

New AQIS Document Requirements

Update: 25th June 2009

Dear Valued Customer,

AQIS (Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service) has made changes to the Documentation Requirements for import cargo. These changes were due for implementation 1 August 2009. However AQIS will accept documentation issued in line with the new policies effective immediately.

Importers should on forward this to their suppliers and send examples of the new document requirements.

VISA can provide you with the new Packing Declarations that meets AQIS new document requirements.

In brief point form the major changes include:

- **Packing Declarations**

Packing Declarations **must be issued by the packer or supplier of the goods** (AQIS regards the supplier as the entity named on the Customs Import Declaration).

The Straw packaging declaration has changed to a **“Prohibited packaging materials statement”**. (Prohibited packaging materials include straw, bamboo, peat, hay, chaff) **ISPM 15 statement** appears on the Packing Declaration. (Treatment Certificates for ISPM 15 will not be accepted under the new policy).

All current Annual Packing Declarations will expire 31/12/2009 at the latest. New **Annual Packing Declarations using new the format should be requested.**

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▪ **Fumigation Certificates (methyl bromide)**

A **Plastic Wrap statement** MUST appear on all fumigation certificates using methyl bromide. There are 3 choice of wording:

- ▶ *"Plastic wrapping has not been used in this consignment"; or*
- ▶ *"This consignment has been fumigated before application of plastic wrapping"; or*
- ▶ *"Plastic wrapping used in this consignment conforms to the AQIS wrapping and perforation standard as found in the AQIS Methyl Bromide Fumigation Standard".*

▪ **Import permits**

Import permits must be valid at the time the goods are landed.

To assist in the transition, AQIS will continue to accept documentation in line with current policy requirements until 1 September 2009, but do not delay in notifying your suppliers & requesting they make changes today.

Full details of the changes are available from the following link:

<http://www.daffa.gov.au/aqis/import/general-info/ian/09>

You can also check the latest increases in AQIS Fees applicable from 1st July 2009 via the AQIS web site link above.

Should you have any questions relating to the above or require further information, please contact your local VISA representative.

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(Must be issued by the packer or supplier of the goods)

(Must include the company name and address)

FCL Packing Declaration – new version 1 August 2009

[Boxes to be marked in the appropriate place]

Vessel name:..... Voyage number:.....

Container Number(s):.....

Prohibited packaging material statement

(Prohibited packaging materials such as straw, bamboo, peat, hay, chaff, used fruit & vegetable cartons, etc)

Q1 **Have prohibited packaging materials or bamboo products been used as packaging or dunnage in the consignment covered by this document?**

A1 Yes No

Timber packaging/dunnage statement

(Timber packaging/dunnage includes crates, cases, pallets, skids and any other timber used as a shipping aid. This statement is not required if timber is declared to be ISPM 15 compliant.)

Q2 **Has timber packaging/dunnage been used in consignments covered by this document?**

A2 Yes No

ISPM 15 statement

(This statement is only required if timber packaging/dunnage is declared.)

Q3 **All timber packaging/dunnage used in the consignment has been treated and marked in compliance with ISPM 15**

A3 Yes No

Bark statement

(This statement is applicable to all timber packing material, including ISPM 15 compliant material. Bark is the external natural layer covering trees and branches. This statement is only required if timber/packaging dunnage is declared using the timber or ISPM 15 statements.)

Q4 **Is all timber packaging/dunnage used in this consignment free from bark?**

A4 Yes No

Cleanliness declaration

The container(s) covered by this document has/have been cleaned and is/are free from material of animal and/or plant origin and soil.

Signed:..... Date of issue:.....
(Company representative)

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LCL Packing Declaration – new version 1 August 2009
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Vessel name:..... **Voyage number:**.....

Consignment identifier(s) or numerical link (s):.....
(eg container number, Bill number, Commercial invoice number, Order numbers)

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A1 Yes No

Timber packaging/dunnage statement

(Timber packaging/dunnage includes crates, cases, pallets, skids and any other timber used as a shipping aid. This statement is not required if timber is declared to be ISPM 15 compliant.)

Q2 **Has timber packaging/dunnage been used in consignments covered by this document?**
A2 Yes No

ISPM 15 statement

(This statement is only required if timber packaging/dunnage is declared.)

Q3 **All timber packaging/dunnage used in the consignment has been treated and marked in compliance with ISPM 15**
A3 Yes No

Bark statement

(This statement is applicable to all timber packing material, including ISPM 15 compliant material. Bark is the external natural layer covering trees and branches. This statement is only required if timber/packaging dunnage is declared using the timber or ISPM 15 statements.)

Q4 **Is all timber packaging/dunnage used in this consignment free from bark?**
A4 Yes No

Signed:.....
(Company representative)

Date of issue:.....

