



Australian Government

Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

QUARANTINE WASTE MANAGEMENT

ADVICE TO AGENTS – SEAPORTS 06/04

The purpose of this advice is to provide you with the attached document '[Quarantine Waste](#)' [88KB] and the attached '[Waste Fact Sheet](#)' [29KB]. These documents explain, in broad terms, options for waste management at Australian seaports.

Waste onboard international vessels in Australian ports is deemed to be subject to quarantine and as such, must be treated in accordance with Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) directions. As you are aware, AQIS is one of several agencies involved in ensuring a consistent and firm regulatory approach to sound quarantine waste management practices.

AQIS works in partnership with organisations such as the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, State and Territory Environment Protection Authorities, local Government, Industry and members of the public to ensure quarantine integrity is maintained.

AQIS officers at seaports maintain strict vigilance in relation to quarantine waste management, particularly in light of the heightened risk associated with the emergence of avian influenza.

By working together, we are able to ensure quarantine integrity is maintained.

Should you have further queries, please contact the local AQIS office in your state. Contact details are available from the Seaports internet site at www.aqis.gov.au/shipping.

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