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Commodity: Herbarium specimens - fully processed plant specimens, identified, and not diseased

Scientific name:

Synonyms: [Show Synonyms](#)

Country: All countries

End use: All uses other than as animal foods, fertilisers or for growing purposes

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It is the importer's responsibility to identify and to ensure it has complied with, all requirements of any other regulatory and advisory bodies prior to and after importation including the Australian Customs Service, Therapeutic Goods Administration, Department of Health and Ageing, Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority and any State agencies such as Departments of Agriculture and Health and Environmental Protection authorities.

Importers should note that this list is not exhaustive. Importers should also note that all foods imported into Australia must comply with the provisions of the Imported Food Control Act 1992, an Act which is administered by AQIS.

Notification of the import must be provided to AQIS for all imported goods other than goods imported as accompanied baggage or goods imported via the mail and not prescribed under the Customs Act 1901. Notification must be consistent with Quarantine Regulations 2000 (examples include a Quarantine Entry or a Quarantine declaration).

Condition C10500

Import conditions for fully processed herbarium specimens of vascular plants.

Notes:

(i) For the purposes of this import condition - **Herbarium specimens – fully processed** means plant specimens of Pteridophyta, Gymnosperms and Angiosperms that are non-viable, fully preserved (to their final state) portions of plants that have been, or are being formally incorporated into a reference collection at a research institution listed in *Index Herbariorum*, [<http://sweetgum.nybg.org/ih/>] either in Australia or overseas.

(ii) These conditions do not apply to plant and micro-organism material imported for the purposes other than herbarium reference collections. Small pieces of leaf material may be removed from herbarium specimens for DNA analysis.

These specimens may be presented/stored:

- in paper folders, packets or boxes;
- mounted on cards or microscope slides;
- preserved in ethanol or other preserving fluids;
- consist of dried woodblocks or large separate dried fruits or other large parts; and/or
- desiccated in a generous volume of silica gel (at least a ratio of about 10:1 is required for leaf material)

(iii) These conditions do not apply to bryophytes, algae, fungi, and any other micro-organism. For these specimens please refer to C10501- Herbarium specimens that require an Import permit.

(iv) The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species ([CITES](#)) states that the exchange of herbarium specimens between scientists and scientific institutions for scientific study should not be hindered by CITES trade restrictions.

Importer's Responsibilities

1. An Import Permit is not required.

2. All plant specimens must be:

- preserved to their final state (excluding frozen);
- identified to at least the genus level;
- not listed on Schedule 4 or Schedule 6 of the [Quarantine Proclamation 1998](#);
- not knowingly infected, or diseased;
- not infested with live insects; and
- free of excess soil.

3. Any packaging used with the consignment must be clean and new.

4. Each consignment must be accompanied by a declaration from the sending institution, on institution letterhead, clearly stating the name and position of the person making the declaration, and must provide the following information:

- a) providing a list of the specimens in the consignment (down to at least genus level), linked to either the herbarium accession numbers or collectors' details/identifiers (e.g., the accompanying loan listing); and
- b) confirmation that the specimens have been fully processed (to their final state, not including freezing), and are plant specimens only; and
- c) a declaration that the specimens before packaging were free from live insects and excess soil and are not knowingly infected with potentially viable pathogenic micro-organisms; and
- d) a declaration that the consignment does not contain species listed in the Quarantine Proclamation Schedule 4 or Schedule 6.

5. Consignments should have the above documentation securely attached to the outside of the package and clearly marked "Attention Quarantine". Note: a second copy of all required documentation should be enclosed in the outer layers of the packaging in case the external documents are dislodged during transit.

6. Alternatively, the necessary documentation will need to be presented to AQIS at the time of clearance.

7. The importer is responsible for payment of all associated AQIS fees and charges.

Quarantine Procedures

8. On arrival in Australia, the consignment will be inspected by the Quarantine Officer who will:

- verify that the documentation is in order;
- inspect the consignment to verify package integrity to ensure no loss of material; and
- inspect the outer packaging for any signs of insect infestation en route. If such evidence is found, the consignment will be immediately secured and double bagged and cold treated (T9600) while further treatment options are discussed with the sending/receiving institution.

9. Following inspection, and providing that the above requirements are met, the consignment will be **released from quarantine** to the receiving institution.

