



Notice to Industry

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Entry Processing Guidelines now available in ICON

The purpose of this notice is to advise industry that the AQIS Import Conditions Database (ICON) (<http://www.aqis.gov.au/icon>) is progressively being updated to include guidelines for “entry processing” of commercially imported consignments.

What information is contained within the entry processing guidelines being developed?

The entry processing guidelines were originally designed to provide AQIS staff with a concise summary of the documents required to address commodity concerns and give a breakdown of the quarantine directions to be applied under a number of scenarios. In addition, the classes of QAP to which goods could be directed for quarantine action is also specified where required. These guidelines are designed to bring greater consistency and clarity to the outcomes of AQIS’s entry processing activities.

Will I get the outcomes listed in the entry processing guidelines every time?

It is important to note that the entry processing guidelines are applicable only to consignments referred to AQIS for **commodity** concerns. Other concerns such as non-commodity concerns and Giant African Snail (GAS) profiles may result in outcomes and AIMS directions varying from those stated in the entry processing guidelines for commodities.

Which commodities have had entry processing guidelines developed already?

AQIS has now made all current entry processing guidelines in ICON available to the public. To date, entry processing guidelines have been written for a limited group of commodities but this group continues to be expanded. So far, you will find entry processing guidelines attached to import conditions cases for:

- Plywoods and Veneers
- Yachts/Vessels
- Seeds for Sowing
- Nursery Stock
- Stockfeeds
- Fertilisers
- Machinery (new and used)
- Dried Herbs (including those used for eastern medicines)
- Finfish products
- Manufactured Wooden Articles

What happens when a new group of entry processing guidelines are released?

As each new group of entry processing guidelines are created, AQIS runs an initial trial in one Regional Office to make sure they are working correctly for both AQIS and Industry. Feedback in response to this initiative is appreciated by us and can be provided either directly to the Entry Management Projects Team by email, emprojects@aqis.gov.au or through the Secretariat of the AQIS/Industry Cargo Consultative Committee by email, aiccc@aiccc.com.

Where can I get more information on the entry processing guidelines?

For further information or clarification please contact the AQIS Entry Management Project Team on email, EMprojects@aqis.gov.au or by telephone, 02 6272 4648.