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Grain and Seed Export Program – Plant Export Operations Work
Instruction for Raw Baled Cotton

Purpose

To advise industry and Authorised Officers of a new procedural resource for inspection of raw baled cotton that is now accessible on the Department of Agriculture website.

Background

The Plant Export Operations Manual (PEOM) and associated Work Instruction for raw baled cotton inspections provide references for the inspection of raw baled cotton for export across Australia. The PEOM and Work Instructions are regularly reviewed to ensure alignment with the Export Control (Plants and Plant Products) Order 2011 and to assist in achieving national consistency in service delivery. Both the PEOM and Work Instructions must be read in conjunction with Export Control (Plants and Plant Products) Order 2011.

Key Points

1. The following instructional material will come into effect from Monday 29 September 2014:
 - Work Instruction RBC3001 Inspection of Raw Baled Cotton v2.1
<http://www.daff.gov.au/biosecurity/export/plants-plant-products/plantexportsmanual/resources#work>
 - Summary of changes for RBC3001:
 - Update to the maximum number of bales in a lot
 - Update to the requirements for empty container inspection

Exporter and Occupier of Registered Establishments Responsibilities

Exporters who export raw baled cotton should familiarise themselves with PEOM Volume 8 Commodity Inspections – Grain and plant products excluding horticulture, and Work Instruction RBC3001 Inspection of raw baled cotton for export.

Authorised Officer Responsibilities

Authorised Officers are to ensure they are familiar and comply with PEOM Volume 8 Commodity Inspections – Grain and plant products excluding horticulture, and Work Instruction RBC3001 Inspection of raw baled cotton for export.

If you have any further enquiries, please contact the Grain and Seed Exports Program on (02) 6272 3229 or grain.export@agriculture.gov.au or contact the Authorised Officer Hotline 1800 851 305.

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