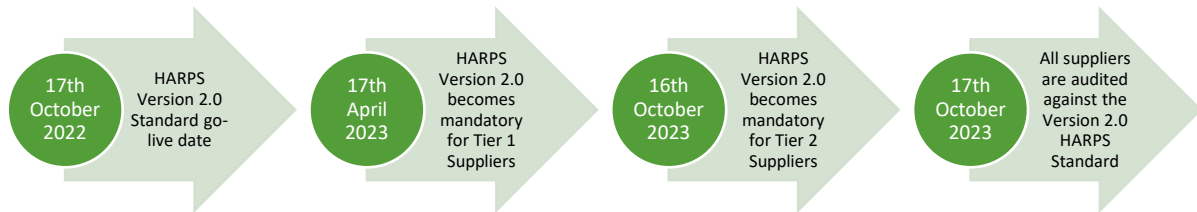


Media Release (Overview)

Title: HARPS Version 2.0, launching 17th October 2022

The HARPS Version 2.0 Standard launches on Monday 17th October 2022. The Version 2.0 Standard will assist suppliers in meeting retailer requirements, and relevant Australian Laws. The revised standard is accompanied by additional support tools for growers and suppliers, including guidance for each element and how to achieve compliance. The standard also incorporates guidance developed by the Fresh Produce Safety Centre.

Following the 17th of October launch, Tier 1 suppliers will have six months to transition to Version 2.0, with a mandatory transition date of 17th April 2023. Tier 2 suppliers are permitted 12 months to transition, with a mandatory transition date of 16th October 2023. Any new suppliers to HARPS from 18th October 2022, will require an audit against the Version 2.0 Standard. The graphic below provides an overview of the launch date and transition timelines for Tier 1 and Tier 2 businesses.



Short and easy-to-follow training guides have been developed to help businesses update their existing QA processes and systems to the Version 2.0 Standard. Transition training will be available on the HARPS website. If you require more comprehensive training, you can visit the training page on the HARPS website to find a trainer in your state or capital city.

The Version 2.0 Standard, updated Scheme Rules and other Technical Documents, including easy-to-use templates, are available in the Document Library on the HARPS website. For further information or to raise an enquiry, go to www.harpsonline.com.au or call the HARPS Helpline on 1300 852 219.