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Includes new sections on the storage and handling of pesticides, dry land farming issues and farm

hygiene.

All other sections have been comprehensively revised and updated, and the format of the document

was also extensively revised to improve its ~useability. A detailed introduction and guide to use has been

developed to help the transition from the first edition to the second edition, and colour coding has been

used to highlight both the different sections and the relevant best practices. Information was gathered

from existing industry publications, research publications, publications from other agricultural industries and government departments, codes of practice and relevant Australian Standards.

Feedback received from cotton growers and other industry personnel on the first edition was also taken

into account when developing the second edition.

4 draft of the second edition of the Manual was provided to the following stakeholders for comment:

-cotton growers through Cotton Australia's Growers Services Managers and Cotton Growers Associations (including a formal presentation at a Cotton Growers Association forum)

-Cotton CRC and specific researchers

- BMP auditors

- BMP Management Committee

- New South Wales Environment Protection Authority

-New South Wales Agriculture

- NSW Work Cover

- New South Wales Department of Land &Water Conservation
- Queensland Environmental Protection Agency
- Queensland Department of Primary Industries
- Queensland Department of Employment, Training and Industrial Relations
- Queensland Department of Natural Resources
- Australian Centre for Agricultural Health & Safety
- various other interested stakeholders (for example, the National Registration Authority and the
:rains Council of Australia).

consultations began in May 2000, and comments were received until the end of August. The final
~version of the Manual incorporated the majority of the comments received, with the final
version being
Distributed via the Cotton Australia Grower Services Managers in October 2000