



Notice to Industry

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New Import conditions for Oak (*Quercus*), Ash (*Fraxinus*), *Nothofagus* and *Acacia* Timber and Timber Mouldings

This notice is to inform industry that as of 4 April 2011 import conditions for Oak (*Quercus*), Ash (*Fraxinus*), *Nothofagus* and *Acacia* timber and timber mouldings will change. The new conditions apply for shipments arriving on or after the above date.

The changes are:

- Oak (*Quercus*), Ash (*Fraxinus*), *Nothofagus* and *Acacia* timber and timber mouldings will no longer be imported under the timber and timber mouldings case;
- Oak (*Quercus*), Ash (*Fraxinus*), *Nothofagus* and *Acacia* timber and timber mouldings will have their own separate ICON cases;
- Area freedom statements will no longer be accepted;
- Mandatory treatment on arrival will be required if acceptable documents/treatment certificates are not presented. This aligns with the requirements set out in the *Quarantine Proclamation 1998*;

The AQIS approved treatments for Oak (*Quercus*), Ash (*Fraxinus*), *Nothofagus* and *Acacia* are as follows:

- a) Kiln drying at 74°C (165°F) for 4-18 hours depending on thickness of timber (T9912) (see AQIS's ICON for detail of kiln drying treatment mentioned under T9912). Please note that treatment time does not commence until the temperature and humidity in the chamber have stabilised and the core temperature of the timber has reached at least 74°C (165°F); or;
- b) Heat treatment at 74°C for at least 60 minutes once the core temperature has been reached (T10025);
- c) Fumigated with ethylene oxide under initial minimum vacuum of 50 kilopascals at 1200g/m³ for 5 hours at 50°C; or 1500g/m³ for 24 hours at 21°C (T9020).
- d) Gamma irradiation at 25 kGray (T9651)
- e) Export or destruction.

Note: # Treatments a) and b) must be completed within 21 days of export.

Importers should ensure they have up to date information by regularly checking [ICON](http://www.aqis.gov.au/icon) (www.aqis.gov.au/icon) or by contacting AQIS.

For any information on the changes to timber ICON cases please contact the Timber and Timber Products National Co-ordination Centre in the AQIS Victorian Regional Office on 03 8318 6929 or email timber.imports@aqis.gov.au.