



# WORK INSTRUCTION

## Inspecting empty bulk vessels

### Direction to staff

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### Direction to external authorised officers

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### Summary of main points

This document outlines the procedures for inspection authorised officers (AOs) to follow when inspecting empty bulk vessels for export of prescribed goods. It includes:

- pre-inspection tasks
- documentation activities
- bulk vessel inspection and reinspection tasks
- procedures for passing and failing holds and other areas of the vessel
- procedures for issuing, withholding, suspending or cancelling bulk vessel approval.

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## Purpose of this document

This document details the procedure for inspecting and approving empty bulk vessels for loading of prescribed goods for export.

## Definitions

All terms used in this document and their definitions are captured in the Plant Export Operations Manual (PEOM) Reference: [Bulk vessel terms and definitions](#) and in the PEOM Guideline: [Empty bulk vessels for export](#) (the guideline).

## Policy statement

The policy and process related to this work instruction can be found in the guideline. AOs must read and comply with the policy and process requirements set out in [the guideline](#) and relevant legislation.

## Legislative framework

The following list outlines the legislation that applies to specific tasks involved in the inspection of empty bulk vessels.

- Export Control (Plants and Plant Products) Order 2011
  - Part 9 – Exporting in bulk vessels
  - Schedule 5 – Bulk vessel inspection for issue of vessel approval.

## Roles and responsibilities

The following table outlines the roles and responsibilities undertaken in this work instruction.

Role	Responsibility
Inspection authorising officer (AO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Confirm that another inspection AO has been appointed to perform bulk vessel inspection tasks consistent with the buddy system.</li><li>• Validate inspection supporting documents including the marine surveyor's certificate.</li><li>• Inspect empty bulk vessel to be loaded with prescribed goods for export.</li><li>• Record and submit the results of the inspection.</li><li>• Pass and fail holds and other areas of a vessel following inspection.</li><li>• Issue an invoice for inspection services (departmental AO only)</li><li>• Issue, withhold, suspend and cancel bulk vessel approval.</li></ul>

## Work health and safety (WHS)

- Inspection AOs must read, consider and comply with Reference: [Work health and safety in the plant export environment](#) of the Plant Export Operations Manual (PEOM).
- They must read, consider and comply with WHS requirements set out in the guideline.
- They must not enter work sites unless it is safe, they are wearing the required personal protective equipment (PPE) and have considered any WHS hazards.
- They must comply with Commonwealth, state and territory WHS legislation.
- They must comply with WHS requirements of employers and third party sites, unless they assess the requirements as placing them at risk, in which case they must take reasonable action to ensure their safety.

## Essential equipment

AOs must have the following inspection equipment:

- torch capable of being focused into a beam
- scraper suitable for recovering residues from less accessible places and dislodging rust flakes

- forceps suitable for removing grain residues from cracks and crevices and also for collecting larger insects found during an inspection
- hand lens x 10 magnification for pest identification
- pest identification information
- notebook and pen
- specimen collection equipment
- sieve for examining grain or other residues for potential infestation
- mobile phone.

For more information, refer to the PEOM Reference: [Plant exports guide – Equipment](#).

## Access requirements

AOs must have access to the following systems:

- the department’s website
- ELSA (departmental AO only)
- Plant Exports Management System (PEMS).

## Conduct pre-inspection tasks

### Section 1: How do I receive a request for inspection?

This procedure initiates when the inspection request is received from the:

- bookings officer (for departmental AOs),  
or
- client (for external AOs).

The following table outlines how to process a request for an empty bulk vessel inspection.

Step	Action						
1.	<p>Confirm that you are currently appointed for the required BVI3001 job function by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• checking the departmental AO appointment register or your user profile in PEMS (departmental AO only)</li> <li>• checking the expiry date on your instrument of appointment (external AO only)</li> <li>• contacting <a href="#">Plant Export Training</a>.</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If you are...</th> <th>Then...</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>not accredited for BVI3001</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you cannot conduct the inspection</li> <li>• notify the client or bookings officer</li> <li>• <b>do not continue.</b></li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>accredited for BVI3001</td> <td><b>continue to Step 2.</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If you are...	Then...	not accredited for BVI3001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you cannot conduct the inspection</li> <li>• notify the client or bookings officer</li> <li>• <b>do not continue.</b></li> </ul>	accredited for BVI3001	<b>continue to Step 2.</b>
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## Section 2: How do I validate supporting documentation?

