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Guide to developing a Supply Chain Management System to manage biosecurity risks of imported cut flowers and foliage

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Purpose of this document
This guide may be used by importers in developing a Supply Chain Management System (SCMS) to support an application for a permit to import fresh cut flowers and foliage into Australia.

A department-approved SCMS document is an import permit condition, therefore without an approved SCMS an import permit will not be issued.

The effectiveness of an importer’s SCMS in preventing the arrival of pests of biosecurity concern will be closely monitored by the department. Pest interceptions on goods imported under a SCMS will be considered when assessing subsequent import permit applications. The Director of Biosecurity may refuse to grant a permit if they are not satisfied that imposing permit conditions can reduce the biosecurity risk to an acceptably low level.

What is a SCMS?
A SCMS is used to describe the control measures that an importer proposes to implement throughout their supply chain to prevent the arrival in Australia of pests of biosecurity concern with consignments of imported fresh cut flowers and foliage. It must describe each control measure used along the supply chain to manage biosecurity risk.
The supply chain control measures put in place by an importer are in addition to regulatory control measures currently required by the National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO) of the exporting country.

**Requirements of a SCMS**

The following sections describe what should be included in an importer’s SCMS.

1. **Scope of activities**

Please provide a scoping statement.

e.g. “The <insert importer name> Supply Chain Biosecurity Management System details the control measures that will be performed throughout the supply chain to ensure consignments of cut flowers and foliage exported from <insert country of export> arrive free of pests of biosecurity concern to Australia.”

1.1 **Description of supply chain**

This section should describe the supply chain including all entities involved in biosecurity risk management prior to the point of export to Australia such as growers, pack houses and consolidators/exporters.

A supply chain flow diagram should be included (a template is provided in Attachment 1) that describes each stage of the supply chain and illustrates the points at which the importer’s control measures will be performed.

1.2 **Description of control measures**

This section should describe each of the importer’s control measures that will be performed throughout the supply chain. Examples of control measures include:

- Additional In-field monitoring and management
- Additional post-harvest inspections and specified remedial actions e.g. rejection or reconditioning
- Pack house controls e.g. mechanical pest removal and insecticidal dips

Details should be provided for each control measure such as methodologies, product details (e.g. pesticide names and concentrations) treatment and monitoring schedules.

2. **Implementation**

This section should describe the commercial arrangements in place for the management of biosecurity risk (e.g. commercial contracts or supply chain agreements).

Please provide details of each supply chain entity and the control measures for which they are responsible. The below table has been provided as an example:

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<tr>
<th>Supply Chain entity type</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Control Measure</th>
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<tr>
<td>Grower</td>
<td>Company Name Address</td>
<td>Application of additional in field control measure</td>
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<td></td>
<td>100% inspection of flowers prior to entry into pack house</td>
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3. Process to address pest interceptions at the Australian border

This section should describe the actions the importer will take in response to pests identified at the Australian border. For example, notification of the pest interception to the supply chain entity responsible for the control measure(s) including a request for corrective action, receipt of corrective action applied or removal of the non-compliant entity from the supply chain.

4. Amendments

This section provides details on who is responsible for controlling the SCMS and the process for making amendments.

Version history

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Attachment 1: Supply chain flow diagram template

Production
- Control Measure 1
- Control Measure 2

Post-Harvest
- Control Measure 3
- Control Measure 4
- Control Measure 5

Pre-export
- Control Measure 6

Import
- Pest interception
  - Control Measure 7