



Australian Government

Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

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AQIS Import Clearance will soon publish the following Notice to Industry on the [AQIS website](#):

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As detailed in the AQIS [Notice to Industry 30/2005-06](#), AQIS will implement mandatory treatment requirements for all solid wood packaging and dunnage on 1 May 2006.

How will AQIS manage the import of containerised timber packaging?

Under existing conditions, untreated timber can be inspected and released if quarantine risk material is not detected during inspection. From 1 May 2006, mandatory treatment, either offshore or onshore, is required for all solid wood packaging. The FCL/FCX and LCL Broker Accreditation Schemes will continue as normal.

How will AQIS manage the import of timber packaging for air cargo and break bulk consignments?

AQIS is investigating longer term options for managing the quarantine risks associated with timber packaging. Until these systems have been developed, AQIS will be monitoring air cargo and break bulk packaging via surveillance. If quarantine risks such as insect infestation or bark are identified during routine surveillance, the consignment will be held while the packaging is treated to address the risk. Alternatively, the packaging can be removed from the consignment, re-exported or destroyed. All treatments will be conducted at the importers expense.

There is no requirement to volunteer consignments to AQIS.

Further information

For further information regarding ISPM 15 packaging clearance, please see the [ISPM 15 Frequently Asked Questions page](#) of the AQIS website. If you require further information please contact the Timber and Timber Products National Co-ordination Centre on telephone: 03 8318 6929, fax 03 8318 6777 or email: timber.imports@aqis.gov.au

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