



Notice to Industry

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## **Update on Changes to Permanent Immunisation Treatment Certification Requirements for Commodity Timber and Timber Packaging and Dunnage**

In response to stakeholder comments received (invited in [Industry Notice 11/2007-08](#)), AQIS has made the following modifications to AQIS requirements for permanent preservatives as quarantine treatments for the abovementioned goods imported into Australia.

**1. Existing certification arrangements for AQIS approved permanent preservatives will remain unchanged until further notice.**

Many stakeholders expressed concerns that industry needed more time (beyond 1 May 2008) to adjust to the new compliance arrangements. As a result:

- the lists of AQIS approved permanent preservatives (listed in [Cargo Containers – Quarantine Aspects and Procedures](#)) will be retained until further notice; however no new formulations will be added to the lists, and
- the existing permanent immunisation treatment certificate (for AQIS approved permanent preservative treatments) will continue to be accepted until further notice.

**2. The proposed requirement of compliance with “AS1604 or overseas equivalent” will now be restricted to AS1604 Hazard Class H2 (or greater) ONLY and will be available as soon as possible (further updates to follow).**

AQIS has recognised stakeholder concerns that equivalence of overseas permanent preservative treatment standards to AS1604 would be very difficult to verify upon entry into Australia. As a result:

- only certification of Australian Standards AS1604 (Specification for preservative treatment Parts 1-5) Hazard Class H2 (or greater) compliance will be accepted by AQIS,
- this new compliance option will be available as soon as possible, when a modified version of the new permanent immunisation treatment certificate is released, and
- future acceptance of certification of compliance with AS1604 will be in parallel with existing arrangements and will only become mandatory when the lists of AQIS approved treatments are ultimately withdrawn.

### **Further Information**

For further information regarding the above, please contact AQIS Treatments and Inspections on telephone, 02 6272 3390 or by email, [treat.inspect@aqis.gov.au](mailto:treat.inspect@aqis.gov.au).