



Australian Government

Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

Notice to Industry
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Update to [Notice to Industry 25-2011](#) – Changes to Foreign Government-Issued Export Certificates

Changes to phytosanitary certificates issued by the Italian Government (*Ministero delle politiche agricole*).

Who is affected by this notice?

This notice is for AQIS clients who receive phytosanitary certificates issued from Italy.

What has changed?

The Italian Government (*Ministero delle politiche agricole*) has advised AQIS that there have been four new security features added to the paper used by the Italian Government for phytosanitary certificates issued for foreign countries. The new security features have been added to address counterfeit issues and will be phased in from 1 March 2011 until the 30 November 2011.

The new format can be identified by the addition of:

- a serial number on each certificate
- watermarked paper (chain format – 2 types, perpendicular to the text, can be viewed when holding up to a light source)
- security print that fluoresces under UV light reproducing the words 'NAZIONALE SERVIZIO FITOSANITARIO'
- fibres within the paper that fluoresce under UV light

[See Attachment A for sample copy.](#)

What does this change mean?

From 1 March 2011 until 30 November 2011, both the old and new style of certificates will be accepted by AQIS. As at 30 November 2011 acceptance of old style phytosanitary certificates (without the security features) will be discontinued.

AQIS encourages its clients to be in touch with their overseas suppliers to ensure that they commence providing the new certification as soon as possible.

During the transition phase, AQIS will continue to ensure that documents are authentic and the information provided on these certificates continues to comply with the [Minimum Documents Policy](#).

Further information

For further information please contact the Plant Quarantine Program by email plantquar@aqis.gov.au or by phone 02 6272 3917 or contact the [Entry Management Program](#).