Logs bulk in containers

Plant export inspection techniques guide

FOP3002 Bulk logs

How to use this guide

This guide has been written for authorised officers as a reference guide to inspection techniques for plant export commodities. This will help to ensure that all authorised officers maintain nationally consistent techniques for bulk logs in containers.

The guide should be read in conjunction with the equipment guide for non-horticulture products and current instructional and reference material.

General notes on inspecting logs

All presented logs must be sampled from stockpiles before loading.

Logs re-presented for reinspection may be sampled from stockpiles, vessel holds or loaded containers.

Inspect all samples using suitable equipment.

A mallet and chisel may be used to lift bark and identify possible infestation.

Before you start

Ensure that you:

- check the importing country requirements to determine the requirements for your inspection
- have the correct inspection equipment
- have the correct Export Compliance Record
- wear appropriate personal protective equipment
- have the current relevant instructional and reference material.

Inspection process

Inspect all subsamples using suitable equipment. Walk around each row or lot, looking for pests, or signs of pests, and diseases.

For each log, inspect the appropriate sample of the surface area of the log.

For logs with bark, lift semi-attached bark with a knife, or hammer and chisel.

Inspect underneath the lifted bark for pests and disease symptoms.

Inspect loose bark for pests and disease symptoms.

Probe branch stubs, cracks and holes to dislodge pests and contaminants.

What to do if you find a pest or disease

Follow the rejection procedures outlined in the relevant instructional and reference material.

More information

Export Control Act 1982

Export Control (Orders) Regulations 1982

Export Control (Plants and Plant Products) Order 2011

Plant export operations manual (PEOM): www.daff.gov.au/biosecurity/ export/plants-plant-products/ plantexportsmanual

Manual of Importing Country Requirements (MICoR—Plants): www.daff.gov.au/micor/plants

Contaminants, pests and diseases

Contaminants

- sand and soil
- objectionable material (metal, plastic).

Pests and diseases

- borers
  - powderpost beetles (borer insects in the Lyctinae subfamily)
  - anobiid borers
  - longicorn beetles (Cerambycidae family)
  - bark beetles (Scolytinae subfamily)
  - false powderpost beetle/auger beetle (Bostrichidae family)
- termites
- miscellaneous pests
  - giant wood moth
  - sirex wood wasp
- fungal diseases (e.g. symptoms of rot/discolouration).

Refer to the *Plant export operations manual* for detailed information on pests, diseases and contaminants of export forest products.