



WORK PLAN FOR THE OFFSHORE VERIFICATION INSPECTION OF

FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES TO AUSTRALIA

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1. DEFINITIONS

Director of Offshore Verification Inspection	The Director of Offshore Verification Inspection, Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry New Zealand. The DPB has technical accountability for the export certification of plants and plant products.
Approved Organisation	<p>An Organisation that has been formally recognised by MAF New Zealand as competent to receive delegated authority to act on its behalf to provide specific phytosanitary activities in accordance with the requirements specified in the relevant MAF New Zealand standard(s).</p> <p>Note: Scope of approval only includes specific phytosanitary activities for which the agency has sought authority to undertake on behalf of MAF New Zealand within the scope of this certification system.</p>
AsureQuality Ltd	An organisation accredited as meeting ISO/IEC 17020:2000 and its independence criteria type A, and MAF New Zealand supplementary technical requirements, and authorised by MAF New Zealand to carry out services associated with export certification.
AsureQuality Pest & Disease Laboratory	A plant health diagnostic laboratory operated by AsureQuality Ltd. The laboratory is situated in Auckland (Lynfield).
AsureQuality Seed Laboratory	A seed Identification laboratory operated by AsureQuality Ltd. The laboratory is situated in Palmerston North.
AQIS	Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
MAF Plant Exports	The team within MAF with delegated responsibility for the phytosanitary certification of export plants and plant products.
Declaration of Intention to Export (DOI)	A document which identifies the OVI status of an export lot.
Endpoint Consignment Inspection (EPCI)	An officially recognised phytosanitary inspection process for plant product at a final point of storage prior to loading for export.
Independent Verification Agency (IVA)	<p>An agency that has been formally recognised by MAF New Zealand as competent to receive delegated authority to act on its behalf to provide a specific phytosanitary service(s) in accordance with the requirements specified in the relevant MAF New Zealand standard(s).</p> <p>Note: Scope of authorisation only includes specific</p>

phytosanitary activities for which the agency has sought authority to undertake on behalf of MAF New Zealand within the scope of this certification system.

Location	An operational site, within a MAF New Zealand approved Organisation's system, where phytosanitary activities are undertaken, or reference documents, or records, or fixed equipment are kept, or if the phytosanitary activity involves a mobile facility then that mobile facility.
Lot	A defined volume of produce.
MAF	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the National Plant Protection Organisation for New Zealand.
Non Compliance	Failure to comply with requirements specified in the relevant standards, or specifications contained within this workplan
Offshore verification inspection (OVI)	Formerly known as 'preclearance'. An AQIS inspection that is conducted in the exporting country that is equivalent to on-arrival inspections in Australia.
Product Suitability	Product that MAF has provided AQIS with a complete list of all pests and diseases associated with that product type and gained approval for entry into the programme
Product Quarantine Integrity	Product from different sources (packhouses or grower lots) is adequately segregated via distance, physical barrier or packaging so as to prevent potential cross-infestation.
PIPs	Post Inspection Product Security.
Reworked	To remove weed seeds, trash, or soil from within the consignment.
SGS Ltd	An organisation accredited as meeting ISO/IEC 17020:2000 and its independence criteria type A, and MAF New Zealand supplementary technical requirements, and authorised by MAF New Zealand to carry out services associated with export certification.
Trash	Soil, splinters, twigs, leaves, seeds and other extraneous plant material

2. GENERAL INTRODUCTION

2.1. SCOPE

Specification of operational requirements for the export of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables from New Zealand to Australia under an approved Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) Offshore Verification Inspection (OVI) Programme.

2.2. INTRODUCTION

OVI of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables within New Zealand allows for conditional export of the commodity to Australia without the requirement for product inspection by AQIS upon arrival.

This work plan covers the following varieties of produce: **Avocado, Blueberry, Capsicum (including Chillies), Kiwifruit, Citrus, Persimmon, Strawberry, and Tomato.**

A separate work plan is in place for Summerfruit (**stone fruit; nectarines, peaches, cherries, plums and apricots**). This OVI programme is based in Central Otago, and operates alongside other export programmes the Summerfruit Council of New Zealand run.

Only the above produce that meets MAF phytosanitary certification requirements and Australian phytosanitary import requirements may be presented to an AQIS officer for OVI.

This work plan identifies operational and procedural requirements, which must be met to export **Avocado, Blueberry, Capsicum (including chillies), Kiwifruit, Citrus, Persimmon, Strawberry, and Tomato**, under this OVI programme.

For the purposes of the OVI programme the various industry groups have identified AsureQuality Ltd as their nominated IVA to coordinate the scheduling of AQIS inspections.

Where there is specific information for a crop, this will be found in the specific **Attachments 10 -17** for that crop.

2.3. REFERENCES

- MAF New Zealand Export Certification Standards: Organisation Requirements, Phytosanitary Inspection, and Phytosanitary Documentation
- MAF New Zealand Export Certification Standards, IVA Requirements
- MAF New Zealand Plant Export Operations Pest Identification Requirements
- Pest Lists, the Australian OVI Pest lists
- New Zealand Code of Practice for the management of the Tomato/Potato Psyllid in Greenhouse Tomato and Capsicum crops”
- MAF Compliance Programme for export of Truss tomatoes to Australia (PSTVd).
- For AQIS Pest lists
<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/exports/plants/pest-information/australia-pest-list>
- Service Agreement between AQIS and MAF
- AsureQuality Ltd Plant Export Certification and End Point Consignment Inspection (EPCI) procedures.

3. KEY CONTACTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 MAF New Zealand Programme Manager

Key Contact: Vicky Kitekei'aho, Adviser, Plant Exports team, Import & Exports Standards

Key Responsibilities:

- Communicate with AQIS/Biosecurity Australia regarding programme requirements; and
- Communicate/liaise with AsureQuality Ltd and Industry on programme compliance and requirements.

3.2 AsureQuality Ltd Programme Manager/Inspection Coordinator

Key Contact: Lynette Winters

Key Responsibilities:

Programme Coordination

- Co-ordinating with MAF New Zealand and Industry for the preparation of the work plan;
- Submission of final draft work plan to MAF New Zealand a minimum of 6 weeks prior to the first scheduled inspection (1st May 2011)
- Co-ordination with IVA Operations Team Leader over AsureQuality Ltd procedures;
- Registration of exporters in the programme;
- Notification to MAF New Zealand of request for AQIS Inspectors for a twelve month period (May-April)
- Arranging travel and accommodation for the AQIS inspector;
- Preparation of accounts;
- Arranging reconciliation audits on OVI failures;
- Technical assistance to the inspector as requested;
- Preparing weekly reports to MAF New Zealand; and
- Sending inspection reports to AQIS, Plant Quarantine Operations in Canberra
- Emailing of regular AQIS OVI newsletters.

