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Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

Notice to Industry   35/2009

Implementation of new AQIS documentation requirements for the clearance of imported cargo

Further to Industry Notices 23/2009 and 30/2009 regarding changes to AQIS documentation requirements for the clearance of imported cargo, AQIS has received a number of enquiries regarding the implementation of these policies.

The AQIS *Minimum Documentary Requirements Policy* and the AQIS *Non-Commodity Information Requirements Policy* are scheduled for implementation on 1 August 2009.

AQIS welcomes the commitment of industry to advise their suppliers and clients of the impending documentary changes. Documentation which complies with the new policy requirements is already being received by many parties.

The new requirements manage the quarantine risk more effectively than the current requirements, therefore **AQIS will accept documentation issued in line with the new policies effective immediately**. In addition, to assist with the transition, AQIS will continue to accept documentation issued in line with the current policy requirements until 1 September 2009.

How will this affect accredited persons under Broker Accreditation Scheme Compliance Agreements (CAs)?

While some documentation may not strictly adhere to the Broker Accreditation Schemes CA, AQIS recognises that the quarantine risk is still being managed, provided that the documents comply with either the current or future policy requirements. Any documents found to be non-compliant under the relevant CA will be considered for compliance with either set of policy requirements until 1 September 2009. After 1 September 2009, documentation assessed under the CA will need to comply with the *Minimum Documentary Requirements Policy* and the *Non-Commodity Information Requirements Policy* to avoid any potential non-compliance action by AQIS.

At any time, if you are in possession of documents that you are unsure about, please contact your local AQIS office for advice.

Enquiries

For further information, please refer to Frequently Asked Questions or contact:
- The Entry Management Team regarding the *Minimum Documentary Requirements Policy*; or
- The Industry Partnerships Unit regarding the *Non-Commodity Information Requirements Policy* or *Broker Accreditation Schemes*.

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