On receiving the specimens, the institution must treat the specimens at -18°C for 7 consecutive days before the inner wrappings are opened.

Note: This treatment does not have to be performed at a Quarantine Approved Premises.

11. Consignments arriving **without** the required documentation shall be held until the required documents are received.

NOTE: Due to the fragile and valuable nature of the specimens, consignments **must not to be opened** without approval from Plant Quarantine Operations, Canberra and the importer.

Condition C18196

Import conditions for fully processed herbarium specimens of Australian origin.

This condition covers fully processed herbarium specimens which originated in an Australian herbarium and are for re-incorporation into an Australian reference collection after loan to an overseas institution for scientific study.

(i) These specimens may be presented/stored:

- in paper folders, packets or boxes;
- mounted on cards or microscope slides;
- preserved in ethanol or other preserving fluids; and/or
- consist of dried woodblocks or large separate dried fruits or other large parts.

(ii) These conditions do not apply to algae, fungi, lichens, bryophytes (mosses, liverworts and hornworts), and any micro-organism and specimens listed on Schedule 4 or Schedule 6 of the Quarantine Proclamation. For these specimens please refer to C18290- Herbarium specimens of Australian origin that require an Import permit.

Import conditions

Non-Commercial

1. The conditions under the Commercial section apply.

Commercial

Importer's Responsibilities

1. An Import Permit is not required.
2. All plant specimens must be:
 - preserved to their final state (excluding frozen);
 - identified to at least the genus level;
 - not listed on Schedule 4 or Schedule 6 of the [Quarantine Proclamation 1998](#);
 - not knowingly infected, or diseased;
 - not infested with live insects; and
 - free of excess soil.
3. Any packaging used with the consignment must be clean and new.
4. Each consignment must be accompanied by a declaration from the sending institution, on institution letterhead, clearly stating the name and position of the person making the declaration, and must provide the following information:
 - a) providing a list of the specimens in the consignment (down to at least genus level), linked to either the herbarium accession numbers or collectors' details/identifiers (e.g., the accompanying loan listing); and
 - b) confirmation that the specimens have been fully processed (to their final state, not including freezing); and
 - c) a declaration that the specimens before packaging were free from live insects and excess soil; and
 - d) a declaration that the consignment does not contain species listed in the Quarantine Proclamation Schedule 4 or Schedule 6; and
 - e) a declaration that the specimens are the property of an Australian herbarium and are being returned after loan for scientific study overseas.
5. Consignments should have the above documentation securely attached to the outside of the package and clearly marked "Attention Quarantine". Note: a second copy of all required documentation should be enclosed in the outer layers of the packaging in case the external documents are dislodged during transit. Alternatively, the necessary documentation will need to be presented to AQIS at the time of clearance.
6. The importer is responsible for payment of all associated AQIS fees and charges.

Quarantine Procedures:

7. On arrival in Australia, the consignment will be inspected by the Quarantine Officer who will:
 - verify that the documentation is in order;
 - inspect the consignment to verify package integrity to ensure no loss of material; and
 - inspect the outer packaging for any signs of insect infestation en route. If such evidence is found, the consignment will be immediately secured and double bagged and cold treated (T9600) while further treatment options are discussed with the

sending/receiving institution.

8. Following inspection, and providing that the above requirements are met, the consignment can be released from quarantine to the receiving institution for mandatory cold treatment (T9600). The cold treatment (T9600) must be applied to the entire consignment before the inner wrappings are opened. This treatment does not have to be performed at a Quarantine Approved Premises.

9. Consignments arriving without the necessary documentation will be held until the required declarations are received, or under direction from AQIS Plant Programs, Canberra, will undergo inspection by a Quarantine officer to ensure that material of quarantine concern is not included.

Note: The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species ([CITES](#)) states that the exchange of herbarium specimens between scientists and scientific institutions for scientific study should not be hindered by CITES trade restrictions.

Condition C5012

This commodity or species may be subject to Australian Government Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts legislation under the Convention for International Trades in Endangered Species [CITES](#). Commodities/species known to be, or considered to be covered by CITES will be referred to the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (Customs) on arrival to Australia, **in addition** to their need to satisfy quarantine import conditions.

