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Improving agricultural export legislation

Plant rules – authorised officers – changes to horticulture inspections and treatment supervision



Instructional material updates

Instructional material for horticulture inspection and treatment supervision has been updated to align with the new legislation.

The manual PE101 Export Compliance Record will be known as the 'Horticulture Inspection Record'.

Minor changes have been made to the:

- horticulture inspection record
- · onshore cold treatment record
- · vapour heat treatment record
- certificate of loading and calibration record for in-transit cold treatment.

These changes will ensure that the manual record and the record in the Plant Export Management System (PEMS) align (where relevant).

PEMS will also be updated to reflect these changes. The manual record should only be used when an exception applies (see IAN 2021-02).

The Work Instruction: Supervising an onshore cold treatment for plant exports has been updated. It clarifies how to calculate and apply the correction factor for calibration and recalibration of probes.

Other minor changes have been made to instructional material to reflect the language in the new legislation and legislative references.

The updated instructional material is available on the <u>PEOM</u> and will be enforced from 28 March 2021.

Key points

- The new Export Control Act 2020 and associated Export Control (Plants and Plant Products) Rules 2021 (plant rules) commence on 28 March 2021.
- Export compliance inspections and supervisions of treatments are known as "assessments of goods" under the new legislation. Other terminology, instructional material and forms will also change.
- You must continue to follow instructional material available on the Plant Export Operations Manual (PEOM) when performing your functions.
- Horticulture inspections and treatment supervision are covered in Part 2 of Chapter 9 of the Export Control Act 2020 and the plant rules.



Further information

- Email plantexportreform@awe.gov.au
- Web awe.gov.au/new-plant-export-legislation
- Plant Export Operations Manual