

NEW AUSTRALIAN QUARANTINE DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY 1ST AUGUST 2009 (only relates to sea freight)

There have been slight variations to the packing declaration format requested originally by AQIS which are now attached.

Firstly on a standard consignment specific **FCL/LCL Packing Declaration** AQIS has introduced a clause that relates ONLY to FCL/X consignments of exposed infest-able agricultural products only i.e. ALL FOOD and AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY so the question can be left and completed or if the shipment contains no FOOD or AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS the clause can be deleted.

As Exporters and Importers name are at the top the Container Cleanliness Statement has to only be shown in below format (which is ONLY used for FCL/X shipment -not applicable for LCL shipments)

AQIS have given time for industry to adjust to this new documentary requirement and will still accept old packing declaration up to the 1st September 2009 and on ANNUALS PACKING DEC current Annuals will be valid until 1/1/2010 but after that will not accept current ANNUAL PACKING declaration so new ones have to be applied for now, so if you have a current ANNUAL please request your shippers to provide in new format attached and send to the original to your nominated broker to obtain approval from AQIS.

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Australian Quarantine in consultation with industry have had a review of documentation currently being provided for all sea freight shipments and have made changes which will come into effect on the 1st August 2009.

The major changes are to **PACKING DECLARATION** and are as follows :-

CURRENT STRAW DECLARATION TO BE REPLACED BY NEW PROHIBITED PACKAGING MATERIAL STATEMENT

PROHIBITED PACKAGING MATERIAL STATEMENT (SUCH AS STRAW, BAMBOO, PEAT, HAY, CHAFF, USED FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CARTONS ETC)

"Have prohibited packaging materials or bamboo products been used as packaging or dunnage in the consignment covered by this document

YES/NO

AQIS will accept this statement ONLY on the following documents

>Packing Declaration

>Packing list or Invoice

Attached are the new packing declaration format for consignment specific and ANNUAL packing declarations that have to be used from 1/08/09

AQIS have given time for industry to have new ANNUALS PACKING DEC accepted so current Annuals will be valid until 1/1/2010 but after that will not accept current ANNUAL PACKING declaration so new ones have to be applied for now , so if you have a current ANNUAL please request you shippers to provide in new format attached and send to the original to you nominated broker to obtain approval from AQIS.

Other main points are

ALL METHYL BROMIDE FUMIGATION CERTIFICATES MUST HAVE PLASTIC WRAP DECLARATION i.e.

" This consignment has been fumigated prior to application of plastic wrapping or plastic wrapping in the consignment conforms to AQIS wrapping and perforation standards" or

" This consignment has been fumigated prior to wrapping or wrapping has perforations or openings to allow the gas to penetrate the goods" or

" The goods covered by this consignment are not plastic wrapped "

With regard to the plastic wrap declaration; please note that under the new policies plastic wrap declarations need to be on the actual treatment certificate for the certificate to be acceptable to AQIS. Supplementary declarations on other documents made by suppliers, exporters or packers will not meet this requirement.

All importers need to advise their overseas supplies of the new requirements effective from 1st August 2009 to avoid any delays caused by not having the correct AQIS approved documentation.