Inspection Coordination

- Arranging inspection programme in conjunction with packers and exporters;
- Receiving requests for AQIS inspections; and verification of DOI's
- Ensuring any End Point Consignment Inspections (EPCI) is carried out prior to AQIS inspection.
- Conducting entry and exit interviews with AQIS inspectors and reporting to MAF New Zealand when appropriate.

3.3 Industry Liaison

Refer to the Specific Crop Attachments 10 - 17.

Key Responsibilities

- Liaise with IVA Programme Manager;
- Liaise with Exporters; and
- Liaise with MAF New Zealand.

4. PROGRAMME OPERATION

4.1. OPERATING PERIOD OF OFFSHORE VERIFICATION INSPECTION PROGRAMME

Refer to the Specific Crop Attachments 10 - 17.

4.2. REQUESTS TO MAF NEW ZEALAND FOR AN AQIS OFFICER

The programme manager will provide a minimum of one month's notice to AQIS, via Vicky Kitekei'aho of MAF New Zealand, for the commencement of inspections. The programme manager will notify MAF New Zealand by email, the date and time that the AQIS inspectors will be required for.

4.3. REQUESTS FOR INSPECTIONS

All requests for inspection must be communicated to the respective IVA Inspection coordinator by either phone, fax or email. An example of information required is presented in **Attachment 2**.

4.3.1. *Inspections in the Bay of Plenty*

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4.3.2. *Inspections in Auckland and Whangarei*

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Every effort will be made to accommodate all requests, however, if a conflict for a time arises, the scheduling of inspections will be handled on a "first in, first served" basis. If an inspection request is scheduled, and cancelled at the last minute, the programme manager has the right to charge the exporter for the inspection.

4.4. LOCATION OF INSPECTORS

Mt Maunganui
Auckland
Whangarei
With inspectors travelling to Nelson, Gisborne, Christchurch and Northland upon request.

4.5. MARKET DESTINATIONS

Refer to the Specific Crop Attachments 10 – 17.

4.6. DISRUPTION TO SERVICES

In the event that an AQIS officer is unable to perform the duties outlined in this agreement due to ill health, injury, or personal/family emergency, the following understanding shall apply:

- (a) AQIS and MAF New Zealand accept that such circumstances can be unavoidable and may occur from time to time. Both parties will consider and agree on the legitimacy of any claims in this regard;
- (b) Where the AQIS officer is unable to resume inspection services AQIS will determine whether replacing the officer is feasible, giving due consideration to:
 - (i) The likely time or volume remaining until the offshore services would be completed; and
 - (ii) Whether the duties can be re-scheduled amongst other AQIS officers located in New Zealand.
- (c) Where a replacement officer is warranted, AQIS will undertake to send another officer in the shortest possible time;
- (d) Where the AQIS officer is able to resume inspection duties in a mutually acceptable time-frame, MAF New Zealand and the IVA will cease or re-schedule inspection duties during the period services are disrupted;
- (e) MAF New Zealand and the IVA are not liable for the cost of airfares associated with replacing the officer, or any travel undertaken by the officer for personal reasons prior to returning to duty.

4.7. REGISTRATION OF EXPORTERS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAMME

All exporters must register annually with the Programme Manager for each crop prior to the export season.

A separate registration and fee must be submitted for each crop.

Refer **Attachment 1** for Application to Register

Note: An exporter will not be permitted to nominate 'lots for AQIS inspection' untilASUREQuality Ltd has received a completed registration form for each crop from the exporter.

4.8. PROCEDURES

IVA's shall conduct all inspections and audits in accordance with their MAF New Zealand authorised procedures and work instructions.

4.9. NOMINATION OF INSPECTION LOTS

Prior to the AQIS Officer undertaking an inspection the exporter, or nominee, must complete a Declaration of Intention to Export (**DOI**), refer **Attachment 3**.

The completed DOI must contain the following information:

Cover sheet

- Identify only one exporter;
- Identify one crop type per DOI;
- Identify the inspection location and physical address;
- Be signed by the exporter or representative;

Attachment

- Identify all product by pallet card number in numerical order, including pallet/carton quantities associated with each pallet card number;
- Copy of treatment records, where mandatory pre-shipment treatment is required);
- Be typed in a font, of sufficient size to be legible after repeated photocopying;
- Be provided to the Inspection Co-ordinator by fax or email at least 12 hours prior to AQIS inspection for verification; and
- Be no more than 500 pallets per Lot.

Before an exporter may nominate a 'lot' of produce for OVI inspection, the fruit must be:

(i) packed over a 24 hour period and may comprise of fruit from a single or multiple growers.

(ii) eligible for MAF phytosanitary certification prior to OVI. To become eligible for MAF phytosanitary certification, the fruit must have been subjected to and passed phytosanitary inspection by a MAF approved organisation or end point consignment inspected by an IVA. Where fruit has been end-pointed by an IVA, a copy of the inspection documentation must be supplied with the DOI for presentation to the AQIS officer prior to the commencement of OVI; and

(iii) in its final packaging for inspection prior to the DOI being submitted, with the exception of product intended for pre-packing (refer Section 4.18 and Section 4.19, Storage Requirements).

(iv) Note the special requirements for the export of Tomatoes and Capsicums, refer to Attachment 13 and 14.

Note: Refer to Section 4.29 for Fumigator Requirements.

4.9.1. DOI Verification locations:

AsureQuality Ltd, Mt Maunganui.
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AsureQuality Ltd Auckland
Fax: (09) 257 0601
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4.10. INSPECTION LOCATION

All product inspection facilities/locations must:

- Be registered with the Programme Manager (refer **Attachment 1**);
- Meet AQIS requirements (refer **Attachment 5**); and
- Have systems in place for record keeping and to provide trace back to individual grower lot and single fumigation lot.

An authorised IVA will audit inspection facilities to verify applicable requirements are being met.

AsureQuality Ltd will maintain a 'current' register of exporters, packhouses, fumigators (if necessary) and coolstores involved in the OVI programme (refer to **Attachments 7 and 8**) and will ensure that all participants who perform critical functions (e.g. growing fruit, packing

fruit, fumigations, transport, storage and load out) meet agreed competencies to perform these functions.

Approved organisations (Packhouse) will maintain a register of all growers, as required under the MAF Standard.

These registers will be provided to MAF New Zealand/AQIS upon request.

AQIS reserves the right to decline completing an inspection, if the inspection facility does not meet AQIS requirements (Attachment 5).

4.11. INSPECTION OF PRODUCT PRIOR TO PRESENTATION OF AN 'EXPORT LOT' TO AQIS

Only produce that meets MAF phytosanitary certification requirements and Australian phytosanitary import requirements may be presented to an AQIS officer for OVI.

Key New Zealand inspection elements:

- A minimum of 600 fruit sample per grower line per packhouse from every export consignment must be inspected by a MAF New Zealand approved inspector;
- All fruit samples must be inspected for pests and diseases using a x3 maggi lamp;
- A minimum of 10% of the fruit sample must be subjected to closer examination using a x10 hand lens, this includes all pests found;
- Wooden packaging/pallets associated with the export consignment must be inspected by a MAF New Zealand approved inspector, and comply with AQIS requirements; and
- All produce must be packed with sealed polyliners, or otherwise; refer to the requirements of the Australian permit to import.

