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Providing information to the Cargo and Shipping industries on the latest AQIS developments

✦ Changes to Automatic Entry Processing (AEP) for Commodities

AQIS has recently made a number of changes to the AEP for Commodities scheme. This scheme allows accredited brokers to self-direct certain types of imported goods that have commodity-related quarantine concerns without AQIS involvement. Goods currently able to be processed under AEP for Commodities include New Tyres, Manufactured Wooden Articles, Plywood and Veneer Products, New Zealand Dairy Products, New and Used Vehicle and Machinery Parts; and New and Used Non-Passenger Vehicles.

The AEP Processes and Outcomes Document (POD) and the Quarantine Approved Premises (QAP) for AEP list have both been updated. The main changes include additional tariff codes, flowcharts and additional notes for declarations, the addition of sections on format standards and treatment requirements, as well as the addition and removal of several AQIS Processing Types for FCL and LCL consignments for various commodities. An extra section has also been added to the POD, which contains a table of all amendments that have been made to the POD since its introduction.

All differences between the previous and current versions of the POD are highlighted in the document making it easier to identify new information and requirements. Both the POD and QAP for AEP list can be obtained from the AQIS website at: www.aqis.gov.au/iccomplianceagreements.

AQIS has also made changes to emailed AIMS Quarantine Orders. These Orders now include the Importer's Name and the Broker Reference details, to make it easier for clients to match up the affected consignment with the Order. The Order also provides details on why the entry failed processing, so that any amendments required can be processed more quickly. [Click here for further information.](#)

✦ Broker Re-accreditation Training has Now Closed

On-line re-accreditation training for the Containerised Cargo Clearance (CCC) for FCL/X, Automatic Entry Processing (AEP) for FCL and Less than Container Load (LCL) Packing Schemes has now closed.

All brokers who gained accreditation under these schemes prior to 1 September 2006 were required to complete the re-accreditation training before **31 May 2007** in order to remain accredited. Brokers that have not completed the required training will have their accreditation suspended and will no longer be able to undertake tasks under these schemes.

Brokers wishing to regain their accreditation, will be required to complete a two day face-to-face accreditation course. The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page on the AQIS website at www.aqis.gov.au/basfaq provides answers to the most commonly asked questions in relation to re-accreditation training. Further questions may also be directed to AQIS via email at brokeraccred@aqis.gov.au or by telephone on (02) 6272 4893 or (02) 6272 3473.

✦ **Renewal of Compliance Agreements**

AQIS is reminding businesses that renewal of Compliance Agreements is currently underway for those operating under the:

- Containerised Cargo Clearance (CCC) for FCL/X,
- Automatic Entry Processing (AEP) for FCL, and
- Less than Container Load (LCL) Packing Schemes.

All businesses wishing to renew their Compliance Agreements with AQIS for these Schemes must first visit the AQIS Broker Accreditation Scheme Renewal 2007 website at www.aqis.gov.au/basrenewals. From here, businesses will be able to download all relevant Compliance Agreement documentation as well as step-by-step instructions on how to complete the Compliance Agreement documents correctly.

The renewal process began on 1 May 2007 and will remain open until **31 July 2007**. If a business fails to renew the above Schemes by 31 July 2007, their Compliance Agreement will be cancelled, and they will be unable to electronically clear consignments. This means that all documentation relating to non-commodity concerns will need to be referred to AQIS for assessment and clearance.

For further information on the Compliance Agreement renewal process, contact AQIS via email at brokeraccred@aqis.gov.au or by telephone on (02) 6272 4893 or (02) 6272 3473.

✦ **Increased Quarantine Intervention for Tiles, Granite and Related Commodities**

AQIS is increasing its intervention levels for tiles and other related commodities like granite, slate and plate glass. This change is being introduced because AQIS cargo surveillance activities have detected a higher quarantine risk with packaging associated with tiles and related commodities. Risk materials like bark and insects have been detected on several shipments, even though they have been covered by documentation that stated the consignment was free from bark, and that packaging used had been fumigated.

From **1 July 2007**, a limited number of consignments of tiles and related goods will be subject to increased quarantine scrutiny. If a consignment is targeted:

- the importer will have to present documents to AQIS, and
- the commodity will then be directed for an unpack inspection at a Quarantine Approved Premises (QAP) to verify that packaging material is free of bark, insects and other quarantine risk material, and that the commodity is free from any quarantine contamination.

If quarantine risk material is found during an inspection, then AQIS will also direct the next five consignments from the same source for unpacking and inspection. These directions may be extended if further non conformities are detected.

AQIS will re-evaluate the increased intervention on these commodities after six months, to determine if risks were being addressed or whether it would continue to target a percentage of imported consignments of these goods. To assist, AQIS is encouraging importers to contact their suppliers and make sure they are aware of AQIS's quarantine requirements, especially for timber packaging material.

The import conditions for timber packaging can be accessed from the AQIS Import Conditions Database at www.aqis.gov.au/icon, and searching for "timber packaging". For further information regarding these changes to Tiles and Related Commodities please contact Ms Patricia Thornhill at patricia.thornhill@aqis.gov.au or by telephone on (02) 6272 5020.

✦ Review of Sri Lankan Fumigators

AQIS will shortly be revising its list of approved Sri Lankan methyl bromide treatment providers. The changes come about as a result of a recent Audit of fumigation practices conducted by AQIS. [Click here to view the current Treatment Provider List.](#)

AQIS is reminding importers of goods from Sri Lanka that methyl bromide treatments must be performed by companies on the Treatment Provider List. If the treatment provider is not on the List, then the imported goods must be re-treated after arrival in Australia, re-exported from Australia, or destroyed. Suspension from an Acceptable Treatment Provider List also has immediate effect. AQIS does not make allowances for consignments treated by suspended companies that may be in transit to Australia.

For further information on the upcoming changes to the list of "Acceptable Treatment Providers – Sri Lanka" please contact the Offshore Development Unit, Canberra by phone on (02) 6272 5929, or by email at afas@aqis.gov.au.

✦ Summary of documents and alerts released by AQIS Cargo Management in May 2007

Reference Number	Document	Overview
1	Public Quarantine Alert (PQA) 0455	Determining batches of prawns for WSSV testing
2	PQA 0407	Red meat quarantine requirements suspended
3	PQA 0504	Two month import permits for prawns
4	PQA 0516	Notice to AQIS staff and Seed Importers: Acceptance of overseas seed analysis certificates
5	Notice to Industry 26, 2006-07	Reminder - Re-accreditation Training and Renewal of Compliance Agreements for Containerised Cargo Clearance for FCL/X, Automatic Entry Processing for FCL & LCL Packing Schemes
6	Notice to Industry 27, 2006-07	Amendments to the Automatic Entry Processing (AEP) for Commodities Scheme Processes and Outcomes Document (POD) and Updates to AIMS Quarantine Order Emails
7	Notice to Industry 28, 2006-07	Tiles and Related Commodities
8	Notice to Industry 29, 2006-07	Upcoming changes to the list of 'Acceptable Treatment Providers Sri-Lanka'

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