The following table outlines how to check the supporting documentation.

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3.	<p>Confirm that all supporting documents you have received are valid as per the PEOM Work instruction: <a href="#">Validating supporting documents for plant exports</a>.</p> <p><b>Important:</b> If the supporting documentation relates to treatment (typically received for reinspections) check that the treatment type:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>would be adequate to treat the non-compliance</li> <li>has been accepted by the exporter</li> <li>has been administered in accordance with the registered label, relevant Safety Data Sheet/s and relevant state or territory legislation.</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If all supporting documents are...</th> <th>And...</th> <th>Then...</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>valid</td> <td>you are using PEMS</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>take copies of the documents (scanned or readable photos)</li> <li><b>continue to Section 3: <a href="#">How are the inspection results recorded?</a></b></li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>valid</td> <td>you are using a manual BVAR</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>take copies of the documents</li> <li><b>continue to Section 3: <a href="#">How are the inspection results recorded?</a></b></li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>not valid</td> <td>n/a</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the inspection request is not valid</li> <li>inform the client that they need to provide valid supporting documents prior to the bulk vessel inspection</li> <li><b>do not continue.</b></li> </ul> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If all supporting documents are...	And...	Then...	valid	you are using PEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>take copies of the documents (scanned or readable photos)</li> <li><b>continue to Section 3: <a href="#">How are the inspection results recorded?</a></b></li> </ul>	valid	you are using a manual BVAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>take copies of the documents</li> <li><b>continue to Section 3: <a href="#">How are the inspection results recorded?</a></b></li> </ul>	not valid	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the inspection request is not valid</li> <li>inform the client that they need to provide valid supporting documents prior to the bulk vessel inspection</li> <li><b>do not continue.</b></li> </ul>
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### Section 3: How are the inspection results recorded?

To record the inspection results, the inspection AO must:

- use the current version of the approved Bulk Vessel Approval Record (BVAR) or PEMS

#### Cancelling or withdrawing a bulk vessel inspection record

After initiation and prior to submission in PEMS, a bulk vessel inspection record can be:

- cancelled by the AOs where the inspection record was created in error,  
or
- withdrawn.

#### What must the AOs do when withdrawing from the inspection

Where the AOs are withdrawing from the inspection, for example due to an identified WHS risk, AOs must:

- record the reasons for withdrawing in the comments field of the inspection record or in correspondence
- record a time entry for inspection activities performed
- record the invoice number for any invoiced chargeable inspection activities (departmental AOs only)
- withdraw the inspection record from PEMS.

**Note:** An AO may join another AO's active PEMS bulk vessel inspection record to record inspection results simultaneously with their buddy.

For information on how to perform PEMS functions, go to PEOM Reference: [Plant Exports Management System authorised officer user guide](#).

#### Initiating the bulk vessel inspection record in PEMS

The following table outlines how to initiate the bulk vessel inspection record in PEMS and attach supporting documentation prior to and during the inspection.

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1.	Are you using PEMS or a manual BVAR to record the inspection results?						
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5.	<p>Assign the inspection AO, who will be your buddy for the duration of the inspection, to the bulk vessel inspection record in PEMS.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If your accredited buddy is currently not registered in PEMS, you may record the buddy AO's name and AO number in the comments field of the inspection record, and record the numbers of the holds inspected by your buddy.</p>						
6.	<p>Where internet connectivity is unreliable or unknown at the port of inspection, checkout the inspection record before arriving at the site to use PEMS offline.</p> <p><b>Important:</b> The bulk vessel inspection record must be checked in at a place of connectivity at the end of the inspection in order to attach supporting documents, issue bulk vessel approval and submit the inspection record.</p>						
7.	<p><b>Continue to Section 4: <a href="#">What do I do when I arrive at the port of inspection?</a></b></p>						

#### Section 4: What do I do when I arrive at the port of inspection?

- Prior to travelling to the port inspection AOs must check
  - all applicable safety and inspection equipment, taking into consideration relevant WHS requirements
  - they have a valid Maritime Security Identification Card (MSIC) and other applicable identification/access cards

- they have considered the relevant WHS requirements of the port of inspection
- Inspection AOs must consider the requirements of the Australian port where they will perform the bulk vessel inspection in conjunction with the steps in the table below.

