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Packaged processed forest products

Plant export inspection techniques guide

FOP3003 Processed forest products

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 packaged processed forest products (e.g. woodchips, potting mix, sandalwood powder, bagged roots, small logs, butts and bamboo products).

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 processed forest products

Refer to the relevant work instruction for sampling procedures.

Bulk processed forest products

Goods presented for inspection can only be sampled and inspected before the loading of containers and vessels.

Packaged processed forest products

Inspect all packaging to ensure that the material will protect the goods from damage, pests or contaminants during transit. The packaging must be unused or suitably cleaned if it is being reused.

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

Walk around the entire lot or consignment and visually inspect the bags.

Open the bags and any internal packaging.

Inspect the required sample of the product within the sampled bags using suitable equipment.

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 (inert material).

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.