



Notice to Industry

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Non-Commodity Information Requirements Policy: Amendment regarding requirements for Plywood/Veneer Packaging

Following the publishing of Notices to Industry [23/2009](#) and [30/2009](#), AQIS has received a number of submissions regarding the treatment requirements for plywood/veneer packaging. Until the issues raised in these submissions have been considered, AQIS will continue to accept newly manufactured plywood/veneer statements (as currently required). The [Non-Commodity Information Requirements Policy](#) will also be modified to align more closely with current policy requirements.

What will change in the Non-Commodity Information Requirements Policy?

Where timber packaging/dunnage has been used, the policy currently advises that the following statement/document is required: *“ISPM 15 statement or a treatment certificate/phytosanitary or government treatment certificate that covers AQIS acceptable treatments (treatment certificates are not accepted for ISPM 15 treatment)”*. These options will be expanded to include the option for a manufacturer’s declaration that covers AQIS requirements for packaging material made from newly manufactured plywood/veneer.

Manufacturers’ declarations must comply with requirements of the [Minimum Documentary Requirements Policy](#).

The AQIS requirements for packaging material made from plywood/veneer are currently outlined in the ICON case for [Timber Packaging and Dunnage](#), and will be updated to reflect the current policy requirements. This includes identification of the country of manufacture, the date of manufacture and a statement that the plywood/veneer has not been pre-used. The AQIS requirements will also reflect that the plywood/veneer must have been manufactured in:

- All countries excluding Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vanuatu and Western Samoa within three months of export; or
- Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vanuatu and Western Samoa, within 21 days of export.

Enquiries

For further information in relation to AQIS import requirements for timber, please contact the [Timber National Co-ordination Centre](#), AQIS Melbourne.

For further information in relation to the Non-Commodity Information Requirements Policy, please refer to [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or contact the [Industry Partnerships Unit](#), AQIS Canberra.