The following table outlines what the inspection AOs need to do when they arrive at the port of inspection.

Step	Action
1.	Enter the port through the relevant security point and identify yourself to appropriate personnel as per the requirements of the port.
2.	Consider relevant WHS and perform a <a href="#">Pre-entry hazard assessment of third party worksites (Take 5 Checklist)</a> prior to boarding the vessel.
3.	<b>Continue to Section 5: <a href="#">How do I conduct a pre-inspection interview?</a></b>

### Section 5: How do I conduct a pre-inspection interview?

The following table outlines what two inspection AOs need to do once they have boarded the vessel and when undertaking the pre-inspection interview with the vessel master.

Step	Action						
1.	Upon boarding the vessel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● identify yourself to vessel’s security personnel, the vessel’s agent and/or other surveyors (if present) and show identification</li> <li>● state the reason for your attendance</li> <li>● request to meet with the vessel master and/or Chief officer (or other relevant Lead Crew Member (LCM)).</li> </ul>						
2.	Ask the master which holds or areas of the vessel are intended to be loaded with prescribed goods. Record this information on the BVAR or in PEMS.						
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## Section 6: How do I determine the inspection requirements?

The extent of the inspection, subsequent inspection, or reinspection requirements for the bulk vessel inspection, must be determined utilising information gained from:

- the client's application for bulk vessel approval (refer to Section 1: [How do I receive a request for inspection?](#) and Section 2: [How do I validate supporting documentation?](#))
- supporting documentation provided by the client (refer to Section 1: [How do I receive a request for inspection?](#) and Section 2: [How do I validate supporting documentation?](#))
- interview with the agent, vessel master or other vessel representative (refer to Section 4: [What do I do when I arrive at the port of inspection?](#) and Section 5: [How do I conduct a pre-inspection interview?](#))
- marine surveyor remedial action report (if applicable)
- other sources, such as the suspension (refer to Section 13: [How do I suspend bulk vessel approval and revoke suspension?](#)) or cancellation (refer to Section 14: [How do I cancel bulk vessel approval?](#)) of bulk vessel approval.

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## Inspection procedure

AOs must conduct all bulk vessel inspections and inspection tasks in accordance with policy requirements set out in PEOM Guideline: [Empty bulk vessels for export](#) and under legislation.

**Note:** The order that AOs perform inspection tasks will depend on the vessel and the surrounding conditions (each task is outlined under the following inspection procedure sections).

For example, where an inspection is being performed in the afternoon, it may be more important to perform an inspection of the empty vessel holds first, while there is sufficient natural light to aid a thorough inspection.

Refer to PEOM Reference: [Bulk vessel terms and definitions](#) for additional information on hold and vessel structures.

The following table outlines the different inspection tasks that make up a bulk vessel inspection and the relevant sub-section.

If inspecting or reinspecting...	Then...
the vessel forecastle	go to Section 7: <a href="#">How do I inspect the vessel forecastle?</a>
an empty hold	go to Section 8: <a href="#">How do I inspect empty vessel holds?</a>
a loaded hold or hold under ballast and weather deck	go to Section 9: <a href="#">How do I inspect loaded vessel holds (hatch covers) and the weather deck?</a>
a mast house or mid ship/deck stores	go to Section 10: <a href="#">How do I inspect the mast house or mid ship/deck stores?</a>
stores and general galley areas	go to Section 11: <a href="#">How do I inspect stores and general galley areas?</a>
Is complete	go to Section: <a href="#">Bulk vessel approval.</a>

### Section 7: How do I inspect the vessel forecastle?

**Note:** Non-infestible residues are of less concern in this area unless the presence of non-infestible residues impedes a thorough inspection for infestation, infested residues or infestible residues or other contaminants.

The following table outlines the procedure for inspecting the vessel forecastle.

Step	Action						
1.	Inform the LCM that the forecastle needs to be inspected and follow the LCM to this area of the vessel.						
2.	Check that the door to the forecastle is open. <table border="1" data-bbox="288 1290 1388 1516"> <thead> <tr> <th>If...</th> <th>Then...</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>open</td> <td>go to Step 4.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>closed</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>instruct the LCM to open the door</li> <li><b>continue to Step 3.</b></li> </ul> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If...	Then...	open	go to Step 4.	closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>instruct the LCM to open the door</li> <li><b>continue to Step 3.</b></li> </ul>
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5.	Determine the next vessel inspection task.						

