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Treatment Programme Update

Australian Fumigation Accreditation Scheme

MPI are progressing the arrangement with DAFF now that the need for covering the container has been dropped, a joint Australia, Singapore, NZ trial was successful in proving it wasn't necessary. Discussions will be held shortly with DAFF to determine the details such as the phase in period, training requirements and treatment monitoring. An implementation project team (it will include industry representation) will be formed to progress the changes.

Fans

A reminder that the specifications for fans in the June 2011 update MUST be used for all fumigations as described in the update.

Treatment certificates

Improvement is needed on the description on the treatment certificate of the goods treated to provide a better match to the BACC or export certificate description of goods and number to provide traceability.

Offshore Verification Inspection program to Australia

The Offshore Verification Inspection program to Australia has been reviewed and the fumigation requirements have changed. Those that fumigate produce to Australia need to revise their procedures by 21 December.

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/regs/exports/plants/workplan-fresh-fruit-vegetables-australia.pdf>

Main changes are: no undercover treatments, 60% gas retention test, 3 monitoring lines, load factor <50% and stacking guideline.

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