

## Horticulture Export Industry Consultative Committee – Meeting Update

Updates on key projects and issues are summarised following each committee meeting.

### Meeting 28 held on 16 March 2022 - Summary

The committee met on 16 March 2022 in person and via teleconference, and received operational updates from the department on the Plant Export and Biosecurity Operations, the Horticulture Exports Cost Recovery Arrangements, market access activities, and relevant information technology projects.

#### Amendments to the Plant Rules

Amendments to the Export Control (Plants and Plant Product) Rules 2021 to align the current business and regulatory practices and regulatory expectations commenced on 1 January 2022. This is the first round of amendments since the new plant export legislation commenced on 28 March 2021. The amendments covered:

- the use of video recording devices to record empty bulk vessel inspections
- the simplification of management system provisions for accredited properties and registered establishments
- the treatment of fresh fruit and vegetables to protocol markets at a registered establishment, not an accredited property
- the deprescribing of plant-based oils.

Further information is available from the department's [Plant export legislation changes](#) webpage.

#### Horticulture Exports Program

Recent updates on the work of the Horticulture Exports Program have included advice on:

- the product security requirements for airfreight cherries and table grapes to Korea, effective from February 2022 (refer to Industry Advice Notice (IAN) [2022-08](#))
- China's new requirements for imported food products came into effect on 1 January 2022 (further information can be found in Plant IANs [2022-21](#), [2021-67](#) and [2021-74](#) and on the department's [Have Your Say](#) webpage.

#### Market Access

Market access has been granted for peaches and nectarines to Vietnam refer to IAN [2022-07](#).

#### Plant Risk Analyses

The final report for the import of fresh [Capsicum spp. fruit from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu](#) for human consumption was released on 20 December 2022. Current plant commodity/country and pest risk analyses underway include [dragon fruit from the Philippines](#), [Okra from India](#), [Oriental melons and rockmelons from Korea](#), [limes from Mexico](#), [apples from the USA](#).

#### Plant Export Management System (PEMS) update

New PEMS functionalities to be implemented from March 2022 include:

- automatic validation of 'Accredited Farm Block Number' and 'Accredited Packhouse Number';
- the ability for Authorised Officers to download vapour heat treatment sensor calibration and supervision reports;
- the ability for Authorised Officer to enter cold treatment calibration date and time; and
- the ability to request authorization of RFPs online in PEMS.

(See IAN [2022-18](#) for further information).

For additional information on the above summary please contact your industry HEICC representative.