



Notice to Industry

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Implementation of the Australian Fumigation Accreditation Scheme (AFAS) in Papua New Guinea (PNG)

AQIS is finalising the process for recognising PNG fumigation companies that have been registered by the National Agricultural Quarantine and Inspection Authority (NAQIA) PNG as part of AFAS.

Changes

Commencing 3 November 2008, fumigation certificates from AFAS registered PNG methyl bromide treatment providers with a fumigation date of 3 November 2008 or later will only be acceptable if they are valid and from acceptable treatment providers on the PNG Treatment Providers List. The PNG Treatment Providers List is available on the AQIS website at www.aqis.gov.au/AFAS.

For fumigations performed prior to 3 November 2008, AQIS will continue to accept valid fumigation certificates from all methyl bromide treatment providers in PNG, providing they meet all other AQIS requirements.

Background

Following a long period of capacity building and training, and in consultation with AQIS, NAQIA has developed a Register of PNG treatment providers who demonstrate their capacity to perform an effective methyl bromide treatment to meet Australian quarantine requirements.

AQIS has used the NAQIA Register of methyl bromide treatment providers to develop a list of acceptable PNG treatment providers for import clearance activities.

Future Arrangements

PNG treatment providers wishing to apply for inclusion on the NAQIA Register should contact NAQIA through:

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Further Advice

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