



AQIS HORTICULTURE EXPORTS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (HECC) BULLETIN

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The Horticulture Exports Consultative Committee (HECC) met for the Sub Committee Teleconferences on the following dates:

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| ◆ Finance subcommittee | 7 Sept 2006 |
| ◆ Communications subcommittee | 12 Sept 2006 |
| ◆ Operational subcommittee | 14 Sept 2006 |

Items for discussion included:

Horticulture Exports Program – performance and financial management

- ◆ Discussions included current financial performance, budgets and progress on the financial management of the Program. The Horticulture Export Program (HEP) held meetings with Industry on the Programs financial management in late April/ early May. Provisional date for introduction of proposed revised fee schedule is 1 January 2007.

Subcommittee activity

- ◆ The Operational Sub Committee highlighted the introduction of new Japanese Maximum Residue Limits (MRL) and exporters should be aware that there are changes occurring.

Operational and technical issues

EXDOC update

- ◆ Edition 15 of the EXDOC Plant Program newsletter was distributed in July 2006. To view this most recent edition, click [here](#).
- ◆ Following consultation with industry, AQIS Horticulture Exports Program will no longer permit unnecessary product descriptions to be included on Phytosanitary Certificates. For further information click [here](#).

HEP current issues

- ◆ **Country updates**
 - ◆ **China Citrus:** Registration and AQIS audits for orchards, packinghouses and treatment facilities was finalised in early May 2006. Citrus exports to China commenced in August 2006. The first shipment arrived in China on 28 August 2006. Import permits are required for all exports.
 - ◆ **China Mangoes:** There are currently 3 facilities capable of undertaking Vapour Heat Treatment (VHT). Two of these establishments were registered and audited by AQSIQ during an initial visit in 2005. A third VHT facility has expressed interest to participate in trade this season. AQIS will supply registration lists of orchards, packhouses and treatment facilities to AQSIQ for the 2006/07 season following confirmation of requirements by industry.

- ◆ **United Kingdom:** DAFF has been informed by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), UK that the interim conditions developed to ensure continuation of trade will cease 1 January 2007. Nurseries intending to export to the UK after this date will need to be registered with AQIS. For more information, click [here](#).
- ◆ **Taiwan:** Since Taiwan implemented the Queensland fruit fly (Qfly) regulations on 1 January 2006 changing the status of Qfly from precautionary to prohibited, the trade in fruit fly host produce from Tasmania has resumed. Taiwan has formally recognised Tasmania as a fruit fly free area since February 2006, in addition to their recognition of area freedom for Riverland last year. Trade from other Mainland areas is restricted to table grapes, citrus and kiwi fruit under cold treatment.

A detailed work plan for exporting fruit fly host produce from mainland Australia under cold disinfestation is being developed by AQIS. For more information, click [here](#).

❖ **Wood packaging material**

- ◆ There are currently 174 treatment providers and manufacturers certified under the Australian Wood Packaging Certification Scheme. For more information, click [here](#).

❖ **Industry Advice Notices**

- ◆ To view Industry Advice Notices (IAN), click [here](#).

- 1) IAN 2006/22 – Notification of Pre-season requirements – Mango export to China and Japan
- 2) IAN 2006/23 – Re-instatement of Citrus Exports to US under Area Freedom from Fruit Fly
- 3) IAN 2006/24 – Cold Disinfestation Treatment for Citrus to Korea
- 4) IAN 2006/25 – Pre-cooling Certification for Fruit to Taiwan
- 5) IAN 2006/26 – Update of the Phytosanitary Certificate Completion (Exports) Work Instruction
- 6) IAN 2006/27 – Release of Bilateral Quarantine Arrangement SOM Amendment 6
- 7) IAN 2006/28 – Reminder – Requirements for the Export of Wild Sourced Nursery Stock to UK
- 8) IAN 2006/30 – Suspension of NZ “Winter Window” Treatment Pathway
- 9) IAN 2006/31 – Re-instatement of the NZ “Winter Window” Treatment Pathway
- 10) IAN 2006/32 – Amendment to the Export Control (Plant & Plant Product) Orders 2005
- 11) IAN 2006/33 – Update of New Phytosanitary Requirements for Mangoes to Malaysia
- 12) IAN 2006/34 – Exports of Citrus to Japan – Labelling Requirements
- 13) IAN 2006/36 – Horticulture and Plant Product Exports Country of Origin Marking – Korea
- 14) IAN 2006/37 – Conditions for Mandatory Pre-shipment Fumigation of Grains & Plant Products
- 15) IAN 2006/38 – Certification of Plant-Based Stockfeed – EX188 Additional Declaration
- 16) IAN 2006/39 – Requirements for Plants & Plant Products Exports to India concerning Soil & Prohibited Weed Seeds
- 17) IAN 2006/40 – Exports of Carrots to South Korea – Prohibited
- 18) IAN 2006/42 – Options for Dealing with the Detection of Prohibited Weed Seeds in Bulk Prescribed Goods

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❖ **Bilateral discussions:**

- ◆ China 20/21 July 2006 (completed)
- ◆ USA 25 – 27 July 2006 (completed)
- ◆ India (Technical Discussions) 26/27 October 2006
- ◆ Japan 23/24 October 2006 (completed)
- ◆ Malaysia 4 December 2006 (Tentative)

- ◆ New Zealand 13/14 November 2006

- ❖ Industry is reminded that new market access/market maintenance proposals must first be prioritised by the Horticulture Market Access Committee before any negotiations with importing countries can commence. For more information, click ***here***.

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