### Section 8: How do I inspect an empty vessel hold?

Only one AO (AO 1) enters the vessel hold to perform inspection tasks. While the AO 1 performs the hold inspection, their buddy (AO 2) must remain outside the hold and perform inspection tasks from above and supervise AO 1 in the hold.

**Important:** If contaminants or residues are detected in any inspection site during the vessel hold inspection the AO must request that they are removed and retained on the tank top ceiling within the hold for inspection, to aid with the determination of the appropriate course of action under **Section 15: [Infestations, residues and contaminants decisions and actions](#)**.

The following table outlines the procedure for inspecting empty vessel holds using the buddy system.

Step	Action						
1.	Ask the LCM to lead you to the hold to be inspected and follow the LCM to this area of the vessel.						
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## Section 8.1: Inspecting the inside of an empty vessel hold

The following table outlines how the inspection AO entering the vessel hold inspects the vessel.

Step	Action								
1.	<p>Enter the hold through the hatch entrance using the ladder and visually inspect void spaces, if present, on both sides of the ladder entrance.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> It is recommended that entry into the hold is conducted on the Australian ladder end of the hold, if applicable.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If...</th> <th>Then...</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>evidence of infestation, residue or contamination</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li>instruct the LCM that residues and contaminants need to be knocked down and retained on the tank top in piles for inspection (<b>refer to Section 15: <a href="#">Infestations, residues and contaminants decisions and actions matrix</a></b>).</li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>clear</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li><b>continue to Step 2.</b></li> </ul> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If...	Then...	evidence of infestation, residue or contamination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li>instruct the LCM that residues and contaminants need to be knocked down and retained on the tank top in piles for inspection (<b>refer to Section 15: <a href="#">Infestations, residues and contaminants decisions and actions matrix</a></b>).</li> </ul>	clear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li><b>continue to Step 2.</b></li> </ul>		
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5.	Climb up the straight ladder and repeat inspection activities outlined at Steps 2 and 1 (perform inspection tasks in reverse) before exiting the hold.								
6.	Determine the next vessel inspection task.								

## Section 8.2: Inspecting the outside of an empty vessel hold and supervising the AO in the hold

The following table outlines how the inspection AO staying outside the hold performs inspection tasks from above and supervises the inspection AO in the hold.

Step	Action
1.	Circle around the hold opening, looking over the coamings to observe the inspection AO inside the hold.

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2.	Inspect the general structure of the hold through the hold opening for infestations, residues or contaminants, paying particular attention to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all high areas of the hold</li> <li>• coaming drains including the one-way valve</li> <li>• variations in the hold structure including temperature sensors and other structures such as fire suppression systems installed in the end and side coamings.</li> </ul>								
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### Section 9: How do I inspect loaded vessel holds (hatch covers) and the weather deck?

Hatch covers and weather deck may be inspected, passed and approved for loading non-consumable prescribed goods by inspection AOs where requested by the vessel owner or owner's agent.

The following table outlines the procedure for inspecting holds that are already loaded or under ballast, as well as the weather deck and deck structures of the vessel.

Step	Action
1.	Ask the LCM to lead you to the holds that are already loaded, under ballast and throughout the weather deck inspection.