4.12. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

4.12.1. Pallet Cards

Exporters and/or pack houses are responsible for the printing of pallet cards for their respective companies. Pallet cards shall clearly identify:

- The export company and/or packhouse(s) name;
- A unique identifying number relating to the supplying packhouse or the exporter;
- Individual grower lines; and
- Certification status of the product.

All pallet cards must be traceable to individual grower lines contained upon the pallet.

4.13. PALLETS

Palletised product is to be identified by attaching a uniquely numbered pallet card to each pallet or part pallet. Pallet cards must be securely fastened to the pallet in order to withstand handling to the port of import.

Note: If pallet cards are not affixed on arrival in Australia, the pallet will not be considered to have undergone AQIS OVI.

4.13.1. Breaking Down Pallets

If a pallet is broken down prior to loading, or part pallets are consolidated onto one pallet, then the following procedure must be followed:

- Prior to un-strapping all trays or bulk packs must be identified with the pallet card number.

- Stamping or identification of the pallet card number upon individual trays/packs must be in black or blue ink, and be legible. Handwriting pallet card numbers upon trays/packs is not acceptable.
- A copy of the pallet card is to be attached to the packs being used to top up the consolidated pallet.
- In consolidated pallets, the original pallet card stays with the product on the original pallet, this could mean that the consolidated pallet ends up with more than one pallet card.
- Where trays have been removed, the original pallet card totals needs to be amended to record the remaining quantity of product.
- Inspectors at the time of product load out must ensure that the quantity of product exported from a 'broken down/part pallet' balances/correlates to the quantity of product originally passed by AQIS, as identified upon the DOI.
- A copy of the pallet card must be sent with the consignment.
- The amended original pallet card is to be forwarded when the final balance of the pallet is shipped.

4.13.2. Failed Lines Pallet ID

“Lots” that fail AQIS inspection must be clearly identified with a “**HOLD**” card indicating that the “lot” is rejected for export to Australia.

Rejected product must be physically separated in store from other produce that are either awaiting AQIS inspection or have passed AQIS inspection (refer to 4.20).

Separation distance must be a minimum of 1 metre in all directions under ambient temperature storage conditions, or a minimum of 100mm in all directions in a cool storage environment.

4.14. BINS (ONLY FOR PRODUCT INTENDED FOR PRE-PACKING)

Product that is packed in bins for later re-packing may be submitted for AQIS OVI and must meet the following criteria:

- Where not palletised, each bin must have a separate pallet card attached;
- Where the bins are palletised (strapped), one pallet card per pallet;
- All bins must be identified with the grower number;
- Bins are to be inspected as being free from pests & disease contamination prior to the fruit being loaded and meet the ISPM 15 requirements;
- Any pallet cards not transferred on the pre-packed pallet are to be deleted from the DOI, “**DELETED**” inscribed on the pallet card, and the number recorded as a donor on the repack records.

4.15. RECORDS

Authorised IVA’s shall conduct audits as per MAF New Zealand, and have available copies of all audit reports completed for organisations supplying product for the OVI programme.

Authorised IVA’s shall as appropriate conduct end point consignment inspections on product submitted for AQIS for OVI, and shall maintain records pertaining to these inspections.

Approved organisations shall maintain all documentation pertaining to inspections completed on product being submitted for OVI.

Organisations must maintain relevant documentation to enable traceability of product from the issued DOI, through the packhouse (including pallet identification), treatment provider (where mandatory treatment is undertaken as specified upon import permit), cold storage facility, to each supplying grower.

All records related to OVI must be kept for a period of not less than 2 years from their date of issue.

4.16. REPORTING

The AsureQuality Programme Manager must report weekly to MAF New Zealand and Plant Quarantine Operations, Canberra, during the period the AQIS officers are in New Zealand. A copy is to be sent to the IVA Operations Leader, AsureQuality Ltd.

The report must contain the following (**Attachment 9**):

- Inspection Period.
- Names of the AQIS inspectors
- Number of lots examined, per AQIS inspector
- Number of lots rejected;
- Reasons for rejections; and
- The corrective actions to prevent reoccurrence of similar rejections.
- Summary of the inspections for the year.

Any events of a significant nature affecting the integrity or progress of the programme will be reported to MAF New Zealand **within 12 hours of notification** to the IVA Programme Manager.

The Programme Manager will arrange any trace back audits and make the results available to AQIS/MAF New Zealand if requested.

4.17. AQIS OFFSHORE VERIFICATION INSPECTION

Only product that meets MAF Phytosanitary certification requirements and Australian phytosanitary import requirements may be presented to an AQIS officer for OVI.

The organisation shall provide inspection facilities and assistance as per **Attachment 5**.

AQIS will undertake OVI of "lots" as per DOI submitted by the exporter(s) and verified by an IVA.

Packhouses and freight forwarders shall remove pallets or packages from coolstore only as directed by AQIS for sampling purposes.

All pallets in the lot must be consolidated in a single location and accessible at the time of inspection. These may be the pallets randomly selected by AsureQuality Ltd, on behalf of the AQIS officer prior to the inspection.

Sufficient boxes will be selected at random from the nominated lot either by AQIS personnel or under their direction to ensure a 600 unit inspection can be completed. If the inspection lots are less than 1000 units a 450-unit inspection regime will be applied. The number of boxes inspected to obtain the 600 or 450 units will be recorded.

All product will be removed from each selected carton/bin and the empty container examined for trash and/or extraneous plant material and live pests.

Bins and cartons must be free of trash. If trash is detected during AQIS inspection, the DOI will be rejected for export to Australia (Section 4.19). There is a nil tolerance for fresh leaf material.

AQIS will use specific inspection regimes including optical enhancements and dissection of a sub-sample of the inspection units during inspection as required.

If the "lot" passes inspection, the AQIS officer will sign and stamp the DOI. The AQIS officer will retain the original with copies distributed to the AsureQuality Ltd Inspection Co-ordinator, and respective packhouse(s) or freight forwarder(s). The Programme Co-ordinator must retain a copy of all records.

Packhouses or freight forwarders must reassemble pallets immediately after completion of OVI and re-strap pallets as per PIPS requirements.

4.18. CLASSIFICATION OF PESTS, INFECTED MATERIAL AND SEEDS

If trash, seeds, disease symptoms/rots/pathogens or live pests are detected during AQIS OVI, the inspection must proceed to completion and the fruit covered by the DOI must be placed on hold pending determination of the quarantine status or removed from Australian program.

All pests, pathogens and contaminating seeds must be categorised and actioned as per the AQIS pest lists, as found on the MAF New Zealand website:

For AQIS pest lists:

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/exports/plants/pest-information/australia-pest-list>

Note: AQIS reserves the right to request laboratory identification of pests, infected materials and seeds found during their product inspection if AQIS inspectors are not able to make an appropriate identification.

