



Australian Government

Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

Imported Food Notice 14/11

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SUBJECT: Requirement to declare producer details for surveillance foods referred to the IFIS

Purpose

To advise Customs brokers and importers of the new AQIS requirement to **declare producer details** when lodging Full Import Declarations (FIDs) in the Customs Integrated Cargo System (ICS) **for all surveillance foods that are referred to the Imported Food Inspection Scheme (IFIS).**

To advise that the requirements in this notice will be applied to all FIDs referred to the IFIS from 21 July 2011.

Scope

This notice applies to the following:

- All Customs brokers or importers who are lodging FIDs in the ICS for consignments of imported food.
- All food importers who provide Customs brokers with information about their consignments of imported food.

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Certain information is required when lodging a FID for imported food. The ICS uses this information to determine if the FID is referred to AQIS under the *Imported Food Control Act 1992*.

Currently, the requirement for the Customs broker or importer to declare the producer details is only applied to risk foods or food subject to a holding order.

From 21 July 2011, Customs brokers must declare the producer details of all surveillance foods selected for referral to the IFIS. An electronic process in the ICS randomly selects 5% of surveillance foods for referral to the IFIS. When a food is randomly selected by the ICS, the Customs broker or importer who is lodging FID will be advised by the ICS that the producer details must be declared.

Surveillance foods that are not selected by the ICS will not require the producer details to be declared.

It is anticipated this change will benefit the importers of surveillance foods by:

- Reducing the amount of incorrectly referred foods
- Reducing the time for AQIS to assess supporting documentation
- Reducing the time for AQIS to inspect and sample surveillance foods

The importer is responsible for providing the Customs broker with sufficient information about the food being imported, including producer details. If incorrect producer details are lodged in the ICS, the AQIS system may not apply the correct rate of inspection and the importer may be subject to unnecessary inspection and analytical testing of samples.

For more information about the different categories of imported food, their inspection rate and how goods are referred by Customs to AQIS, refer to IFN 'Requirements to lodge FIDs for imported foods' available on the AQIS website; <http://daff.gov.au/aqis/import/food/notices>

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