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2.	<p>Confirm that the hatch covers of the holds are closed and locked/sealed.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If...</th> <th>Then...</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>closed and locked/sealed</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li><b>continue to Step 3.</b></li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>not closed or locked/sealed</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li>instruct the LCM that the holds must be closed and locked/seal to eliminate the risk of cross-contamination or cross-infestation to prescribed goods to be loaded into or onto the vessel.</li> <li><b>repeat Step 2.</b></li> </ul> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If...	Then...	closed and locked/sealed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li><b>continue to Step 3.</b></li> </ul>	not closed or locked/sealed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li>instruct the LCM that the holds must be closed and locked/seal to eliminate the risk of cross-contamination or cross-infestation to prescribed goods to be loaded into or onto the vessel.</li> <li><b>repeat Step 2.</b></li> </ul>		
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3.	<p>Perform a thorough inspection of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>hatch covers and related structures</li> <li>external hold brackets</li> <li>all deck structures, frames and supports</li> <li>all deck surfaces</li> <li>ventilator shafts (mushrooms) and cowls, paying particular attention to where ventilation trunking runs into Samson posts or deck structures</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Insects can migrate inside the posts and survive spray and gas treatments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any dunnage, including part of the deck surface beneath the dunnage</li> <li>mooring ropes</li> <li>discharge grabs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Important:</b> AO's are not to enter loaded holds or holds under ballast.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If...</th> <th>Then...</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>structural damage to a hatch cover</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li>inform the LCM that the structural damage will need to be rectified to ensure loaded holds do not pose a risk of cross-contamination or infestation</li> <li><b>continue to Step 4.</b></li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>evidence of infestation, residue or contamination</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li><b>refer to Section 15: <a href="#">Infestations, residues and contaminants decisions and actions matrix.</a></b></li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>clear</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li><b>continue to Step 4.</b></li> </ul> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If...	Then...	structural damage to a hatch cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li>inform the LCM that the structural damage will need to be rectified to ensure loaded holds do not pose a risk of cross-contamination or infestation</li> <li><b>continue to Step 4.</b></li> </ul>	evidence of infestation, residue or contamination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li><b>refer to Section 15: <a href="#">Infestations, residues and contaminants decisions and actions matrix.</a></b></li> </ul>	clear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li><b>continue to Step 4.</b></li> </ul>
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## Section 10: How do I inspect the mast house and mid ship/deck stores?

**Note:** Non-infestible residues are of less concern in these areas unless the presence of non-infestible residues impedes a thorough inspection for infestation, infested residues or infestible residues.

The following table outlines the procedure for inspection of the vessel mast house and mid ship/deck stores.

Step	Action						
1.	Ask the LCM to lead you to the mast house, any mid ship/deck stores and follow the LCM to these areas of the vessel.						
2.	<p>Look to confirm that the door to the mast house or deck store is open.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If...</th> <th>Then...</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>open</td> <td><b>continue to Step 3.</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>closed</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>instruct the LCM to open the door</li> <li><b>continue to Step 3.</b></li> </ul> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If...	Then...	open	<b>continue to Step 3.</b>	closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>instruct the LCM to open the door</li> <li><b>continue to Step 3.</b></li> </ul>
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5.	<p>Inspect the area to confirm if any previous cargo residues are stored in buckets or drums and for the presence of infestations.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> AOs do not need to climb up the mast house crane to perform any inspection activities.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If...</th> <th>Then...</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>previous residues are stored in buckets or drums</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li>ensure the buckets or drums are properly sealed and covered</li> <li><b>continue to Step 6.</b></li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>previous residues are stored in buckets or drums</li> <li>there is evidence of infestation</li> </ul> </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li><b>refer to Section 15: <a href="#">Infestations, residues and contaminants decisions and actions matrix.</a></b></li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>clear</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li><b>continue to Step 6.</b></li> </ul> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If...	Then...	previous residues are stored in buckets or drums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li>ensure the buckets or drums are properly sealed and covered</li> <li><b>continue to Step 6.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>previous residues are stored in buckets or drums</li> <li>there is evidence of infestation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li><b>refer to Section 15: <a href="#">Infestations, residues and contaminants decisions and actions matrix.</a></b></li> </ul>	clear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li><b>continue to Step 6.</b></li> </ul>
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### Section 11: How do I inspect stores and general galley areas?

**Note:** Non-infestible residues are of less concern in this area unless the presence of non-infestible residues impedes a thorough inspection for infestation, infested residues or infestible residues.

The following table outlines the procedure for inspecting areas of the vessel, such as the dry stores and general galley areas.

Step	Action
1.	Ask the LCM to escort you to the vessel's dry stores and galley areas.
2	Confirm with the LCM whether there are any WHS hazards in the food preparation areas.