All pests and pathogens found that are unable to be identified by the approved inspector, or authorised IVA auditor, or the AQIS inspector, are to be sent to a MAF approved laboratory for identification. This identification should include the following: species, family, order/group, common name, whether it is a plant pest, and if it is native to New Zealand.

All seeds found that are unable to be identified by the approved inspector, or authorised IVA auditor, or the AQIS inspector, are to be sent to a MAF approved seed laboratory for identification. This identification should include the following: species, family, common name and if it is native to New Zealand.

If the plant pest/pathogen identified is new to New Zealand, or is a new crop host association, the Pest Lab must notify the MAF Adviser Plants, within one working day of the identification.

Note: Where a pest, pathogen and seed is found and that species is not on the AQIS pest lists, the AQIS officer will obtain clarification of the quarantine status via AQIS Canberra.

The process of identification and AQIS consultation can take several days for completion.

The Programme Manager will provide MAF Plant Exports with new AQIS pest/pathogen/seed categorisations **within one working day** of receipt from AQIS.

4.19. OFFSHORE VERIFICATION INSPECTION INTERCEPTIONS

4.19.1. *Interceptions during AQIS offshore verification inspection*

Where weed seeds, trash, live pests and disease material are detected in an inspection lot, the inspection must proceed to completion.

All pest and seed interceptions will be considered actionable until formal identification has been undertaken and the quarantine status has been determined by AQIS.

If viable egg sacs are found, the sample must be sent for further identification by a MAF approved laboratory (**Section 4.18**) and, if determined to be a quarantine pest for Australia, fumigation treatment and AQIS re-inspection must occur or the consignment will be rejected for Australia. If non-viable egg sacs are intercepted during AQIS inspection, the lot may be certified as 'Passed.

Product that has failed AQIS OVI cannot be exported to Australia for on-arrival AQIS inspection. Rejected product must be physically segregated from other produce, which is either awaiting AQIS inspection or have passed AQIS inspection (as per requirements under 4.20).

Live pest detections:

If a live pest is detected during AQIS inspection, the AQIS inspection must proceed to completion and the DOI held until a pest classification is obtained. If the pest is determined by AQIS to be of quarantine concern to Australia, the entire lot from which the inspection was carried out must be rejected.

The following options may be applied to the inspection lot:

1. Multiple packers in the DOI

DOI/consignments made up of fruit from more than one (1) packhouse (i.e. MAF approved phytosanitary inspection facilities) and multiple grower lines;

- (a) Accept rejection and withdraw the affected packhouses' fruit, send this fruit to another market and, if it is for export, obtain MAF certification as appropriate; **or**
- (b) Remove all fruit supplied by the affected packhouse(s) (note: this may involve fruit from more than one grower) from the DOI/consignment and re-submit the remaining fruit from the other packhouse(s) as a new DOI/consignment for another AQIS pre-clearance inspection. Please note: this fruit from the non-affected packhouses may be resubmitted without fumigation; **or**
- (c) If the reason for rejection is an insect pest, arrange for fumigation of the reject fruit by a MAF Approved treatment supplier and re-inspection by the AQIS pre-clearance inspector. Please note: the fumigated fruit does not have to be re-inspected by the MAF Approved Organisation prior to AQIS re-inspection; **or**
- (d) If the reason for rejection is an insect pest, is treated by a non-approved MAF Approved treatment supplier, the consignment must be re-inspected by a MAF Approved Organisation prior to being resubmitted for AQIS inspection.

2. One packer's fruit in the DOI

DOI/consignments made up of fruit from one (1) packhouse (that is, MAF approved phytosanitary inspection facility) with multiple growers;

- (a) Accept rejection and withdraw the affected packhouses' fruit, send this fruit to another market and, if it is for export, obtain MAF certification as appropriate; **or**
- (b) if they still want to export this fruit from the affected packer to Australia, arrange for fumigation by a MAF approved fumigator (may involve multiple grower lines) prior to re-presentation for AQIS OVI. Please note; the fumigated fruit does not need to re-inspected by the MAF Approved phytosanitary inspection organisation prior to AQIS re-inspection; **or**
- (c) If the reason for rejection is an insect pest, is treated by a non-approved MAF treatment supplier, the consignment must be re-inspected by the MAF Approved phytosanitary inspection organisation prior to being resubmitted for AQIS inspection.

Note: If an inspection lot is placed on hold by AQIS OVI due to detection of a live insect after lots have been fumigated (e.g tomatoes/capsicums), then all inspection lots from one or more fumigation lot/s must be placed on hold pending investigation by MAF and AQIS. The cause of the failure must be determined prior to AQIS passing or rejecting the DOI.

Note: The detection of any live stages of Tomato/Potato Psyllid during inspections of fresh capsicums, truss tomatoes or loose tomatoes will result in failure of the DOI, notification of Plant Quarantine Operations, Canberra and an investigation by MAF/AQIS into grower practices and/or potential treatment failure.

If viable egg sacs are found, the sample must be sent for further identification by a MAF approved laboratory (Section 4.19) and, if determined to be a quarantine pest for Australia, fumigation treatment and AQIS re-inspection must occur or the consignment will be rejected for Australia. If non-viable egg sacs are intercepted during AQIS inspection, the lot may be certified as 'Passed'.

Weed seed/trash/soil detections:

Where weed seeds or trash are detected in an inspection lot, the inspection must proceed to completion and the DOI rejected.

The option of sending the seed for laboratory identification to determine the species can also be made available. If the identified contaminant is determined by AQIS as non-actionable the inspection lot and the DOI will be passed by the OVI officer without any further action.

The following options may be applied to the inspection lot if a DOI is rejected due to trash / weed seed interceptions:

- (i) The inspection lot will be withdrawn from the Australian export program; **or**
- (ii) Where the rejected lot comprises more than one packhouse:
 - (a) The product of the offending packhouse may be separated and **reworked** using an appropriate method to remove **the reason for the failure**, and re-inspected by a MAF organisation prior to representation to AQIS for inspection under a new DOI; **or**
 - (b) The product of the offending packhouse may be removed from the DOI and the remainder of the lot packed by other packhouses for which no quarantine concerns were detected may be passed under a new DOI for another AQIS inspection.

(iii) Where the rejected lot comprises product from one packhouse made up of more than one grower and product quarantine integrity is maintained between each grower lot:

- (a) The offending grower may be removed and reworked using an appropriate method to remove the reason for the failure, and re-inspected by a MAF organisation prior to representation to AQIS for inspection under a new DOI; **or**
- (b) The product of the offending grower lots may be removed from the DOI and the remaining non-offending grower lots may be passed under a new DOI for another AQIS inspection.

Refer to attachments 13 and 14 for additional considerations for Tomatoes and Capsicums.