CITES queries can be directed to the Australian Government Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts on the details below:

Phone: 02 6274 1900
Fax: 02 6274 1921
Email: wildlifetrade@environment.gov.au
Internet: www.environment.gov.au

Entry Management EM0184

AQIS minimum documentary requirements to support assessment of all documentation

All documentation presented to AQIS as part of the import process must meet the requirements of the [Minimum Documentary Requirements Policy](#). These requirements include:

1. Overarching Requirements (e.g. legible, in English, signed, dated, linked to the consignment);
2. Document Format Requirements (e.g. as per nationally accepted practice and standards, or on company letterhead); and
3. Prescribed Information Requirements (e.g. treatment certificates must include a description of the goods/packaging treated)

Entry Management EM0185

AQIS information requirements to support assessment of non-commodity concerns associated with imported cargo

All documentation presented to AQIS to assist in determining the level of quarantine risk posed by transportation pathways and packaging must meet the requirements of the [Non-Commodity Information Requirements Policy](#). These requirements address:



1. Container cleanliness;
2. Packaging concerns (e.g. presence of timber or prohibited packaging material);
and
3. Destination concerns (e.g. destined for a rural unpack location).

Treatment T9600

Cold storage

Store at -18°C for 7 consecutive days starting when the core temperature of the consignment reaches -18°C. A core temperature of -18°C must be maintained over 7 consecutive days.

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Commodity: Herbarium specimens requiring a permit

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Condition C10501

Herbarium specimens requiring a permit

The import conditions listed below apply to herbarium specimens imported for research purposes and/or use in a herbarium reference collection that meet any of the following criteria:

- specimens from prohibited plant species listed on Schedule 4 or Schedule 6 of the [Quarantine Proclamation 1998](#);
- specimens of algae, fungi, lichens, bryophytes (mosses, liverworts and hornworts) or micro-organisms regulated under the [Quarantine Proclamation 1998](#);
- specimens not fully processed, and likely to contain viable material;

- specimens not identified to at least genus level;
- knowingly infected specimens, and/or pathogenic organisms such as bacteria, fungi, viruses, viroids, phytoplasmas and oomycetes (pythiums, phytophthoras) or any other micro-organism requiring a plant host.

NOTE: These conditions do not apply to plant and micro-organism material imported for the purposes other than herbarium reference collections. Small pieces of leaf material may be removed from herbarium specimens for DNA analysis.

Fully processed/preserved, identified, non-pathogenic herbarium specimens of algae, fungi, lichens, bryophytes (mosses, liverworts and hornworts) or micro-organisms regulated under the Quarantine Proclamation 1998 and plant specimens of genera on Schedules 4 & 6 of the Quarantine Proclamation 1998: **see Part A below**.

Specimens not fully processed/preserved or unidentified and/or potentially containing viable but not knowingly infected: **see Part B below**.

Herbarium specimens of pathogenic micro-organisms or knowingly infected plant specimens (and any other herbarium specimens not listed above): **see Part C below**.

Part A: Fully processed/preserved, identified, non-pathogenic herbarium specimens of algae, fungi, lichens, bryophytes (mosses, liverworts and hornworts) or micro-organisms regulated under the Quarantine Proclamation 1998 and plant specimens of genera on Schedules 4 & 6 of the Quarantine Proclamation 1998.

These specimens may be presented/stored:

- in paper folders, packets or boxes;
- mounted on cards or microscope slides;
- in ethanol or other preserving fluids;
- consist of dried woodblocks or large separate dried fruits or other large parts; and/or
- desiccated in a generous volume of silica gel (at least a ratio of about 10:1 is required for leaf material)

Importer's Responsibilities

1. All consignments must be accompanied by a valid Import Permit or by means to allow the identification of the Import Permit (ie the Permit number).
2. Each consignment must be accompanied by a declaration from the sending institution, on institution letterhead, clearly stating the name and position of the person making the declaration, and must provide the following information:
 - a) a list of the specimens in the consignment (identified to at least the genus level), linked to either the herbarium accession numbers or collectors' details/identifiers (e.g., the accompanying loan listing); and
 - b) confirmation that the specimens have been fully processed (to their final state, not including freezing); and
 - c) a declaration that the specimens before packaging were free from live insects and excess soil and are not knowingly infected with potentially viable pathogenic micro-organisms.
3. Consignments should have the above documentation securely attached to the outside of the package and clearly marked "Attention Quarantine". Note: a second copy of all required documentation should be enclosed in the outer layers of the packaging in case the external documents are dislodged during transit. Alternatively, the necessary documentation will need to be presented to AQIS at the time of clearance.

