



Post Entry Quarantine (PEQ) Operator Update February 2017

- **REVISED PEQ FACILITY STANDARD TAKES FULL EFFECT ON 8 MARCH 2017**
- **ONLINE OPERATOR ASSESSMENT TO BE COMPLETED BY 8 MARCH 2017**
- **OPERATING MANUAL DUE TO BE APPROVED BY 8 MARCH 2017**

OPERATOR WEBSITE & ONLINE ASSESSMENT:

- MPI has released the online training module for PEQ facility operators. You will soon receive login details to access the online operator website. The website explains the process to be followed and contains all the required links to related documents. It also provides the ability to participate in an online forum for the PEQ operator community. Please contact your MPI inspector immediately if you do not receive your login details within the next 24 hours.
- All operators and/or managers of active PEQ facilities (i.e. that are currently holding consignments in PEQ) are expected to complete and pass the online assessment before 8 March 2017.
- All other operators should complete the assessment as soon as possible. After 8 March, new import permits will not be issued until the operator has completed and passed the assessment and been fully approved under the new facility standard.




OPERATING MANUAL

- All operating manuals must be approved by MPI before a PEQ facility is approved under the new standard. Draft operating manuals must be sent to your MPI Inspector as soon as possible.
- More information about preparing an operating manual is given in the [November PEQ Update](#) and in the [information booklet](#) MPI sent to all operators last year. As a reminder, the draft operating manual prepared by MPI is one example of how a manual can be prepared. However, your manual must show what you do, and must demonstrate how you will comply with the requirements of the standard.

FACILITY STRUCTURE

- All facilities (apart from those that are still holding consignments imported before 8 March 2016) must comply with all structural requirements of the new [Facility Standard](#) by 8 March 2017.
- After 8 March, import permits will only be issued to facilities that comply with all structural aspects of the new standard (and only after operators have completed the required training).

MORE INFORMATION

The PEQ facility standard and associated documents can be found by clicking on the  symbol alongside the heading Post Entry Quarantine for Plants - Facilities Standard at the following website:

<http://mpi.govt.nz/importing/border-clearance/transitional-and-containment-facilities/requirements/>

More information about the revision of the PEQ standard can be found at: <http://mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/consultations/draft-facility-standard-for-post-entry-quarantine-for-plants/>

Please contact your MPI PEQ inspector if you need any more information.