



# REFERENCE

## Performance standards – washing potatoes for export to the Republic of Korea



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## Definitions

The following table defines terms used in this document.

Term	Definition
Activity categories	Requirements from the Guideline: <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.
Protocol	A government-to-government document that specifies import requirements and is bilaterally agreed to by Australia and the importing country authority.
Protocol market	Countries with which Australia has an agreed protocol. For a list of protocol markets see the Reference: <a href="#">Table of plant export protocol markets</a> .

## Purpose of this document

This document:

- outlines the performance standards potato washing facilities must meet to gain and maintain registration for the washing of potatoes 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 the Guideline: [Management of plant export registered establishments](#) and Guideline: [Audit of plant export registered establishments](#).

## Performance standards

The following table describes the performance standards and non-compliance ratings for potato washing facilities.

Checklist items	Performance standards	Non-compliance rating
1.1 Registered farms and responsible staff	<p>The establishment must maintain a register of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• name and address of the farms where the potatoes were grown.</li> <li>• transfer record for each movement from farm to washing facility.</li> </ul>	Major
1.2 Vehicles, agricultural equipment and machinery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have a vehicle cleaning procedure that outlines a schedule and method of cleaning to ensure vehicles are free of soil before entering the facility.</li> <li>• Vehicle cleaning equipment must               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ be available to clean vehicles, including wheels, upon entering the facility</li> <li>○ be placed at the entrance of the facility.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Agricultural equipment or machinery used in the state of Victoria must not be stored or used inside the facility.</li> </ul>	Minor, major or critical

Checklist items	Performance standards	Non-compliance rating
1.3 Designated unloading and storage areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The establishment must have a designated area/s for unloading and storing unwashed potatoes from non-prohibited areas that are separated by more than 50 metres from potatoes produced in prohibited areas.</li> <li>• The establishment must have a method for identifying potatoes from non-prohibited/prohibited areas.</li> </ul>	Major
1.4 Designated potato washing area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The designated potato washing area must be separate to facilities that handle potatoes from prohibited areas.</li> <li>• Washing room floors must be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ concrete</li> <li>○ able to be washed and kept clean at all times.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Major
1.5 Potato washing equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The washing facility must have water bays filled with chlorinated water for washing potatoes.</li> <li>• The dose rate of chlorinated water must be in line with manufacturers instructions and recorded.</li> </ul>	Critical

Checklist items	Performance standards	Non-compliance rating
1.6 Potato drying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After washing, potatoes must be loaded into wooden bins clearly labelled 'Potatoes for export to Korea'.</li> <li>• The washing facility must have a designated area for drying potatoes that is separated by more than 30 metres from potatoes that are not yet washed.</li> </ul>	Major
1.7 Records	<p>The following records must be kept for a minimum of two years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• list of farms (including location details) supplying potatoes</li> <li>• names of the nominated persons responsible for filling out the transfer record at each potato harvesting or truck loading location</li> <li>• transfer records including place and date of production/harvest, method of transport and quantity.</li> </ul>	Minor or major

## Related material

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

- Guideline: *Management of plant export registered establishments*
- Guideline: *Audit of plant export registered establishments*
- Guideline: *Maintenance of phytosanitary security for horticulture exports*
- Reference: *Table of plant export protocol markets*.

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