Step	Action								
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inspect areas of the vessel where food is prepared, dry stores and other stores for evidence of infestation.</li> <li>Check the day provisions and small quantities of rice and flour in drums, located in the galley.</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If...</th> <th>Then...</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>evidence of infestation that could cross-infest prescribed goods</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li>refer to Section 15: <a href="#">Infestations, residues and contaminants decisions and actions matrix</a>.</li> <li>go to Step 5.</li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>evidence of infestation that could cross-infest prescribed goods</li> <li>the infestation is substantial or the AO suspects there may be an infestation in the wet, refrigerated and chilled stores</li> </ul> </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li>refer to Section 15: <a href="#">Infestations, residues and contaminants decisions and actions matrix</a></li> <li>ask the LCM to escort you to wet, refrigerated and chilled stores</li> <li>continue to Step 4.</li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>clear</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li>go to Step 5.</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If...	Then...	evidence of infestation that could cross-infest prescribed goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li>refer to Section 15: <a href="#">Infestations, residues and contaminants decisions and actions matrix</a>.</li> <li>go to Step 5.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>evidence of infestation that could cross-infest prescribed goods</li> <li>the infestation is substantial or the AO suspects there may be an infestation in the wet, refrigerated and chilled stores</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li>refer to Section 15: <a href="#">Infestations, residues and contaminants decisions and actions matrix</a></li> <li>ask the LCM to escort you to wet, refrigerated and chilled stores</li> <li>continue to Step 4.</li> </ul>	clear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>record inspection findings</li> <li>go to Step 5.</li> </ul>
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## Bulk vessel approval

### Section 12: How do I issue or withhold bulk vessel approval?

The following outlines the procedure for issuing or withholding bulk vessel approval.

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7.	<p>Issue a copy of the BVAR to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the master of the vessel</li> <li>the agent who lodged the application for bulk vessel approval</li> <li>the department.</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If...</th> <th>Then...</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>using PEMS</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>submit the bulk vessel inspection record</li> <li>download, and email or print a copy of the bulk vessel inspection record for the relevant parties/ client.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> If using PEMS, submission of the inspection record through PEMS equates to submission of a copy to the department.</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>using a manual BVAR</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>keep the original BVAR for records</li> <li>provide a copy of the BVAR to the relevant parties.</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If...	Then...	using PEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>submit the bulk vessel inspection record</li> <li>download, and email or print a copy of the bulk vessel inspection record for the relevant parties/ client.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> If using PEMS, submission of the inspection record through PEMS equates to submission of a copy to the department.</p>	using a manual BVAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>keep the original BVAR for records</li> <li>provide a copy of the BVAR to the relevant parties.</li> </ul>
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### Section 13: How do I suspend bulk vessel approval and revoke suspension?

The following table outlines how to suspend bulk vessel approval and revoke the suspension, where applicable.

Step	Action						
1.	<p>Contact each party to whom the BVAR was initially issued and advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that the bulk vessel approval has been suspended</li> <li>the reason for the suspension</li> <li>that a reinspection of the known or suspected area(s) of the vessel at least by two inspection AOs will need to be performed to confirm the condition of the vessel.</li> </ul>						
2.	<p>Request that each party, to whom the vessel approval was initially issued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>surrenders any paper copies to the AO</li> <li>delete any electronic copies of the BVAR in the party's possession.</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If...</th> <th>Then...</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>using PEMS</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>contact the <a href="#">National Documentation Hub</a> and request that the specific PEMS bulk vessel inspection record in question be reactivated</li> <li>provide reasons for the reactivation</li> <li>search for and join the active bulk vessel inspection record and record inspection results.</li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>using manual BVAR</td> <td><b>continue to Step 3.</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If...	Then...	using PEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>contact the <a href="#">National Documentation Hub</a> and request that the specific PEMS bulk vessel inspection record in question be reactivated</li> <li>provide reasons for the reactivation</li> <li>search for and join the active bulk vessel inspection record and record inspection results.</li> </ul>	using manual BVAR	<b>continue to Step 3.</b>
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## Section 14: How do I cancel bulk vessel approval?

The following table outlines how an inspection AO will cancel bulk vessel approval.

Step	Action						
1.	<p>Notify the clients or any party to whom bulk vessel approval was originally issued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that bulk vessel approval has been cancelled and cannot be relied on for loading of prescribed goods into the vessel</li> <li>the reason that bulk vessel approval has been cancelled</li> <li>that treatment will be required to rectify the issue</li> <li>that a full reinspection of the vessel by accredited AOs will be required following treatment and will need to be booked.</li> </ul>						
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## Section 15: Infestations, residues and contaminants decisions and actions

This section outlines the procedures when live insects, live or dead rodents, infestible and non-infestible residues are detected during the bulk vessel inspection, the relevant tolerances, and the actions that must be followed.

