



Australian Government

Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

Notice to Industry
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Release of ICON import conditions for used aquaculture equipment

Who is affected by this notice?

This notice is to advise industry of the release of import conditions for used aquaculture equipment on the [ICON](#) database.

What are the issues?

Importation of used aquaculture equipment represents a high risk exposure pathway for diseases of quarantine concern in marine and freshwater environments.

Unrestricted movement of used aquaculture equipment has been identified as a high risk pathway for the spread of disease.

What has changed?

From 16 December 2010, all imported used aquaculture equipment that has been in contact with aquatic animals or water must be clean and disinfected prior to release from quarantine, regardless of point of origin.

Upon arrival into Australia, the used aquaculture equipment will be directed to a [Class 1.1 AQIS quarantine approved premises](#) (QAP) where it will be inspected and cleaned (if required) and mandatory disinfected using 'Virkon S' disinfectant, prior to its release from quarantine.

These conditions are now included in the '[Aquaculture Equipment – Used](#)' ICON Case.

Further Information

For further information on contamination issues with used aquaculture equipment inspections, please contact the Air and Sea Cargo Program by telephone on 02 6272 3933 or email sea.cargo@aqis.gov.au.