



Australian Government

Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

Notice to Industry

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Implementation of the Australian Fumigation Accreditation Scheme (AFAS) in the Philippines

The Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) is finalising the process for recognising Filipino fumigation companies registered by the Philippines Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) as part of AFAS Philippines.

Changes

AFAS Philippines will officially commence on 1 December 2008. From this date, fumigation certificates from Filipino methyl bromide treatment providers will only be accepted if they are dated 1 December 2008 or later, the providers are listed on the Philippines Treatment Providers List, and the relevant AFAS identification number and all company address details are included as they appear on the Philippines Treatment Provider List. This list is available on the AQIS website at www.aqis.gov.au/AFAS.

AQIS will continue to accept fumigation certificates dated prior to 1 December 2008 from all methyl bromide treatment providers in the Philippines, provided the company is not listed as 'Under Investigation', 'Unacceptable', 'Suspended' or 'Withdrawn' on the Philippines Treatment Providers List.

Background

Following a period of capacity building and training, in consultation with AQIS, BPI has developed a Register of Filipino Treatment Providers who have demonstrated their capacity to perform methyl bromide fumigation treatments to Australian quarantine requirements. AQIS has used the BPI Register to develop a List of Acceptable Filipino Treatment Providers for import clearance purposes.

Future Arrangements

Treatment providers seeking participation in AFAS Philippines will need to contact BPI through:

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