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## Information for Companies Dealing with LCL Cargo Destined for Australia

In April 2001, the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) issued a notice entitled 'Information for Companies Dealing with LCL Cargo Destined for Australia'. This notice was widely distributed to businesses exporting or treating goods destined for Australia.

AQIS, in consultation with the Australian barrier clearance industry has since reviewed its documentary requirements for LCL consignments.

### **PACKING DECLARATIONS**

Packing declarations, similar to those currently mandatory for FCL containers will become mandatory for all LCL consignments arriving after 1 November 2002 (see attached packing declaration).

An example of an acceptable packing declaration can be found at Attachment 1. This example shows those fields that are mandatory for such documents.

**Packing declarations must be provided by the supplier or packer of the goods.**

### **TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR LCL CARGO**

The requirement that all LCL wooden packing must be treated by an AQIS approved method was implemented for all shipments from 2 April 2001.

Wooden packing utilised in LCL consignments should be treated using any of the options available for wooden packing in FCL consignments. The most up to date information on acceptable treatments for wooden packing can be found in the AQIS publication "Cargo Containers - Quarantine aspects and procedures". Information on both permanent (such as CCA) and non-permanent treatments (such as fumigation) is included in Appendix I and II of the publication. Please refer to <http://www.affa.gov.au/content/output.cfm?ObjectID=D2C48F86-BA1A-11A1-A2200060A1B01777>

An example of an acceptable fumigation certificate can be found at Attachment 2. This example shows those fields that are mandatory for such certificates.

An example of an acceptable heat treatment certificate can be found at Attachment 3. This example shows those fields that are mandatory for such certificates.

An example of an acceptable permanent immunisation treatment certificate can be found at Attachment 4. This example shows those fields that are mandatory for such certificates.

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An example of an acceptable 'newly manufactured processed panel product certificate' can be found at Attachment 5. This example shows those fields that are mandatory for such certificates.

### **Numerical link**

It is essential that packing declarations and treatment certificates be directly related to an LCL consignment.

Numerical links will be acceptable on either document in formats such as:

- ?? a bill of lading number
- ?? marks and numbers
- ?? a commercial invoice number
- ?? a packing list number
- ?? a container number

**Please note that amount of packages or weights does not constitute a numerical link.**

## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

### **What happens if my goods aren't treated when they arrive in Australia?**

If a valid treatment certificate does not accompany an LCL consignment, the consignment will be directed for treatment, destruction or re-export from Australia.

### **What happens if my goods are not accompanied by a packing declaration?**

If a valid packing declaration does not accompany an LCL consignment, the consignment will be directed to AQIS for an inspection to verify whether or not wooden packing and/or bark and straw are present. This will be a fee-for-service activity and further action may be required depending on the items found.

### **Which treatment options are available for LCL consignments?**

All treatment options approved for wooden packing in FCL containers are available for LCL packing. Treatment options include fumigation, permanent immunisation and heat treatment.

### **What happens if I do not provide the correct documentation for my LCL consignment?**

In the case where correct documents are not presented for an LCL consignment, the broker in Australia lodging the customs entry for the goods will be required to refer the entry to AQIS for further action.

Any comments or questions regarding the contents of this document can be directed to Rossana Simoncini, AQIS Canberra.

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## Attachment 1

# Supplier Letterhead

## FCL/LCL PACKING DECLARATION

[Boxes  to be marked with an X in the appropriate place.]

Container Number or Numerical Link (Shipping Marks/Invoice Number/Bill Number):

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### STRAW PACKING

(Straw packing includes straw, cereal, rice hulls, and other unprocessed plant materials.)

Q. Has **Straw Packing** been used in the consignment listed above?

A. YES

NO

### TIMBER PACKING

(Timber packing includes: Crates, Cases, Dunnage, Pallets, Skids, and any other timber used as a shipping aid.)

Q. Has **Timber Packing** been used in the consignment listed above?

A. YES

NO

### BARK

(Bark is the external natural layer covering trees and branches. This material is distinct and separable from processed timber.)

Q. If **Timber Packing** is used, is it free of **BARK**?

A. YES

NO

### CLEANLINESS DECLARATION FOR FCL'S ONLY

I also declare that the above container(s) has/have been cleaned and is/are free from material of animal and/or plant origin and soil.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supplier Representative

**Attachment 2**

# Treatment Provider Letterhead

The goods described below were treated in accordance with the fumigation requirements of the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service.

**Details of Treatment**

Name of fumigant .....

Dosage .....g/m<sup>3</sup> or lbs/cu ft

Duration ..... hours

Minimum ambient temperature during fumigation .....

Numerical link .....

Description of cargo .....

Date .....

Treatment Provider Signature .....

## Attachment 3

# Treatment Provider Letterhead

### Details of Treatment

This is to certify that the timber described below was treated on (date) ..... in accordance with AQIS requirements.

Heat Sterilisation Treatment

Temperature .....(C° or F° )

Duration ..... hrs

Timber Thickness ..... mm/inches

Numerical link .....

Date .....

Treatment Provider Signature .....

**Attachment 4**

# Treatment Provider Letterhead

**Details of Treatment**

This is to certify that the timber described below was treated on (date) ..... in accordance with AQIS requirements.

Name of preservative treatment .....

Chemical composition of preservative (eg CCA) .....

Loading of preservative..... % mass/mass based upon the oven dried mass of the treated wood

**Or**

Kg/m<sup>3</sup> or lbs/cu ft (net dry salt retention. Only limited preservatives can be expressed in these terms after 1 November 1999).....

Numerical link .....

Date .....

Signature of Treatment Provider.....

**Attachment 5**

# Manufacturer Letterhead

**Details of Manufacture**

The ...(name of the panel product).... packing/product in this consignment was manufactured in ...(name of country ) .... within the last (three months/21 days as appropriate) and has not been pre used.

Numerical link .....

Date .....

Signature of Manufacturer.....