



Electronic certification (eCert) countries and certificate formats



This help card summarises the countries the Department of Agriculture (the department) currently has an eCert for Imports exchange with. It highlights the country-specific formatting requirements that brokers and importers need to enter when lodging import declarations.

1. Countries on eCert for Imports

The table below highlights the countries the department currently has an eCert for Imports exchange with. Refer to the section on country-specific certificate formats for additional details.

Country	Government certificate type	AQIS Document Type	AQIS Document Number format
Indonesia	Phytosanitary	IDPHYTO	2019123456K10E123456/1234567
	Sanitary	IDSANITARY	2019987654K10E987654/9876543
New Zealand	Phytosanitary	NZPHYTO	NZL2019/ABCD/123456
	Sanitary	NZSANITARY	NZL2019/ABCD/987654

2. Lodging import declarations with eCert

When lodging an import declaration with eCert, customs brokers and importers need to accurately enter the certificate details in third party software or the Integrated Cargo System (ICS). This will allow the eCert to be matched in the department's Agriculture Imports Management System (AIMS).

Information must be entered in both:

- **AQIS Document Type:** drop-down field used to select the relevant country and certificate type.
- **AQIS Document Number:** free-text field used to record the certificate number. This must be entered in the correct format for each country and/or certificate type. Refer to country-specific details below.

For further information on lodging import declarations, including using Customs Interactive, refer to www.agriculture.gov.au/ecertimports.

3. Country-specific certificate formats

3.1 Indonesia

eCerts are available for government certificates issued by the *Ministry of Agriculture, Agency for Agricultural Quarantine*. This includes phytosanitary and sanitary certificates.

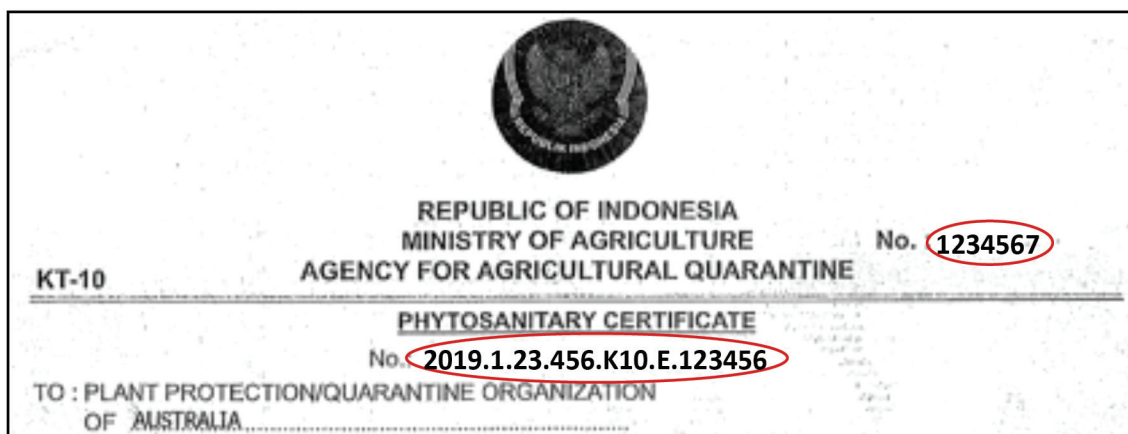
Phytosanitary certificates

AQIS Document Type: IDPHYTO

AQIS Document Number (format): 2019123456K10E123456/1234567

The *AQIS Document Number* is a combination of the certificate number, located under the header, and the serial number, located at the top-right of the certificate. All decimal points are removed, and a '/' (backslash) is incorporated to connect both components.

Below is a sample of the top portion of the phytosanitary certificate received from Indonesia. This highlights an example of the certificate number and serial number used to form the *AQIS Document Number*.



Sanitary certificates

AQIS Document Type: IDSANITARY

AQIS Document Number (format): 2019987654K10E987654/9876543

The *AQIS Document Number* is a combination of the certificate number, located under the header, and the serial number, located at the top-right of the certificate. All decimal points are removed, and a '/' (backslash) is incorporated to connect both components.

Below is a sample of the top portion of the sanitary certificate received from Indonesia. This highlights an example of the certificate number and serial number used to form the *AQIS Document Number*.



3.2 New Zealand

eCerts are available for phytosanitary and sanitary certificates issued by the *Ministry for Primary Industries*.

Phytosanitary certificates

AQIS Document Type: NZPHYTO

AQIS Document Number (format): NZL2019/ABCD/123456

The *AQIS Document Number* is the certificate number recorded on the upper left-hand side of the certificate.

Below is a sample of the top portion of the phytosanitary certificate received from New Zealand. This highlights the location of the certificate number used for the *AQIS Document Number*.



Sanitary certificates

AQIS Document Type: NZSANITARY

AQIS Document Number (format): NZL2019/ABCD/987654

The *AQIS Document Number* is the certificate number recorded on the upper right-hand side of the certificate.

Below is a sample of the top portion of the sanitary certificate received from New Zealand, using a certificate for poultry meat and poultry meat products as an example. This highlights the location of the certificate number used for the *AQIS Document Number*.



4. Troubleshooting

- Ensure the correct country and certificate type has been selected for the *AQIS Document Type*.
- Ensure the correct number format has been used for the *AQIS Document Number*.
- Customs Interactive does not allow brokers or importers to use wildcard characters (e.g. '?'/''). A single space must be used in place of wildcard characters.
- Software providers should be contacted if there are any issues in locating the *AQIS Document Number* or *AQIS Document Type* fields.

5. Additional information

Visit agriculture.gov.au/ecertimports or email ecertimports@agriculture.gov.au.