4.20. STORAGE AND TRANSPORT

"Lots" that have passed OVI must be maintained in secured conditions segregated from non-inspected fruit by a minimum of 1 metre in ambient temperatures or 100 mm or a solid barrier in coolstore environment in all directions from all other produce not destined for Australia and product that is awaiting AQIS OVI.

Where pre-shipment treatment is a mandatory requirement for product intended for Australia, treated lots must also be segregated from untreated product.

Product intended for Australia must be segregated from product for other markets (includes domestic) fruit at all times.

When fruit that have undergone OVI is transported to or from an approved grower/packhouse/fumigator/coolstore, it must be protected from re-contamination with trash, pests and other quarantine risk material. If product is not transported in a separate truck then a solid barrier (e.g. temporary plywood bulkhead, tarpaulin, and shrink wrap) must be inserted between OVI and non-OVI fruit.

All agents involved in the storage and transport of OVI produce must maintain accurate and up-to-date inventory control records that captures product that has undergone AQIS OVI, as defined by the product declared on the DOI, to the product being held in storage. Packages of fruit from different growers must be traceable to the specific grower.

4.21. OVI PASSED PRODUCT DESTINED FOR PRE-PACKING

All product intended for pre-pack operations is stored and transported in such a manner that the OVI/phytosanitary status is not compromised.

The pre-packing must take place in an insect proof environment and in an environment where inspected produce is not mixed with product that have failed or are awaiting AQIS OVI.

The approved organisation (pre-packer) must be audited in accordance with the frequency specified within applicable MAF New Zealand standards, against the technical requirements and conditions outlined within this work plan.

4.22. PRODUCT VERIFICATION AT LOADOUT

All freight forwarders/agents who undertake assembly of airfreight or sea freight consignments must be:

- MAF approved organisations who are aware of their responsibilities and duties and
- Ensure that the integrity of offshore inspected product destined for Australia is not compromised.

There are **three options (4.23-25)** listed for the sealing of containers that have passed OVI. Containers which meet the requirements of the OVI Programme will not normally require further inspection upon arrival in Australia, but are subject to random physical verifications to ensure that the product within the consignment matches that declared on the DOI.

- Produce that have passed AQIS OVI must not be co-transported in the same air can/container as non-inspected or rejected goods unless AQIS can verify on arrival that product quarantine integrity has been maintained.
- Depending on on-arrival investigations by AQIS officers, the lots may lose their 'Passed' status and will be subject to standard on-arrival clearance procedures (inspection and treatment if necessary), re-exportation or destruction.

4.23. SEAFREIGHT - SUPERVISION / VERIFICATION UNDERTAKEN BY AN AUTHORISED IVA

Exporters or their agents who request an IVA to undertake load out supervision, verification and container sealing must provide **a minimum of 24 hours notice** to the appropriate 'field office', prior to the expected load out time. **If less than 24 hours notice is given**, sealing of the container will be undertaken at the discretion of the IVA.

The IVA verifies product/pallet information provided by the exporter correlates to pallet information identified upon the DOI(s). Details of pallets loaded may be emailed to the IVA.

A physical verification of the last two pallet numbers to the information on the DOI within a container is undertaken. To enable checking of the last two pallet numbers, the pallet cards must be visible when the container doors are open.

Where pallet card numbers are identified upon each individual tray or carton these should be loaded so that identification numbers are placed towards the door of the containers (air and sea freight).

If a discrepancy is identified in pallet numbers loaded within a container, to pallet information identified upon the DOI(s), the consignment will not be considered to have undergone AQIS OVI.

The IVA must complete a load out log (refer to **Attachment 4**) for each consignment. Exporters must provide a copy of the load out log, when requesting MAF New Zealand phytosanitary certification.

4.24. AIRFREIGHT - SUPERVISION / VERIFICATION UNDERTAKEN BY AN AUTHORISED IVA

Exporters or their agents who request an IVA to undertake load out supervision, and verification must provide **a minimum of 24 hours notice** to the appropriate 'field office', prior to the expected load out time. **If less than 24 hours notice is given**, sealing of the container will be undertaken at the discretion of the IVA.

The IVA will verify product/pallet information provided by the exporter correlates to pallet information identified upon the DOI(s).

Refer **Section 4.13.1** regarding breaking down of pallets.

A verification of the pallet numbers within a container is also to be undertaken.

If a discrepancy is identified in pallet numbers loaded within a container, to pallet information identified upon the DOI(s), the consignment will not be considered to have undergone AQIS OVI.

The IVA must complete a load out log (refer to **Attachment 4**) for each consignment. Exporters must provide a copy of the load out log when requesting MAF phytosanitary certification.

4.25. SUPERVISION/VERIFICATION UNDERTAKEN BY MAF APPROVED ORGANISATIONS

Only MAF approved organisations are permitted to undertake 'loadout supervision and sealing' for the OVI programme. The minimum requirements that must be met before an organisation may undertake this activity are:

- The approved organisation must document within their system, how the sealing is to be completed and recorded, who will do the sealing, what type of seals will be used, and when the sealing will take place;
- The person supervising, verifying and sealing the load out must be a MAF approved inspector or a PIPS verifier, identified within the approved Organisation system;
- The approved organisation must provide the information contained in the example load out log for each consignment (refer to **Attachment 4**). Exporters must provide a copy of this information when requesting MAF phytosanitary certification; and
- Organisations choosing this option will be audited by an IVA to ensure adherence to requirements.

4.26. CERTIFICATION

To request MAF phytosanitary certification, the exporter must provide their IVA with the following documentation:

- A copy of the OVI load out log or an organisations approved loadout document;
- An approved organisation's DOC or IVA EPCI;
- A copy of the relevant AQIS approved DOI(s) identifying 'cleared' product; and
- A copy of a relevant Australian import permit.

Every MAF phytosanitary certificate must contain within the additional declaration section of the certificate the following endorsements:

"Produce as identified by the attached Declaration of Intention to Export (State DOI number), has undergone AQIS offshore verification inspection in New Zealand"

- Refer to the Specific Crop **Attachments 10 - 17** for any crop specific additional declarations.
- A list of pallet card numbers making up the consignment

Note: A phytosanitary certificate and/or an ISPM 15 Timber treatment certificate (**refer to 4.26.1**), AQIS import permit and relevant DOI(s) must accompany each OVI consignment to Australia.

The load out log is not to be forwarded to AQIS in Australia with the phytosanitary certificate.

If only part of the block covered by a DOI is to be shipped, reconciliation on arrival in Australia will be helped if the relevant pallet card numbers are highlighted on the copy of the DOI accompanying the phytosanitary certificate

4.26.1. Timber requirements for packaging

Timber packaging and pallets must be treated in accordance with an AQIS-approved method or be ISPM15 compliant. Every cargo container that contains timber must meet the requirements as stated in the AQIS publication, "Cargo Containers Quarantine Aspects and Procedures", which can be found at the following web address.

<http://www.daff.gov.au/aqis/import/general-info/documentary-requirements#examples>.

