

AQIS Fact Sheet

Quarantine Awareness fact sheet for Khat Importers

AQIS International Mail Program

This factsheet details important quarantine information regarding the importation of Khat.

The importation of Khat is controlled under the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations*. To import Khat you must be in possession of both a Licence to Import and a Permit to Import issued by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (www.tga.gov.au).

You should be aware that there are also restrictions placed on the importation of Khat by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS). There are several steps you need to take to ensure that you have followed the correct procedures for importing this product into Australia.

AQIS pre-inspection importer requirements:

- You need to obtain an **AQIS Import Permit** prior to your consignment arriving in Australia or prior to the expiry date on your existing **AQIS Import Permit**. **AQIS Import Permits** can be obtained from the AQIS web site (www.aqis.gov.au) or by calling (02) 6272 4578.
- The consignee and sender addresses on the consignment must match the addresses on your **AQIS Import Permit**.
- Only Khat leaf tips are permitted for import.
- Your consignment of Khat should be free of contamination or insect infestation. Contamination can cover any food, animal or plant material, other than Khat, that is included in the consignment.

All consignments are subject to clearance by AQIS and will be inspected. If contaminated your consignment of Khat will need to be treated by AQIS before you can collect it.

AQIS inspection process

A. What happens if your consignment is inspected by AQIS and is free of contamination or infestation?

- You will receive relevant AQIS and Customs documentation by mail, including a **Notice of Intention to Seize Goods**, a **Mail Permit Payment Notice** and an **AQIS Permit Information leaflet**.
- You must provide AQIS with a valid **Import Permit** and a copy of the **Notice of Intention to Seize Goods**.
- Once all AQIS import permit conditions have been met, the consignment will be cleared by AQIS.
- Your consignment will be inspected by Customs.
- Your consignment will then be cleared by Customs and provided it meets Customs import requirements the Khat will be released to you.

B. What happens if your consignment is inspected by AQIS and is contaminated or infested?

- Haddii lagu arko cayayaan ku dhashay ama dhibaato caarimaad xammuulkaaga, waxaa lagu soo dirayaa warqad **Ogeysiin ah in la Doonayao in la Qabto Badeecadaada** taas oo ku tiisanaysa furado lagu daaweyn karo. If insect infestation or contamination is found in your consignment, you will receive a letter of **Order Into Quarantine** that will provide options for treatment of your consignment and a **Mail Payment Notice**.

You need to be aware that treatment of Khat may damage the goods.

- If you wish to proceed with the treatment you must complete the payment form and send it with the relevant payment fee to AQIS. The goods will be sent for treatment **only** after payment has been received.
- The treatment process may take up to 4 weeks for completion.
- The Khat will be returned to the mail centre after treatment.
- At this point, you need to follow the same procedures as detailed in Part A of the AQIS Inspection Process.

Benefits of importing clean consignments of Khat

There are several benefits to ensuring that you are importing clean consignments of Khat into Australia and these include:

- You will not need to pay additional fees for treatment of the Khat consignment.
- Clearance is quicker and you will receive your goods sooner.
- There is no risk of your goods being damaged due to a required treatment.

If you have any queries or require further information about any of the matters detailed in this brochure please contact:

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Qantas Mail Handling Unit
Link Rd
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Brisbane Airports Logistic Centre
25-27 Qantas Drive
Brisbane Airport, QLD 4007
Ph: (07) 3246 8678

International Post Perth
Affleck Rd
Newburn, WA 6105
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Adelaide Parcel Centre
272 Gouger St
Adelaide, SA 5000
Ph: (08) 8945 3014

Winnellie Mail Centre
354 Stuart Hwy
Winnellie, NT 0820
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Treatment Payments

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AQIS on the Internet

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