



# REFERENCE

## Performance standards—Export compliant goods storage

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## Definitions

The following table defines terms used in this document.

Term	Definition
Activity categories	Requirements from the Departmental Policy: <a href="#">Management of plant export registered establishments</a> grouped by activity.
Checklist item	Requirements under the activity category that have been grouped by function and assigned a non-compliance rating/s.
Documented system	A written process or procedure that defines the steps in a process and who is responsible for those steps. This includes the records used to confirm the process is being followed.
Goods	Goods declared by the regulations to be prescribed goods for the purposes of the <i>Export Control Act 2020</i> .
Non-compliance rating	Ratings of minor, major and critical applied to a non-compliance to indicate the degree of seriousness.
Performance standards	A benchmark derived from legislation and departmental requirements against which actual performance is measured.

## Purpose of this document

This document:

- outlines the performance standards an operation registered for Export Compliant Goods Storage (ECGS) must meet to maintain registration of an approved receptacle or receptacles where goods that have passed inspection (Export Compliant Goods—ECG) can be stored prior to export.
- sets the non-compliance ratings for those performance standards.

**Note:** Where more than one non-compliance rating is provided, the auditor can choose the rating depending on the severity of the non-compliance.

- does not replace the base performance standards for a registered establishment.
- must be read in conjunction with the
  - Departmental Policy: [Management of plant export registered establishments](#)
  - Guideline: [Export Compliant Goods Storage](#) (the ECGS Guideline)
  - Guideline: [Audit of plant export registered establishments](#)
  - Reference: [Export Compliant Goods Storage](#) and
  - relevant commodity instructional material (Guidelines and Work Instructions).

## Performance Standards

The following table describes the performance standards and non-compliance ratings for Export Compliant Goods Storage.

Traceability		
Checklist items	Performance standards	Non-compliance rating
<b>1.1 Traceability</b>	<p>The occupier must demonstrate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• full traceability of goods including transport, storage and handling that ensures goods do not become contaminated once passed as export compliant.</li> <li>• records are retained at a level that identifies all pathways of all goods that have been stored in the approved ECGS.</li> <li>• detailed and accurate records are kept for all receivables, treatments, out turn and operational processes through facility for a minimum of 2 years.</li> </ul>	Critical/major

Hygiene and pest control		
Checklist items	Performance standards	Non-compliance rating
<b>2.1 Hygiene and pest control</b>	<p>The occupier must demonstrate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• effective pest control and hygiene processes are in place to prevent cross-contamination of goods during transfer and storage in ECGS.</li> <li>• a defined program of hygiene and pest control, with documented records including flow path inspections, is in place.</li> </ul>	Critical/major

Sampling		
Checklist items	Performance standards	Non-compliance rating
<b>3.1 Sampling system</b>	<p>The occupier must demonstrate that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an automatic sampling system capable of delivering a representative sample is in place and can deliver a sample at the required rate 2.25L /33.33 tonnes.</li> <li>• the sampling system does not compromise the phytosanitary integrity of the products being delivered to the ECGS facilities.</li> </ul>	Critical/major

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<b>Contingency</b>		
<b>Checklist items</b>	<b>Performance standards</b>	<b>Non-compliance rating</b>
<b>4.1 Contingency arrangements</b>	<p>The occupier must demonstrate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a procedure is in place to divert non-compliant goods away from ECGS facilities and prevent compromising the phytosanitary integrity of the compliant goods.</li> </ul>	Major

<b>Storage and equipment</b>		
<b>Checklist items</b>	<b>Performance standards</b>	<b>Non-compliance rating</b>
<b>5.1 Equipment</b>	<p>The occupier must demonstrate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• equipment used in operation is maintained in a manner to prevent contamination or re-infestation of goods.</li> <li>• transfer equipment and conveyance systems are constructed to allow effective cleaning and the operator has records of a documented program to maintain hygiene and pest control.</li> </ul>	Critical/major
<b>5.2 Storage</b>	<p>The occupier must demonstrate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECGS facilities provide secure, hygienic conditions over the associated storage periods.</li> <li>• details and records of effective hygiene and pest control programs are maintained.</li> <li>• storages approved for ECGS remain sealed with phytosanitary integrity intact by using tamper-evident seals or other lock out systems and are accessible for cleaning/pest control/inspections.</li> </ul>	Critical

## Related material

The following related material is available on the [Plant Export Operations Manual](#):

- Departmental Policy: *Management of plant export registered establishments*
- Guideline: *Export compliant goods storage*
- Guideline: *Audit of plant export registered establishments*
- Reference: *Export compliant goods storage*.

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