



Australian Government

Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

Notice to Industry

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Bark on Timber Packaging, Dunnage and Timber and Wooden Commodities.

The Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) appreciates the co-operation of industry in working towards achieving greater compliance with AQIS' zero tolerance for bark on timber packaging and dunnage and on timber and wooden commodities imported to Australia.

Despite this good work by industry, bark on timber packaging and dunnage continues to remain one of the major reasons for consignment non-conformity.

In order to provide greater assistance to importers more detailed information and images for importers has been made available on the AQIS website that can be relayed to suppliers. This information and images are available at www.daff.gov.au/aqis/import/timber/bark.

AQIS will be making available printable material in a number of languages that importers can provide to their suppliers. It is hoped that this additional material, when complete, can assist to reduce the incidence of bark related non-conformity even further.

Throughout all the publications the message remains the same, AQIS has a zero tolerance for bark. All timber packaging and dunnage is required to be free of external bark and a statement accompanying the consignment must be present on any packaging declaration addressing the conformity of the timber packing within the container.

Further Advice

For further information on bark non-compliance, or to provide feedback on the information provided so far, please contact the Timber and Timber Products National Co-ordination Centre in the AQIS Victorian Regional Office by email at timber.imports@aqis.gov.au or phone on 03 8318 6929.