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Performance standards for farms

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Purpose of this document

This document:

- outlines the performance standards farms must meet to gain and maintain horticulture export accreditation
- must be read in conjunction with the Guideline: [Audit of horticulture export accredited properties](#).

Definitions

The following table defines terms used in this document.

Term	Definition
Checklist item	Required tasks that have specific performance standards that must be met by farm managers.
Documented system	A written document that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • defines the processes and procedures for work tasks conducted by farms • includes the records that confirms the process is being followed.
Performance standards	The set standards for how activities must be undertaken to produce horticulture for a protocol market.

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Performance standards

The manager of the farm must ensure that the following performance standards are met.

General requirements

The following table outlines the performance standards for the general requirements for farms.

Checklist items	Performance standards – general requirements
1.1 Legislation and obligations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has a current copy or can access the protocol and/or work plan.• Explains (or demonstrates) where to access importing country requirements.• Explains notification requirements for changes to accredited property (management changes, operational changes etc.).• Has evidence of property's accreditation (only relevant if currently accredited).• Where required, has notified the department when a pest of concern was detected.
1.2 Importing country requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explains importing country requirements for relevant countries.• Has systems in place to ensure importing country requirements are met.
1.3 Identification	Is able to identify physical location of blocks.
1.4 Traceability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has demonstrated traceability from harvest through to dispatch.• Maintains traceability records to the next accredited property or registered establishment in line with the Guideline: Maintaining phytosanitary security of horticulture prescribed goods for export.
1.5 Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff (including pickers) have been trained in the departmental standards and protocol requirements relevant to their functions.• Training records have been kept for staff.• Training records contain<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ details of the training undertaken○ date the training was completed○ name of the individual that was trained.

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Pest and disease control

The following table outlines the performance standards for pest and disease control for farms.

Checklist items	Performance standards – pest and disease control
2.1 Pest and disease management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has a documented system for pest and disease management that meets exporting country requirements.• Correctly implements the pest and disease management program.
2.2 Records	Has current copies of all management program records.
2.3 Crop monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is using an approved crop monitor.• Explains when monitoring is to begin and cease.• Monitoring occurs during the correct timeframes.• The correct pests and diseases of quarantine concern are being monitored for• Implements controls for<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ specific pest requirements○ following crop monitor reports.

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Checklist items	Performance standards – pest and disease control
2.4 Chemical control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where chemical controls are used <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ treatments are registered with the APVMA or ○ used under permit. • Spray records are kept, and include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ application date ○ name of chemical ○ active ingredient ○ concentration/application rate ○ target pest/s ○ accreditation number of the farm (or blocks treated), or a system to link the identified treatment area to the accredited block numbers ○ name of person who conducted the treatment. • Spray equipment has been calibrated. • Chemical spray records correspond to pest detections.

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Harvest requirements

The following table outlines the performance standards for harvest requirements for farms.

Checklist items	Performance standards – harvest requirements
3.1 Hygiene	<p>Has demonstrated harvest practices to maintain good hygiene and prevent contamination.</p> <p>Note: Practices may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• cleaning picking bins• weed control• managing abandoned blocks• measures to reduce or remove rotting product on the ground <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• any other measures to reduce the occurrence of pests and contaminants.

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Related material

The following related material is available in the [Plant Export Operations Manual](#) on the department's website:

- Guideline: [Audit of horticulture export accredited properties](#)
- Guideline: *Maintaining phytosanitary security of horticulture prescribed goods for export* (under development)
- Guideline: [Management of horticulture export accredited properties](#)

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