This document states the options that are required to be met when wooden timber is used as packaging

4.27. NON-COMPLIANCE

Failure to meet the requirements identified within this work plan shall result in product losing its 'AQIS offshore-inspected' status. Depending on the nature of the non-compliance, the organisation and/or exporter may be suspended from the programme (refer attached Non-Compliance Contingencies **Attachment 6**).

Any design problems experienced during the implementation of the programme must be reported to the Director **within three working days** by the Programme Manager

AQIS reserve the right to terminate or modify any OVI arrangement (in consultation with MAF New Zealand) should serious faults be found in the OVI process or documented procedures.

4.28. PROGRAMME COSTS

AsureQuality Ltd shall meet all operational costs of the AQIS inspection programme. Exporters will then be invoiced, based on the lots inspected by each individual AQIS inspector, at the conclusion of their period in New Zealand.

All exporters will be charged annually a set fee of \$600.00 + GST for each crop they register under the programme. (Refer **Attachment 1**).

Any exporter failing to clear their account will not be eligible for further AQIS inspections under this programme.

Requests for cancellation of a lot must be received 24 hours before the appointed time. Failure to ensure notification or cancellation due to the inspection facilities not meeting the AQIS requirements may result in costs associated with that lot being charged to the exporter

4.29. FUMIGATOR REQUIREMENTS

The following are requirements that are required to be followed by the Fumigator to ensure the effectiveness of the fumigation:

- Methyl bromide fumigation must be undertaken by MAF approved Treatment Suppliers (<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/trans/treat/approved>).
- Establishments will ensure that they have systems in place to ensure that treated and untreated product is identified and segregated at all times.
- All establishments must also maintain records that identify each fumigation lot and details for each lot treated, including:
- The temperature must be measured by placing the temperature probe into the centre of a piece of fruit located in the middle of a carton. At least three temperature readings must be taken from fruit in three different cartons/pallets and from different varieties within the consignment
 - From one carton at the top of the pallet;
 - From one carton in the middle of the pallet;
 - From one carton at the bottom of the pallet.
- All data pertaining to each fumigation will be recorded, including the number and identification details of treated pallets, the time and date of the treatment, the temperature data from each pallet as tested above, the lowest temperature recorded, the methyl bromide dose rate as calculated and reference to the chamber capacity and the volume of product treated.
- Once a chamber has demonstrated its ability to hold gas (in accordance with the applicable standards of MAF at the beginning of the season), commercial fumigation can proceed.
- For new treatment facilities in NZ, an initial gas concentration reading will be required for the first commercial fumigation.
- An AQIS inspector may monitor fumigations.

Attachment 1. Application for Registration to Export AQIS Offshore Inspected Product to Australia

To:
Programme Manager
AsureQuality Ltd Limited
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ATTENTION: Lynette Winters

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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION TO EXPORT _____ TO AUSTRALIA
List Product type

Note: One application must be completed per Product type to be exported, and the application is only valid for 12months from signing.

Company Name :	_____
Trading Name:	_____
and	_____ _____
Private Box Number:	_____
Phone :	_____
Fax:	_____
E-mail :	_____
Contact Person :	_____

DECLARATION:

- 1 I/We agree to the conditions in the work plan between MAF New Zealand and AQIS for the provision of the OVI programme.

Signed: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____

On Behalf of: _____

ATTACHMENTS:

Please find enclosed:

- 1 If participating in the OVI Programme a fee of \$600.00 (plus GST) per product type. This covers the costs of supplying the Work Plan to you and your suppliers and arrangements for the inspection programme;

Either enclose a cheque made out toASUREQuality Ltd, or this amount will be billed on receipt from you of this signed form;

- 2 List of Organisations packing and coolstoring fruit, which product will be shipped
- 3 List of Freight Forwarders.
- 4 List of Fumigators.

Attachment 2. Request for Offshore Verification Inspection

Inspections in Bay of Plenty

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AQIS Inspection Manager
AsureQuality Ltd
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Inspections in Auckland and Whangarei

Vol Stroud
AQIS Inspection Co-ordinator
AsureQuality Ltd
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Auckland
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Fax: 09-2570601

REQUEST FOR Offshore Verification Inspection _____ (List Product requiring inspection)

Exporters Name: _____
Date and Time _____
Inspection Required: _____
Location Where _____
Inspection to be _____
Carried Out: _____

Contact Name to _____
Finalise Details: _____
Contact Phone _____
Number: _____
Number of Lots to _____
be Inspected: _____

Attachment 3. Sample Declaration of Intention to Export

DECLARATION OF INTENTION TO EXPORT

AQIS Number:.....

PRODUCT & VARIETY: _____

DATE: _____

EXPORTER: _____

INSPECTION LOCATION: _____
(and PHYSICAL ADDRESS)

NUMBER ATTACHED SHEETS: _____

DECLARATION:

"I declare that the produce represented on this document has been produced in accordance with the Organisations documented quality system and it meets the designated country's requirements or has been endpoint inspected by an authorised IVA and meets Australian Import Requirements"

Exporter Signature (or nominated representative)

ASUREQUALITY DECLARATION:

"The product represented on this document meets MAF New Zealand Certification requirements at the time of presentation for AQIS Offshore Verification Inspection".

AsureQuality Ltd Officer Signature

AsureQuality Ltd Seal

PALLET CARD NUMBERS (IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

(These are to be printed on an attached pallet information sheet and attached to this declaration)

AQIS TO COMPLETE	
Result: Pass/Fail	
AQIS Name:	AQIS Seal
AQIS Signature: _____	
Date: _____	
If Rejected	Pallet No: _____ Growers mark: _____
	Packer: _____
Reason for Rejection:	_____

ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE NUMBERED AND ATTACHED TO THIS SHEET.	

The minimum requirements for the attachment sheet are the following:

AQIS Number.....

Page Of

A unique identifying **Pallet Number (may include numbers and/or letters)**

Number of Packages

Pack Date

Organisation (Packhouse)

Pack Type

Refer to the Specific Crop Attachment 10-17 for any additional requirements

Attachment 4. Example of a Load-Out Log for product that have undergone AQIS OVI

_____ (List the product type)

Place your letterhead here.

EXPORTER:

DOI number(s):

SHIPPING AGENT:

Coolstore Name	Container No.	Seal No.	Pallet No.s		

Time Involved:

Distance Travelled:

Comments:

Date:

Officers Name:

Signature:

Attachment 5. Requirements for Offshore Verification Inspection and Storage Locations

All Inspection and storage locations must be registered and meet the following requirements. Refer to **Attachment 8**.

Inspection Facilities

- A suitable work area that is kept clean and free of other material or equipment;
- A workbench of minimum 2 metres by 1.2 metres that is preferably white laminate;
- Lighting directly over the inspection table of minimum 600-lux;
- Access to an electric outlet;
- Clear of main traffic areas and other operations and not located within or at the entrance of a cool room. There must be sufficient area to work effectively and move freely within the inspection area (As a guide, the AQIS Quarantine Approved Premise criteria specify a work area of 9m²);
- Located in a designated non-smoking area;
- Maggie Lamp (x3) magnification.
- Other equipment necessary for the detection of quarantine pests.

