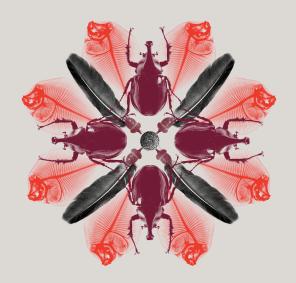
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# Prawn disposal requirements

Biosecurity



#### Requirements apply to the disposal of prawns to manage biosecurity risk.

## **Movements**

The movement of prawn waste to a disposal facility must include:

- 1. Wrapping waste in a plastic waterproof liner to eliminate leakage of fluids.
- 2. Holding in a locked container, rubbish bin or skip, if required, prior to transport.
- 3. Where required, consolidation of product at distribution centres to reduce the number of sites where the goods are being disposed. Biosecurity movement directions may be required.
- 4. Transport to the disposal site by a waste provider that holds an Approved Arrangement with the department using an enclosed garbage truck, or another method approved by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

# Waste facilities

The facility that manages the disposal of prawns must have an Approved Arrangement (AA) under section 406 of the Biosecurity Act (agriculture.gov.au/import/arrival/arrangements), which includes:

- 1. A process for ensuring waste is dumped in an excavated pit where it is immediately covered with 2m of fill.
- 2. Adequate wash bays for all equipment, including delivery vehicles.
- 3. Record keeping, including receipt, handling, control and location of burial of biosecurity waste.
- 4. Appropriate security to ensure the biosecurity waste is not disturbed.
- 5. Appropriate contingency plans.
- 6. Appropriate supervision of all processes by a nominated senior person of the company, who is familiar with all relevant biosecurity requirements.
- 7. Where there is a risk of leakage to a waterway, the disposal site may also require a waterproof lining.



### **Note**

- The department has developed AA requirements for short term waste disposal facilities, for prawn waste.
- You can find additional detail on AA requirements or associated directions at agriculture.gov.au/import/arrival/arrangements/ requirements#class-10.
- It is likely that the department will need to inspect (or audit) a new facility before waste disposal can begin.
- The department will consider alternative methods of disposal (eg incineration).

### **Contacts**

For enquiries on Approved Arrangements, please contact: **aa.canberra@agriculture.gov.au**.

For all enquiries relating to prawn imports or the prawn import suspension, contact: **imports@agriculture.gov.au** or **1800 900 090.**