4. Each consignment must be free of live insects and excess soil prior to arrival in Australia.
5. Any packaging used with the consignment must be clean and new.
6. The importer is responsible for payment of all associated AQIS fees and charges.

Quarantine Procedures

7. The Quarantine officer shall:

- verify that the required documentation is in order;
- inspect the consignment to verify package integrity to ensure no loss of material; and
- inspect the outer packaging for any signs of insect infestation en route. If such evidence is found, the consignment will be immediately secured and double bagged and cold treated (T9600) while further treatment options are discussed with the sending/receiving institution.

8. Following inspection, and providing that the above requirements are met, the consignment will be released from quarantine to the receiving institution.

On receiving the specimens, the institution shall treat the specimens at -18°C for 7 consecutive days before the inner wrappings are opened.

Note: This treatment does not have to be performed at a Quarantine Approved Premises.

10. Consignments arriving **without** the required documentation shall be held until the required documents are received.

NOTE: Due to the fragile and valuable nature of the specimens, consignments **must not to be opened** without approval from Plant Quarantine Operations, Canberra and the importer.

11. Alternatively, consignments without the necessary documentation can be re-exported or subjected to mandatory treatment by ONE of the following methods:

- Dry heat treatment at 85°C for at least 8 hours (T9569); or
- Gamma irradiation at 25 KGray/2.5 Mrad (T9651); or
- Ethylene oxide fumigation under initial minimum vacuum of 50 kilopascals at 1200g/m³ for 5 hours at 50°C; or 1500g/m³ for 24 hours at 21°C (T9020).

Following treatment, the consignment may be released from quarantine by the Quarantine officer.

12. AQIS reserves the right, at any time, to (a) apply further controls on the use of restricted material as herbarium reference specimens; and (b) rescind the right of individuals / institutions to use restricted plant material as herbarium reference specimens.

Notes: The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species ([CITES](#)) states that the exchange of herbarium specimens between scientists and scientific institutions for scientific study should not be hindered by CITES trade restrictions.

Part B: Specimens not fully processed/preserved, unidentified or potentially containing viable but not knowingly infected material:

Importer's Responsibilities

1. All consignments must be accompanied by a valid Import Permit or by means to

allow the identification of the Import Permit (ie the Permit number).

2. Each consignment must be accompanied by a list of the specimens (identified to at least the genus level), or if the specimens are unidentified, a numerical identifier and collection data will be required.
3. Consignments should have the above documentation securely attached to the outside of the package and clearly marked "Attention Quarantine". Note: a second copy of all required documentation should be enclosed in the outer layers of the packaging in case the external documents are dislodged during transit. Alternatively, the necessary documentation will need to be presented to AQIS at the time of clearance.
4. Each consignment must be free of live insects and excess soil prior to arrival in Australia.
5. Any packaging used with the consignment must be clean and new.
6. The importer is responsible for payment of all associated AQIS fees and charges.

Quarantine Procedures

7. On arrival in Australia, the consignment will be inspected by the Quarantine officer for the presence of live insects, excess soil, and any disease symptoms.

8. The Quarantine officer must check the Import Permit to determine whether the consignment may be either:

a) directed to a Quarantine Approved Premises (Class 5.1) for mandatory cold treatment (T9600) and processing, followed by incorporation into an Australian reference institution (at which time the consignment can be released from quarantine);

OR

b) subjected to mandatory treatment by ONE of the following methods:

- Dry heat treatment at 85°C for at least 8 hours (T9569); or
- Gamma irradiation at 25 KGray/2.5 Mrad (T9651); or
- Ethylene oxide fumigation under initial minimum vacuum of 50 kilopascals at 1200g/m³ for 5 hours at 50°C; or 1500g/m³ for 24 hours at 21°C (T9020).

Following treatment, the consignment may be released from quarantine by the Quarantine officer.

