



Australian Government

Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

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Changes to Foreign Government-Issued Export Certificates

AQIS has been made aware that the following foreign governments either have, or are in the process of, including new security features on official export certificates. Current certificates are either transitioning to new certificate requirements or new features have become effective immediately.

- **India** - **Phytosanitary Certificate** (transition phase ends 31 March 2011)
- **Italy** - **Phytosanitary Certificate** (transition phase ends 30 November 2011)
- **Peru** - **Animal Health Certificate** (effective immediately)
- **Mexico** - **Aquaculture Health Certificate** (effective immediately)

AQIS is urgently liaising with respective governments to ascertain the details of the new security features and will advise through further Notices to Industry as soon as further information is received.

AQIS will endeavour to develop a set of transitional validation requirements (similar to new certificates issued by the Chinese Government – see Notice to Industry [18-2011](#) – Changes to Certificates issued by the People's Republic of China).

What does this change mean?

Once you have been advised of the new government security features please ensure all certificates comply with the requirements.

If you believe imports have been certified correctly, goods should be held e.g. at wharf or a Quarantine Approved Premise (QAP) while you obtain valid certification.

Further information?

AQIS is aware that there may be some challenges during the transition stage for our clients. Therefore we encourage clients to seek advice from suppliers if concerned about certificate authenticity.

Alternatively you can email the Entry Management Program as a first point of contact at entrymanagement@aqis.gov.au.