Coolstore

- Capacity to coolstore and segregate product following inspection; and
- Facility to load/unload product under cover.

Other Facilities

- Access to a photocopier within the Organisations facility;
- Equipment for the re-strapping of pallets.

Staff Assistance

- Assistance with selection samples and the re-strapping of pallets.

Management

- Responsibility for communication directly with the OVI co-ordinator/IVA on OVI arrangements;
- Responsibility for the organisation to be ready at the nominated time.
- Responsibility for ensuring adequate resources are available; and
- The ability to prepare documentation and keep inventory records.

Post Inspection Product Security (PIPs)

After OVI, product must be segregated from non-OVI product. In a coolstore a 100mm, clear space or physical barrier is required. For fruit stored in ambient temperatures a 1 metre clear space (segregation) or physical barrier is required.

Note: If these requirements are not met, the AQIS inspector may not proceed with the inspection, and the exporter charged for the time, refer to 4.28.

Attachment 6. Non-Compliance Contingencies

Action Pathway	Non-Compliance Contingencies	Work plan reference
All exporters must register with the OVI Programme Manager	No OVI for current season	4.7
Packhouse not a MAF approved organisation.	IVA End-Point Consignment Inspection of each consignment prior to presentation to AQIS for OVI	4.9.1 4.11
All product presented to AQIS inspector must have been MAF New Zealand certified as meeting Australian Maximum Pest Levels (MPLs).	No OVI	4.9.1
Palletised product is to be identified by attaching a uniquely numbered pallet card to each pallet or part pallet. The exporters/Organisation name is to be included and a prefix/code.	No OVI	4.12
Packed product is to be protected from pest contamination during packing to the point of export.	Immediate suspension of "AQIS offshore inspected" status	4.13 4.18
Only IVA registered inspection locations are eligible to participate in the programme.	No OVI conducted at non-approved locations	4.7 4.10
Exporter to forward "OVI request" to Inspection Co-ordinator.	No OVI	4.3
Inspection Co-ordinator to confirm the consignment is eligible for OVI and advise AQIS Inspector.	No OVI	4.9.1
Exporter or nominated person to complete "Declaration of Intent" (DOI, refer Attachment 3) and submit this document completed to the AQIS OVI co-ordinator prior to the OVI.	No OVI	4.9.
Packhouse to maintain an inventory of product stating organisation identification, volume, pallet identification and DOI reference.	Suspension of "AQIS offshore inspected" status	4.8 4.15 4.18
IVA Verification Officer to verify that organisation(s) is MAF New Zealand approved or that an IVA End-Point Inspection has been conducted.	No OVI	4.9.1
The Organisation or the exporter's freight forwarder is to remove pallets or packages from coolstore as directed by AQIS.	No OVI	4.17

Action Pathway	Non-Compliance Contingencies	Work plan reference
Inspection facilities for fruit inspection meeting the requirements of Attachment 5 must be provided by the exporter or their agent.	No OVI	4.10
<p>AQIS undertakes pre-export inspection of "lots" per DOI submitted by exporters.</p> <p>NB: Acceptable "lots" – AQIS sign and stamp DOI. Copy to AsureQuality Inspection Co-ordinator, & copy to exporter.</p>	<p>If a lot fails AQIS inspection, the exporter has the following options: refer section 4.20 of the work plan for the correct procedures to follow for handling of failed lots.</p>	4.20
<p>Unacceptable "lots" – AQIS record reason for rejection (e.g. pest, trash, weed seeds, etc), Packhouse Registered Number, Growers Registered Number and Pallet Card Number on DOI. DOI is clearly marked fail, original retained by AQIS, copy to AsureQuality Inspection Co-ordinator, copy to packhouse/ exporter</p>	<p>Any MAF Approved organisation/ inspection location exceeding a rejection ratio of 1 in 11 OVI inspections will be placed on MAF End-Point Consignment Inspection or daily audits prior to export until the organisation can assure MAF that the OVI programme standards can be met again.</p> <p>The OVI programme for each crop type can be cancelled should inspections find rejection levels exceeding 15% of total consignments for that crop inspected after the first week.</p> <p>Note: This would impact all Organisations involved with OVI for that commodity type.</p>	4.20
Packhouses or the exporter's freight forwarder is to reassemble pallets immediately after completion of OVI and re-strap.	Suspension of "AQIS offshore inspected" status of the lot(s)	4.17
OVI "lots" must be maintained and shipped in secure conditions.	Loss of pre-cleared status	4.13.1 4.14 4.18 4.22
Sealed containers, which met the requirements of the OVI Programme, will not normally require further inspection upon arrival in Australia.	Unsealed sea containers will be treated as not undergone OVI by AQIS	4.22
Phytosanitary certificate requests are to be submitted to IVA for verification.	If documentation is incomplete on arrival in Australia (including the two attachments), product will lose its "AQIS offshore inspected" status	4.26
Incorrect certificates are verified by authorised IVA	Revoke certificate by MAF New Zealand	4.26
Certificates presented to AQIS on arrival of export consignment.	If no certificates, hold until certificates are located, reship or destroy	4.26

Action Pathway	Non-Compliance Contingencies	Work plan reference
<p>AQIS to verify pallet card numbers per phytosanitary certificate and DOI. If paperwork in order, AQIS to release without further inspection.</p>	<p>If pallet card numbers do not match, the following options apply: Inspect/reship/destroy AQIS to notify MAFNZ MAFNZ and AQIS suspend approved organisation until the system audited by MAFNZ MAFNZ to audit the pathway in New Zealand and notify AQIS results of audit. AQIS to determine what options to apply next and communicate to MAFNZ</p>	

Attachment 7. Register of Exporters

List of Exporters

EXPORTER	ADDRESS	CONTACT PERSON	PHONE	FAX	E-MAIL	UNIQUE PREFIX NOS

Attachment 8. Register of Packhouses, Coolstores, Freight Forwarders and Fumigators

List of Packhouse (P)- Coolstore(C)-Freight Forwarder(FF)-Fumigators (F)

Exporter	Name	Address	Type of Facility	Phone	Fax.	Contact Person

Attachment 9. Weekly Report

Report Number: AQIS OVI WEEKLY REPORT Number:

Period of inspection

Number of AQIS inspectors operating

Names of AQIS officers operating

Districts

Details of lines inspected for period:

Number of Lots Submitted				Number of Lots Rejected		
AQIS officer						
Crop	No Lots	No lots	No Lots	No Lots	No Lots	No Lots
<i>Total</i>						

Details of Lots Rejected:

Exporter	Operator	Grower	Crop	DOI No:	Lab Ref	Reason for Rejection	IVA

Corrective Actions:

Comments:

Programme Summary to Date:

Note: year is from April-April

Crop	Total Inspected	No. Lots Failed	Percentage Failed

Name: Lynette Winters
Programme Manager

Date:

Form to be emailed to:

Vicky Kitekei'aho MAFNZ: vicky.kitekei'aho@maf.govt.nz

Chris Brown AsureQuality: chris.brown@asurequality.com

Attachment 10. Specific crop requirements: Kiwifruit

This workplan includes the following varieties of kiwifruit, *Actinidia delicosa* "Green Kiwifruit", *Actinidia chinensis* "Gold Kiwifruit", and *Actinidia arguta* "Kiwi Berry"

Industry Contact.