9. AQIS reserves the right, at any time, to (a) apply further controls on the use of restricted material as herbarium reference specimens; and (b) rescind the right of individuals / institutions to use restricted plant material as herbarium reference specimens.

Notes: The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species ([CITES](#)) states that the exchange of herbarium specimens between scientists and scientific institutions for scientific study should not be hindered by CITES trade restrictions.

The Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) regulate ethylene oxide residues and may limit use on commodities that have direct contact with human skin. For information to determine if this treatment option is available for the commodity of import refer to the [APVMA](#) website.

Part C: Herbarium specimens of pathogenic micro-organisms or knowingly infected plant specimens:

Importer's Responsibilities

1. All consignments must be accompanied by a valid Import Permit or by means to allow the identification of the Import Permit (ie the Permit number). To allow AQIS to fully assess the quarantine risk posed by these specimens, importers are advised to provide as much detail as possible in the permit application, on both the host and pathogen, how the specimen is to be imported (herbarium sheets or packets, spirit collections etc), the level of containment available at the receiving institution and the QAP registration number.
2. Each consignment must be accompanied by a declaration from the sending institution, on institution letterhead, clearly stating the name and position of the person making the declaration, and must provide the following information:
 - a) the scientific names of the specimens in the consignment (down to species level for both host and pathogen), linked to either the herbarium accession numbers or collectors' details/identifiers (e.g., the accompanying loan listing); and
 - b) confirmation that the specimens have been fully processed (to their final state, not including freezing); and
 - c) a declaration that the specimens before packaging were free from live insects and excess soil.
3. Consignments should have the above documentation securely attached to the outside of the package and clearly marked "Attention Quarantine". Note: a second copy of all required documentation should be enclosed in the outer layers of the packaging in case the external documents are dislodged during transit. Alternatively, the necessary documentation will need to be presented to AQIS at the time of clearance.
4. Each consignment must be free of live insects and excess soil prior to arrival in Australia.
5. Any packaging used with the consignment must be clean and new.
6. The importer is responsible for payment of all associated AQIS fees and charges.

Quarantine Procedures:

7. The Quarantine officer shall:
 - verify that the required documentation is in order;
 - inspect the consignment to verify package integrity to ensure no loss of material; and
 - inspect the outer packaging for any signs of insect infestation en route. If such evidence is found, the consignment will be immediately secured and double bagged and cold treated (T9600) while further treatment options are discussed with the sending/receiving institution.
8. The Quarantine officer must check the Import Permit to determine whether the consignment may be either:
 - a) directed to a Quarantine Approved Premises (with the containment level as specified on the Import Permit) for further treatment or processing as specified on the Import Permit. Herbarium specimens directed to a Quarantine Approved Premises must not be removed from these premises without prior approval from AQIS;

OR

b) subjected to mandatory treatment by ONE of the following methods:

- Dry heat treatment at 85°C for at least 8 hours (T9569); or
- Gamma irradiation at 25 KGray/2.5 Mrad (T9651); or
- Ethylene oxide fumigation under initial minimum vacuum of 50 kilopascals at 1200g/m³ for 5 hours at 50°C; or 1500g/m³ for 24 hours at 21°C (T9020).

Following treatment, the consignment may be released from quarantine by the Quarantine officer.

9. Consignments arriving without the required documentation shall be double bagged and held securely in cold storage (T9600) until the required documents are produced. Alternatively, in consultation with AQIS Plant Programs, Canberra, the consignment may be directed to undergo mandatory treatment (as specified above under 8(b)) before being released from quarantine, or the consignment may be re-exported or destroyed.

10. AQIS reserves the right, at any time, to (a) apply further controls on the use of restricted material as herbarium reference specimens; and (b) rescind the right of individuals / institutions to use restricted plant material as herbarium reference specimens.

Notes: The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species ([CITES](#)) states that the exchange of herbarium specimens between scientists and scientific institutions for scientific study should not be hindered by CITES trade restrictions.

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Condition C18290

Import conditions for fully processed herbarium specimens of Australian origin and that require an import permit.

