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# Performance standards—Mobile bulk loading

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#### **Definitions**

The following table defines terms used in this document.

| Term                  | Definition  |
|-----------------------|---|
| Activity categories   | Requirements from the Departmental Policy: Management of plant export registered establishments 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 a Mobile bulk loading (MBL) operation must meet to
  maintain registration to sample and inspect prescribed goods for loading into a bulk vessel via a
  mobile bulk loader for 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
  - o the approved MBL Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)
  - o Departmental Policy: Management of plant export registered establishments
  - o Guideline: Mobile Bulk Loading of prescribed goods for export (the MBL Guideline)
  - o Guideline: Audit of plant export registered establishments
  - Reference: <u>Prescribed goods export preparation standard checklist</u> (preparation checklist) and
  - o the relevant commodity instructional material (Guidelines and Work Instructions).

## **Performance standards**

The following table describes the performance standards and non-compliance ratings for Mobile bulk loading.

| Checklist items                  | Performance standards   | Non-compliance rating                          |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| 1.1 Standard Operating Procedure | The occupier must demonstrate that the site operations are in accordance with:  | Critical/major                                 |
|                                  | the approved SOP, relevant policy,<br>commodity guidelines and work<br>instructions.  |  |
| 1.2 Preparation Checklist        | The occupier must demonstrate that:   | Major  |
|                                  | they have documented systems in<br>place that meet requirements of the<br>preparation checklist.  |  |
|                                  | the correct recording of preparation<br>checklists that have been issued for<br>each consignment.   |  |
| 1.3 Equipment and machinery      | The occupier keeps adequate<br>cleaning and maintenance records of<br>equipment and machinery.  | Critical (screening)/<br>otherwise Major       |
|                                  | <ul> <li>An adequate screening system is in<br/>place at an ERE located before the AO<br/>phytosanitary sampling point.</li> </ul>  |  |
| 1.4 Automatic sampling system    | <ul> <li>An automatic sampler is in place on<br/>the loader and is operational, meets<br/>policy requirements outlined in the<br/>MBL Guideline.</li> </ul>   | Critical                                       |
|                                  | The occupier demonstrates that the<br>sample collection system delivers a<br>representative sample at the<br>required rate  |  |
| 1.5 Transport and Storage        | The occupier:   | Major/minor (only if a there are only a couple |
|                                  | <ul> <li>demonstrates goods are transported,<br/>stored and handled in a manner that<br/>maintains the quality and<br/>phytosanitary status of the goods and<br/>ensures that they do not become<br/>contaminated or infested prior to<br/>presentation to the AO.</li> </ul> | of loads missing)                              |
|                                  | must maintain accurate records and<br>traceability for all receivals,<br>treatments, outturn and operational<br>processes through the facility.   |  |

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| Checklist items          | Performance standards   | Non-compliance rating |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1.6 Rejection procedures | The occupier:   | Critical              |
|                          | <ul> <li>demonstrates they follow<br/>documented rejection procedures.</li> </ul> |                       |

### **Related material**

The following related material is available on the Plant Export Operations Manual:

- Departmental Policy: Management of plant export registered establishments
- Guideline: Mobile Bulk Loading of prescribed goods for export
- Guideline: Audit of plant export registered establishments
- Reference: Prescribed goods export preparation standard checklist.

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