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GRAIN AND PLANT PRODUCTS – METHYL BROMIDE EXPORT FUMIGATIONS AND INSPECTION SEQUENCE

This Industry Advice Notice (IAN) rescinds IAN No. 2006/37 and relates to AQIS's policy regarding the timing of phytosanitary inspections (**Inspections**) under the *Export Control (Plant and Plant Products) Orders 2005 (Orders)* of particular types of goods (**Goods**), being goods:

- that are prescribed grain, seeds, stockfeed, woodchips or mung beans;
- for which a phytosanitary certificate is required; and
- that the importing country requires mandatory fumigation with methyl bromide before export.

It is AQIS policy that, subject to the Orders, an authorised officer may issue a phytosanitary certificate for a consignment of Goods based on a pre-fumigation Inspection of the consignment (i.e. without a post-fumigation Inspection) where the conditions listed in paragraphs 1 to 3 below have been met. Where the conditions listed in paragraphs 1 to 3 below are not met, fumigation prior to Inspection will still be required.

1. Information to be provided when Inspection is booked

Full details of the fumigator and the proposed dates of fumigation must be provided to AQIS at the time the Inspection is booked. See paragraph 3 below for requirements regarding fumigators.

2. No live pests found or other reason for rejecting the Goods

There must be no live pests detected in the consignment during the Inspection, and there must be no other reason for the authorised officer to reject the consignment under the Orders.

3. Requirements regarding fumigators

Following fumigation of the consignment, the authorised officer must be given documentary evidence that the consignment has been fumigated by either:

- a fumigator accredited under the Onshore Quarantine Fumigation Scheme; or
- a fumigator who has a fumigation licence issued by the relevant State or Territory authority.

Note: where the fumigator is not accredited under the Onshore Quarantine Fumigation Scheme, the authorised officer must be satisfied that the fumigation was conducted in accordance with the latest version of the AQIS Methyl Bromide Fumigation Standard. In some cases, for the authorised officer to be satisfied of this, the fumigation may need to have been supervised by an AQIS officer. AQIS recommends that, if an exporter intends to use a fumigator that is not accredited under the Onshore Quarantine Fumigation Scheme, prior to the fumigation, the exporter confirm with their AQIS regional office whether supervision of the fumigation will be required. Contact details of AQIS regional offices can be found at [Regional Office Contacts](#).

Details of the AQIS methyl bromide standard can be found at [AQIS Methyl Bromide Fumigation Standard](#)
Details of the Onshore Quarantine Fumigation Scheme can be found at [Onshore Quarantine Fumigation Scheme](#).

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