

Australian Quarantine Requirements for Packing & Shipping

A summary of the changes

Plywood and Veneer Packaging:

Plywood and Veneer used as packaging materials will require to be treated with an AQIS Approved treatment prior to import or release from Quarantine. It will no longer be acceptable to use a “Newly Manufactured Plywood Products Certificate/Declaration”. ISPM 15 standards do not apply to Plywood and Veneer that has been used as packing material. These packing materials must be treated with an AQIS approved method (such as methyl Bromide) and will be supported by the appropriate treatment certificate.

Changes to LCL and FCL Packing Declarations:

The previously used “:Straw Packaging Declaration” will no longer be acceptable and has been replaced by the “Prohibited Packaging Materials Statement”. This declaration must be issued by the packer or supplier of the goods.

This statement must read: “Have prohibited packaging materials or bamboo products been used as packaging or dunnage in the consignment covered by this consignment covered by this document? Yes/No”.

Methyl Bromide Fumigation Certificates:

All treatment certificates issued for fumigations using methyl bromide must include a Plastic Wrap Declaration.

New Container Cleanliness Statement

Container cleanliness statement must read as follows:

“The container (s) covered by this document has/have been cleaned and is/are free from material of animal and plant origin or soil”

AQIS will accept cleanliness statements on following documents

- ❖ Cleanliness Declarations
- ❖ Packing Declarations
- ❖ Packing List or Invoice

Note: Changes to the “Container Cleanliness Statement” is mandatory for all containerized consignments except LCL, ISO tanks and hard frozen containers.