

## PART 1: CHANGES TO THE EXPORT CONTROL LEGISLATION REGARDING MUNG BEANS

### BACKGROUND:

- The *Export Control (Mung Beans) Orders* (the Mung Beans Orders) were introduced in 1991. It was considered that the Mung Beans Orders no longer reflected contemporary operating practice and were out of date.
- Consequently, the Mung Beans Orders have been repealed and an updated set of requirements for the export of mung beans has been incorporated into the *Export Control (Plants and Plant Products) Orders* (the Plants and Plant Products Orders).

- **The new legislation will come into force from the 1st November 2007.**
- Prior to this date, the Mung Beans Orders will continue to regulate the export of mung beans.
- The [Export Control Act](#) (the Act) and certain provisions of the [Export Control \(Prescribed Goods – General\) Order](#) (the General Order) will also continue to apply to the export of mung beans.

### WHAT HAS CHANGED?

- While the basic procedure for exporting mung beans will remain the same (see [Part 2](#) of this document), the new legislation will include the following key changes, **effective from 1 November 2007**:

## 1) Registered Establishment Requirements

- The Code of Hygienic Practice for Oilseeds, Pulses and Legumes has been removed from the legislation as a document incorporated by reference. This means that there is no longer an obligation under the export control legislation to comply with the Code.
- A new schedule, Schedule 3A, has been inserted which details the structural, operational and hygiene requirements for registered establishments in which mung beans are prepared for export.

## 2) Sampling and Inspection Requirements

- The sampling and inspection procedures for mung beans will be formalised in a new schedule, Schedule 6A.

## 3) Mung beans will be considered prescribed goods for consumption

- The definition of 'prescribed goods for consumption' will apply to all mung beans, regardless of the intended end use. Including mung beans in this definition will require a more stringent inspection regime to be applied to the transport units in which mung beans are to be exported.
- This change removes the requirement for authorised officers to certify that the mung beans are fit for human consumption as was previously required by Order 12 of the Mung Beans Orders.

- Exporters should note that the issuance of export certification for mung beans by AQIS **does not** provide assurance of the suitability of the mung beans for consumption.

## WHERE CAN I FIND FURTHER INFORMATION?

- The new legislation is available for downloading on the following links:
  - [Repeal of the Mung Beans Orders](#)
  - [Incorporation of mung beans into the Plant and Plant Products Orders](#)  
(*Note: A compilation of the Amendment Orders and the Plants and Plant Products Orders will be available to download after the 1 November 2007 commencement date. In the interim, the Amendment Orders will be available as a separate document and should be read in conjunction with the most recent compilation of the Plants and Plant Products Orders, which can be accessed via the above link, through the box marked "Amends"*).
  - [Consequential amendment to the Fees Orders](#)
- Explanatory Statements for the new instruments can also be accessed through the above links through the box marked "ES/Supp Material". The Explanatory Statements contain further information on how the requirements for the export of mung beans have changed.
- An overview of the procedure for exporting mung beans is provided in [Part 2](#) of this document.
- For further information, the first point of contact for exporters or registered establishment operators is the relevant [regional AQIS office](#).