**Note:** Live insects referred to in this section are listed in [Volume 6A: Pests, diseases and contaminants of grain and plant products \(excluding horticulture\)](#) and [Volume 8B: Commodity inspection – forest products](#) of the PEOM or listed in [the guideline](#).

### Does the vessel need a reinspection if a minor non-compliance is detected?

If the non-compliance is minor and can be rectified by the LCM or master and approved by the AO while on board the vessel, then the vessel does not need to be failed and a reinspection scheduled.

### How long must the AO wait for a non-compliance to be treated?

The AO must use their discretion regarding how long they are prepared to wait for a non-compliance to be treated.

### Recording non-compliance

Any non-compliance encountered and action taken to treat the non-compliance must be recorded on the BVAR or on the inspection record in PEMS.

### What must the AO do when infestations, residues and contaminants are encountered?

In addition to specific tasks described in this section, in all instances where infestations, residues and contaminants are encountered, AOs must:

- fail the hold or area of the vessel, record inspection findings, and [withhold](#) or [cancel](#) bulk vessel approval as appropriate
- inform the LCM that the non-compliance will need to be treated/rectified
- continue with and complete all relevant vessel inspection tasks as appropriate
- record treatment information and reinspect the hold/area following treatment (see below to determine if the reinspection must be a new booking or can occur as part of the current and ongoing inspection).

Inspection AOs must comply with departmental policy relating to treatment requirements for bulk vessels and when providing advice to the master of the vessel regarding bulk vessel treatment (**refer to [the guideline](#)** for further information).

### Suspected *Trogoderma spp.* are detected

The following table outlines what the AO must do if suspected *Trogoderma spp.* are detected for consumable and non-consumable goods to be loaded.

Step	Action
1.	Fail the vessel. There is a nil tolerance for suspected <i>Trogoderma spp.</i>
2.	Ask the LCM to notify the vessel master.



Step	Action
3.	<p>Refer to <a href="#">the guideline</a> and inform the vessel master and vessel owner or owner’s agent of the treatment requirements that must be applied.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Reinspection of the vessel can only take place after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• treatment has occurred</li> <li>• a reinspection has been booked</li> <li>• the relevant application for bulk vessel approval and supporting documentation has been received.</li> </ul> <p>Refer to Section 1: <a href="#">How do I receive a request for inspection?</a></p>

### Live insects other than *Trogoderma* are detected

The following table outlines the reinspection requirements if live insects other than *Trogoderma* are detected.

If...	Then...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consumable goods to be loaded and the infestation is very few (no more than five with haphazard distribution), or</li> <li>• non-consumable goods to be loaded and the infestation is few (less than 10 insects with haphazard distribution)</li> </ul>	<p>reinspection of the hold or area may occur soon after treatment has occurred and once a written statement has been provided by the master articulating how the non-compliance was rectified.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Spot treatments by crew such as chemical spray, crushing and sweeping are permitted.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consumable goods to be loaded and the infestation is moderate (more than 5 insects, but not heavy in clusters of 3-5 insects), or</li> <li>• non-consumable goods to be loaded and the infestation is moderate (more than 10 insects, but not heavy, in clusters of 3-5 insects)</li> </ul>	<p>reinspection of the hold or area may occur soon after treatment has occurred and once a written statement has been provided by the master articulating how the non-compliance was rectified.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Localised treatments by the crew such as chemical spray, crushing and sweeping are permitted.</p>

If...	Then...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consumable goods to be loaded and the infestation is heavy (insects are obvious and occurring frequently)</li> <li>or</li> <li>• non-consumable goods to be loaded and the infestation is heavy (insects are obvious and occurring frequently)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the AO must inform the LCM to notify the vessel master that the infestation will need to be rectified</li> <li>• if the infestation cannot be treated during the course of the bulk vessel inspection, then the vessel must be failed and a reinspection of the hold or areas by accredited AOs will be required</li> <li>• reinspection of the vessel can only take place after <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ treatment has occurred</li> <li>○ a reinspection has been booked</li> <li>○ the relevant application for bulk vessel approval and supporting documentation has been received.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Refer to Section 1: <a href="#">How do I receive a request for inspection?</a></b></p>

**Rodents (live or dead) are suspected or detected**

The following table outlines what the AO must do if rodents are suspected or detected for consumable and non-consumable goods to be loaded.

