You may find un-manifested fruit or vegetables and/or see insects or signs of insect damage.

You may see lizards or hear toads and/or frogs while unpacking a container. Lizards are commonly found in containers from the Pacific Islands and South East Asia. If your facility unpacks containers from these areas, be on the lookout for any live or dead reptiles such as chameleons, snakes, toads and/or frogs. Cane toads make a loud “burping” sound similar to the sound of a dulled electric bell. Reptiles can be poisonous and some are also capable of causing temporary blindness, so do not attempt to handle them dead or alive, but attempt to confine them and immediately call 0800 80 99 66.

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MOSQUITOES

- prevent contamination from escaping (close container door, treat with dual action insecticide and/or dispose into a biosecurity waste system).

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- any container contamination requiring immediate action to 0800 80 99 66 and record details on line http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/trans/register or send a fax of the completed log contamination sheet to: North Island fax 09 909 8556 or South Island fax 03 943 1745.
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