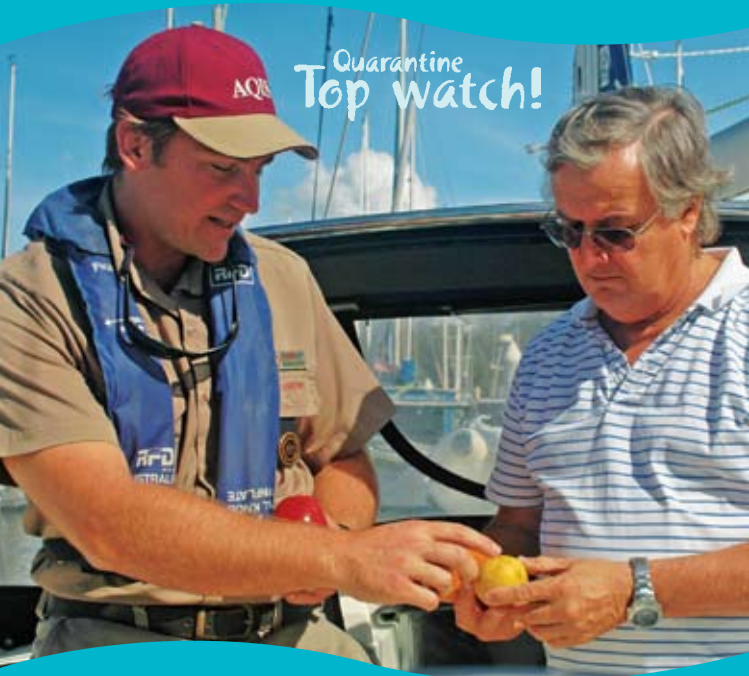




Australian Government

**Australian Quarantine
and Inspection Service**

Visiting the Torres Strait?



**Special quarantine laws apply
for masters of vessels
over seven metres**

Quarantine Matters!

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The islands of the Torres Strait provide a potential route to mainland Australia for many serious quarantine pests present in countries to our north. Australia's quarantine laws are designed to manage the risk of exotic pests, weeds and diseases entering the Torres Strait, or spreading from the Strait to mainland Australia.

If you've visited or operated in the Torres Strait you must contact AQIS to arrange a vessel inspection—preferably at Thursday Island before you leave the Strait, or you can report to another AQIS office up to four days before you first make landfall on the mainland. You can contact AQIS via phone, email, VHF (channel 16) or through local harbour authorities.

Quarantine notification numbers

AQIS will issue you with a Quarantine notification number after you advise intention of arriving at a mainland destination or following clearance procedures in the Strait. Record this number in your vessel's logbook as proof that you have met quarantine requirements.



Movement of items

You **CAN'T** move the following prohibited items from:

- the Torres Strait Protected Zone to the Special Quarantine Zone (see map on page 6), and
- any Torres Strait island to mainland Australia without an AQIS permit.

YOU CAN'T MOVE



Animals



Poultry products including eggs, or feathers with skin attached



Fresh fruit



Fresh vegetables

YOU CAN'T MOVE



**Meat or dairy products
(excluding canned items)**



**Untreated hides or skins, or
other animal products**



**Live plants including cuttings or
seedlings, or plant products***



Soil

* **You can't move plant products made from banana, sugar cane, maize, cassava, citrus or raw cotton**

Fresh fruit and vegetables, or live plants sourced from the mainland or mother ships, will be classed as quarantine risk items once they pass into the Torres Strait.

Vessels transiting through the shipping channel and not stopping in the Torres Strait are exempt from these reporting and inspection requirements.

TIPS

Before you leave mainland Australia for the Torres Strait

Contact the nearest AQIS office for the latest information about quarantine laws in the Strait.

Provision with only enough fresh produce to last until you plan to depart the Strait.

Before you leave the Torres Strait for mainland Australia

Contact AQIS Thursday Island, giving **one full working day's notice**, for advice on AQIS clearance requirements and to arrange a vessel inspection before departure.

Getting clearance at Thursday Island will allow you to travel with no further quarantine reporting requirements.

Contact AQIS

- **Phone**

Thursday Island (07) 4069 1185

Cairns (07) 4030 7800

Bamaga (07) 4069 3142

Weipa (07) 4069 7380

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