



Notice to Industry

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

AQIS is finalising a 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 19 August 2008, fumigation certificates from PNG Methyl bromide treatment facilities with a fumigation date of 19 August 2008 or later will only be acceptable if they are valid and are from facilities on the forthcoming PNG Treatment Providers List. The PNG Treatment Providers List will be available on the AQIS website at www.aqis.gov.au/AFAS subject to receipt of advice from NAQIA.

Background

For fumigations performed prior to 19 August 2008, AQIS will continue to accept documentation from all Methyl bromide treatment providers in PNG, providing the company is not listed on AQIS's Offshore Treatment Providers List as 'Under Investigation', 'Unacceptable' or 'Suspended'.

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

AQIS will use the NAQIA Register of Methyl bromide treatment providers to develop a list of acceptable PNG treatment providers for import clearance activities. Once finalised, this list will be periodically updated on the website www.aqis.gov.au/AFAS.

Future Arrangements

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

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Further Advice

For further information on the Australian Fumigation Accreditation Scheme please call Daryl Crapp on 02 6272 5121 or email AFAS@aqis.gov.au