This condition applies to fully processed herbarium specimens which originated in an Australian herbarium and are for use in an Australian reference collection after loan to an overseas institution for scientific study and that meet any of the following criteria:

- specimens from prohibited plant species listed on Schedule 4 or Schedule 6 of the [Quarantine Proclamation 1998](#) ;
- specimens of algae, fungi, lichens, bryophytes (mosses, liverworts, hornworts) or any micro-organism regulated under the [Quarantine Proclamation 1998](#) ;

Non-Commercial

1. The conditions under the Commercial section apply.

Commercial

Importer's Responsibilities

1. All consignments must be accompanied by a valid Import Permit or by means to

allow the identification of the Import Permit (ie the Permit number).

2. All specimens must be:

- preserved to their final state (excluding frozen)
- identified to at least the family level.
- not knowingly infected, or diseased;
- not infested with live insects; and
- free of excess soil.

3. Any packaging used with the consignment must be clean and new.

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c) a declaration that the specimens before packaging were free from live insects and excess soil; and

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Entry Management EM0185

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3. Destination concerns (e.g. destined for a rural unpack location).

Treatment T9020

Ethylene oxide

Under initial minimum vacuum of 50 kilopascals at 1200g/m³ for 5 hours at 50°C; or 1500g/m³ for 24 hours at 21°C.

Note: The Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) regulates ethylene oxide residues and may limit use on commodities that have direct contact with human skin. For information to determine if this treatment option is available for the commodity of import refer to the [APVMA](#) website.

Treatment T9569

Hot air

Hot air at not less than 85°C for at least 8 hours once the core temperature has been reached.

Caution: Products may smoulder or ignite with this treatment.

Treatment T9600

Cold storage

Store at -18°C for 7 consecutive days starting when the core temperature of the consignment reaches -18°C. A core temperature of -18°C must be maintained over 7 consecutive days.

Treatment T9651

Gamma irradiation

Gamma irradiate at 25 kGray (2.5 Mrad).

Treatment T9662

Autoclave

At a gauge pressure of 105 kPa (15 psi), or 121°C, for 15 minutes; OR

At a gauge pressure of 205 kPa (30 psi), or 134°C, for 4 minutes.

Import Permit Fee IPF0003

Import Permit Fees (where applicable) – Category 2

This commodity is classified as a Category 2 assessment for the purposes of determining the Import Permit fee rate that applies. The fee rate is \$80.00 (for any assessment period up to 1 hour) and \$40.00 for each quarter hour, or part of a quarter hour, after the 1-hour period. Note that in addition to the assessment fee, an [electronic](#) lodgement fee of \$85.00 or a manual lodgement fee of \$150.00 also applies.

An assessable item means an item identified on an Import Permit application as consisting of goods of a class imported, or to be imported, from a particular country for a particular use.

Further information on AQIS fees and charges can be found on the [AQIS website](#). Import Permit issuing fees are specified in the [Quarantine Service Fees Determination](#)

[2005](#).

Import Permit Fee IPF0004



Import Permit Fees (where applicable) – Category 3

This commodity is classified as a Category 3 assessment for the purposes of determining the Import Permit fee rate that applies. The fee rate is \$160.00 (for any assessment period up to 2 hours) and \$40.00 for each quarter hour, or part of a quarter hour, after the 2-hour period. Note that in addition to the assessment fee an [electronic](#) lodgement fee of \$85.00 or a manual lodgement fee of \$150.00 also applies.

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Public Quarantine Alert PQA0804

New import conditions for bamboo products

The Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry Biosecurity (DAFF Biosecurity) wishes to advise industry that the review of import requirements for bamboo articles announced in the [Notice to Industry 69/2011](#) has been completed in consultation with industry stakeholders. New import conditions for bamboo products will be effective from 15 April 2012.

Import conditions for articles made from cane, rattan and willow and wicker articles remain unchanged.

What has changed?

Old conditions	New conditions
One import condition for all bamboo products	New import conditions for: Bamboo laminates and bamboo veneer articles; and . Dried bamboo articles (e.g. bamboo poles and stakes, bamboo fencing, bamboo slat blinds)
Mandatory offshore treatment for all imported bamboo products	Bamboo laminates and bamboo veneer are exempt from treatment and inspection requirements

	Dried bamboo articles require offshore or onshore treatment
Offshore treatment options were limited to fumigation or gamma irradiation	Dried bamboo articles with a manufacturer's declaration demonstrating that the bamboo has been boiled in water at 100°C for not less than 30 minutes can be released on documents. Valid treatment certificates for methyl bromide, ethylene oxide and gamma irradiation will also be accepted
Bamboo articles treated offshore with methyl bromide required were subject to inspection on arrival	Dried bamboo articles that have been methyl bromide fumigated will not be subject to a verification inspection.

