

AQIS Documentation Changes  
To Sea Freight Imports 1<sup>st</sup>  
August 2009





## Changes to AQIS Documentation Requirements - Sea Freight Imports to Australia

Please be advised that Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) have announced new documentary requirements for the clearance of imported sea freight cargo.

The proposed implementation date for the new policies is 1 August 2009.

Please notify your supplier/agent immediately.

- Kindly find the full AQIS notification by clicking on the following link:  
<http://www.daff.gov.au/aqis/import/general-info/ian/09/23-2009>
- OVERVIEW OF THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:
- The proposed implementation date for the new policies is 1st August 2009, which means for consignments arriving in Australia on or after 1st August 2009.  
To allow sufficient time for the reissue of Annual Packing Declarations, there will be a phase in period where the revised requirements will not be enforced for Annual Packing Declarations until 1st January 2010. There is no phasing period for Single Import Packing Declarations.
- Changes to treatment certificates:  
For Methyl Bromide only: will have to be included as a statement on the treatment certificate.  
Plastic Wrap Declaration: this consignment has been fumigated prior to application of plastic wrapping or plastic wrapping in the consignment conforms to AQIS wrapping and perforation standard as found in the AQIS Methyl Bromide Fumigation Standard.  
Treatment certificates must also contain any other statement as required by the import conditions - please refer to the following link  
[http://www.aqis.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex\\_querycontent.asp](http://www.aqis.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex_querycontent.asp)



- The Container Cleanliness Declaration has changed to the 'Container Cleanliness Statement' and is mandatory for all containerised consignments except LCL, ISO tanks, and hard frozen containers. This can now be on a separate statement (on company letterhead) to the packing declaration. However, AQIS recommends to include the packing & cleanliness declaration in the same document.
- The "Prohibited Packaging Material Statement" is now on the packing declaration (Q1) to include other materials that cannot be used as packaging materials in consignments. Prohibited packaging materials include straw, bamboo, peat, hay, chaff, etc.
- The Newly Manufactured Plywood/Veneer Products Declaration is no longer acceptable for packaging and dunnage. Packaging and dunnage made from plywood/veneer must be declared as timber packaging and is subject to mandatory treatment ISPM 15 is not acceptable for plywood and veneer products.
- Annual Packing Declarations and consignment specific Packing Declarations must be issued by the packer or supplier of the goods.
- Please find examples of Packing Declarations after August 1st 2009 by clicking on the following link  
<http://www.daffa.gov.au/aqis/import/general-info/co-reg/acceptable-docs>
- If you have any questions please contact our office on 9750 6277