Ross Johnston, NZKPG

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Liaison with Exporters regarding scheduling of the Programme

Operating period of the OVI programme

January-December

Market destinations.

Hobart, Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth.

Specific Phytosanitary additional declarations.

Nil for Kiwifruit

Attachment 11 Specific crop requirements: Persimmon

Industry Contact.

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Liaison with Exporters regarding scheduling of the Programme.

Operating period of the OVI programme

May-August

Market destinations.

Hobart, Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth

Specific Phytosanitary additional declarations.

Nil for persimmons

Attachment 12. Specific Crop requirements: Avocado

Industry Contact.

Liaison with Exporters regarding scheduling of the Programme

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To be confirmed, Avocado Industry Council

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Email:

Operating period of the OVI programme

September - March

Market destinations.

Hobart, Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth

Specific Phytosanitary additional declarations.

Nil for Avocado

Attachment 13. Specific crop requirements: Tomato

Industry Contact.

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Operating period of the OVI programme

October- April

Market destinations.

Hobart, Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth

Specific Phytosanitary additional declarations.

Loose Tomatoes.

Option 1. Loose Tomatoes meeting the “MAF phytosanitary compliance Programme for Export Loose Tomato Fruit to Australia (Tomato/Potato Psyllid and Liberibacter)
Refer additional declaration requirement below:

“The fruit in this consignment has been produced in accordance with the conditions governing entry of fruit of the Solanaceae family into Australia and inspected and found free of quarantine pests”

Option 2. Loose Tomatoes not meeting the “MAF phytosanitary compliance Programme for Export Loose Tomato Fruit to Australia (Tomato/Potato Psyllid and Liberibacter)”

Refer additional declaration requirement below:

Treatment:

If fumigation is undertaken on palletised product as per import permit requirements, the stacking of cartons on pallets must be done in a way as to facilitate permeation and diffusion of the fumigant through the entire pallet.

Mandatory Methyl Bromide fumigation by a MAF approved Organisation is required at one of the following rates

- 48g/m³ for 2 hours at 10-15°C
- 40 gm³ for 2 hours at 16-20°C
- 32g/m³ for 2 hours at 21°C

Truss Tomatoes .

Truss tomatoes must comply with requirements identified in the MAF compliance Programme for export of Truss tomatoes to Australia (PSTVd).

Refer additional declaration requirement below:

"The truss tomatoes in this consignment have been produced in New Zealand in accordance with the AFFA-MAF Agreed Conditions Governing the Entry of Truss Tomatoes from New Zealand to Australia."

Treatment:

If fumigation is undertaken on palletised product as per import permit requirements, the stacking of cartons on pallets must be done in a way as to facilitate permeation and diffusion of the fumigant through the entire pallet.

Mandatory Methyl Bromide fumigation by a MAF approved Organisation is required at one of the following rates

- 48g/m³ for 2 hours at 10-15°C
- 40 gm³ for 2 hours at 16-20°C
- 32g/m³ for 2 hours at 21°C

Note:

- Where mandatory pre-shipment fumigation is required, an inspection lot must be able to present trace back record to fruit from a single fumigation lot.
- A fumigation lot comprises of all products within a single fumigation treatment and may comprise of one or more grower lots.
- Fumigation records will be verified by AQIS prior to commencement of OVI.
- If an inspection lot fails AQIS OVI due to detected of a live insect, then all inspection lots from one or more fumigation lot/s must be placed on hold pending investigation by MAF and AQIS. The cause of the failure must be determined prior to AQIS passing or rejecting the DOI.

Attachment 14. Specific crop requirements: Capsicum (includes Chillies)

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Operating period of the OVI programme

September - April

Market destinations.

Hobart, Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth

Refer additional declaration requirement below:

Treatment:

If fumigation is undertaken on palletised product as per import permit requirements, the stacking of cartons on pallets must be done in a way as to facilitate permeation and diffusion of the fumigant through the entire pallet.

Mandatory pre-export Methyl Bromide fumigation by a MAF approved operator is required at one of the

Following rates

- 48g/m³ for 2 hours at 10-15°C
- 40 gm³ for 2 hours at 16-20°C
- 32g/m³ for 2 hours at 21°C

Note:

- Where mandatory pre-shipment fumigation is required, an inspection lot must be able to present trace back record to fruit from a single fumigation lot.
- A fumigation lot comprises of all products within a single fumigation treatment and may comprise of one or more grower lots.
- Fumigation records will be verified by AQIS prior to commencement of OVI.
- If an inspection lot fails AQIS OVI due to detected of a live insect, then all inspection lots from one or more fumigation lot/s must be placed on hold pending investigation by MAF and AQIS. The cause of the failure must be determined prior to AQIS passing or rejecting the DOI.

Attachment 15. Specific crop requirements: Blueberry

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Operating period of the OVI programme

December - April

Market destinations.

Hobart, Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth

Specific Phytosanitary additional declarations.

For fruit destined to Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia [Ref ICON November 2008]

- a) "The crop has been inspected within 14 days prior to harvest and no blueberry rust (*Naohidemyces vaccinii*) detected", **or**
b) "The crop has been sprayed within 14 days prior to harvest with a pre-harvest application of a fungicide registered for the treatment of blueberry rust as per label recommendations."
(Note: The phytosanitary certification for blueberries destined for Western Australia must also include the name of the fungicide used and the date on which it was applied to the crop).
Fruit destined to other Australian States does not require additional declarations.

For other States and Territories of Australia:

No additional declaration is required on the phytosanitary certificate accompanying the goods.

Fruit must not be moved between States unless the phytosanitary certificate has the correct additional declaration/s for the State that the goods are entering. The relevant State Department of Agriculture must be notified prior to the goods entering that State.

Refer Appendix 3: Extra information required.on DOI

For preparation of the DOI pallet listings

Pallet Number
Number of Packages
Pack Date
Organisation (Packhouse)
Pack Type

List the State of entry into Australia and the grower identification.

The blueberries entering the various states must meet the additional declaration requirements listed above.

Attachment 16. Specific crop requirements: Strawberry

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Operating period of the OVI programme

October - March

Market destinations.

Hobart, Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth

Specific Phytosanitary additional declarations.

Nil

Attachment 17. Specific crop requirements: Citrus

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Liaison with Exporters regarding scheduling of the Programme.

Operating period of the OVI programme

August – March

Market destinations.

Hobart, Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth

Specific Phytosanitary additional declarations.

Nil for lemons or mandarins