Further information

A fact sheet on bamboo products is available [online](#).

For more information on the new import requirements for bamboo articles and bamboo laminates and veneers please contact Timber and Timber Products National Co-ordination Centre in the DAFF Biosecurity Victorian Regional Office on 03 8318 6929 or email [Timber imports](#).

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Public Quarantine Alert PQA0800

Revised Import Conditions for barkcloth

DAFF Biosecurity will implement new import conditions for barkcloth on March 19, 2012.

Summary of the new import conditions:

- Consignments accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate with an endorsement stating either

"This article has been inspected and found free of live insects and other quarantine risk material"

or

"This article has been treated with insecticide according to the product instruction and sealed for export"

may be released without inspection.

- All other consignments are subject to a full unpack inspection on arrival to ensure freedom from live insects and other quarantine risk material. Large articles (>16kg) will be directed to a QAP for inspection and treatment if required.

Importers, brokers and regional officers are advised that during the implementation period from March 19 to June 18, 2012 all correctly certified consignments will require a partial unpack verification inspection on arrival. This is to confirm that the articles have been inspected or treated as per the Phytosanitary Certificate. The verification inspection will be carried out at airports and cargo depots. If any quarantine concerns are detected, the goods will be directed for treatment at the importer's expenses.

For further information, please contact DAFF Biosecurity Plant Quarantine on (02) 6272 3917 or plantquar@daff.gov.au

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Public Quarantine Alert PQA0807

Notice to Australia's Plant Importing Industry - Revised Import Conditions for Nursery Stock

As part of the reforms to the import pathway for live plants DAFF Biosecurity has made revisions to ICON conditions for nursery stock. These conditions apply from the 27th March 2012. Flexibility will be given to importers during the phase in period as permits issued from this date will contain these updated requirements. Details of these changes are provided below:

1. Nursery Stock ICON cases have been amended to clarify quarantine procedures and options for importers when disease symptoms or nematodes are intercepted in a consignment:

- If disease symptoms or nematodes are detected, the consignment will be placed on hold (at the importer's expense). An assessment of the quarantine risk will be made by a DAFF Biosecurity Plant Pathologist to determine the options that may be available to the importer. These may include:

- a) appropriate risk mitigation measures (at the importer's expense and risk) which may include further identification* by DAFF or external service providers, treatment or growth in post-entry quarantine; or
- b) re-export (at the importer's expense); or

- c) destruction (at the importer's expense).

*Further identification may not result in the release of goods and may incur substantial additional costs and time delays for the importer. Further identification will only be offered if it is deemed feasible and the importer agrees in writing to accept all costs and risks involved.

2. Large plants may pose greater biosecurity risks due to internal feeding pests and can be difficult to inspect adequately due to their large size. Any additional quarantine measures to address these risks will be assessed on a case by case basis. The following conditions have been added to nursery stock ICON cases to address this issue:

- Nursery stock with stems/trunks greater than 10cm in diameter and more than 1.5m in length may be subject to additional quarantine measures to ensure that the quarantine risks are addressed.

3. To address Work Health and Safety (WHS) issues for non-FCL consignments a limit to the weight of individual packages has been introduced. In addition, further packaging requirements have been introduced to manage insect risks:

- For non-FCL consignments: Packaging must be secure, rigid and insect proof*, and individual packages must not exceed 20kg for WHS reasons. *Note: Sealed cardboard cartons in a sound undamaged state would be acceptable.

4. To manage risks associated with insect in FCL shipments a requirement for correctly certified containers to be moved seals intact to the appropriate QAP:

- For FCL consignments: If correctly certified, FCLs are to be delivered directly to an appropriate QAP with seals intact for unpacking under DAFF supervision and inspection.

These changes are part of the reforms previously discussed in PQA0753. These reforms include the introduction of mandatory Phytosanitary certification in October 2011.

Please contact the Plant Quarantine Program at: plantquar@aqis.gov.au or by telephone on (02) 6272 3917 if you have any queries about an import permit or application.

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