Step	Action
1.	Fail the vessel. There is a nil tolerance for rodents (live or dead).
2.	<p>Ask the LCM to notify the vessel master that treatment will be required.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Reinspection of the vessel can only take place after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• treatment has occurred</li> <li>• a reinspection has been booked, and</li> <li>• the relevant application for bulk vessel approval and supporting documentation has been received.</li> </ul> <p><b>Refer to Section 1: <a href="#">How do I receive a request for inspection?</a></b></p>

## Infestible residues are detected

The following table outlines the reinspection requirements if infestible residues are detected.

If...	Then...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consumable goods to be loaded and there is up to five litres in one isolated area</li> <li>or</li> <li>• non-consumable goods to be loaded and there is up to 20 litres is detected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• where the residues are found in a hold, they must be collected into piles on the tank top for closer inspection by the AO to determine if they are infested residues.</li> <li>• the AO must inform the LCM that the infestible residues will need to be cleaned and disposed of in a quarantine compliant manner (<b>refer to <a href="#">the guideline</a></b> for more information).</li> <li>• reinspection of the hold or area may occur soon after treatment has occurred and once a written statement has been provided by the master articulating how the non-compliance was rectified.</li> </ul>
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## Non-infestible residues are detected (including rust and paint scale)

The following table outlines the reinspection and reinspection requirements if non-infestible residues are detected.

If...	Then...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consumable goods or non-consumable goods to be loaded</li> <li>• there is up to 20 litres in one isolated area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• where the residues are found in a hold, they must be collected into piles on the tank top for closer inspection by the AO to determine if they are infested residues</li> <li>• the AO must inform the LCM that the residues will need to be cleaned and disposed of in a quarantine compliant manner (<b>refer to <a href="#">the guideline</a></b> for more information)</li> <li>• the vessel inspection can continue so long as the residue detected does not impede a thorough inspection</li> <li>• reinspection of the hold or area may occur soon after treatment has occurred and once a written statement has been provided by the master articulating how the non-compliance was rectified.</li> </ul>
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## Water or moisture is detected

The following table outlines the reinspection requirements if water or moisture is detected.

If...	Then...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>consumable goods to be loaded and there is up to five litres in one isolated area,</li> <li>or</li> <li>non-consumable goods to be loaded and there is up to 20 litres in one isolated area</li> </ul>	<p>reinspection of the hold or area may occur soon after treatment has occurred and once a written statement has been provided by the master articulating how the non-compliance was rectified.</p>
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## Odours and transferable oil residues

The following table outlines the reinspection requirements if there are odours and transferrable oil residues.

If...	Then...
consumable goods to be loaded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the AO must fail the hold</li> <li>inspection of the vessel may continue so long as the contaminant detected does not prevent effective inspection of the structure of the hold or other area of the vessel.</li> <li>reinspection of the hold or area may occur soon after treatment has occurred and once a written statement has been provided by the master articulating how the issue was rectified.</li> </ul>
non-consumable goods to be loaded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>inspection of the vessel may continue so long as the contaminant detected does not prevent effective inspection of the structure of the hold or other area of the vessel.</li> <li>reinspection of the hold or area may occur soon after treatment has occurred and once a written statement has been provided by the master articulating how the issue was rectified.</li> </ul>

## Related material

The following related material is available in the [Plant export operations manual \(PEOM\)](#) on the department's website:

- Guideline: *Empty bulk vessel for export*
- Volume 6A: *Pests, diseases and contaminants of grain and plant products (excluding horticulture)*
- Volume 8B: *Commodity inspections – forest products*
- Reference: *Bulk vessel terms and definitions*
- Reference: *Pre – entry hazard assessment for third party worksites including bulk vessels (Take 5 checklist)*
- Work Instruction: *Validating supporting documents for plant exports*
- Reference: *Work health and safety in the plant export environment*
- Reference: *Bulk vessel approval record (PE103)*
- Reference: *Plant exports compliance, approval and running records user guide*
- Reference: *Plant Exports Management System authorised officer user guide*
- Reference: *Plant exports guide – Equipment*
- Reference: *Plant export documents and treatment checklists.*

The following related material is available on the IML for departmental AOs:

- Work instruction: *Invoicing plant export clients (IMLS – 9 – 2412).*

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