



Australian Government

Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

Notice to Industry

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## **New Import requirements for imports of sawn timber and logs from Chile**

### **What is the change?**

This notice is to inform industry of the changes to the import conditions for sawn timber and logs of *Pinus radiata* from Chile:

- - Non-commercial imports will be required to meet the same conditions as commercial imports.
- The implementation of a mandatory kiln drying treatment for imports of sawn timber and logs of *Pinus radiata* from Chile. This treatment must be certified on a valid phytosanitary certificate.
- A valid import permit will be required for sawn timber and logs of *Pinus radiata* from Chile.

### **Why was the change made?**

AQIS has imposed a mandatory treatment requirement for imports of timber of *Pinus radiata* from Chile. The disease known as 'Dano Foliar del Pino (DFP)', caused by the fungus *Phytophthora pinifolia*, is a serious disease of *Pinus radiata*. This fungus does not occur in Australia. Treating timber of *Pinus radiata* from Chile will mitigate this serious quarantine concern.

It is the responsibility of the importer to ensure that the information they have is up to date by checking regularly on ICON or contacting AQIS.

### **When will these conditions be implemented?**

These changes will be enforced immediately. However, they will not be applicable to consignments that have been shipped from Chile before 2 July 2008.

### **Further information**

For further information on the changes to the timber ICON cases please contact the Timber and Timber Products National Co-ordination Centre in the AQIS Victorian Regional Office on 03 8318 6929 or email [timber.imports@aqis.gov.au](mailto:timber.imports@aqis.gov.au).