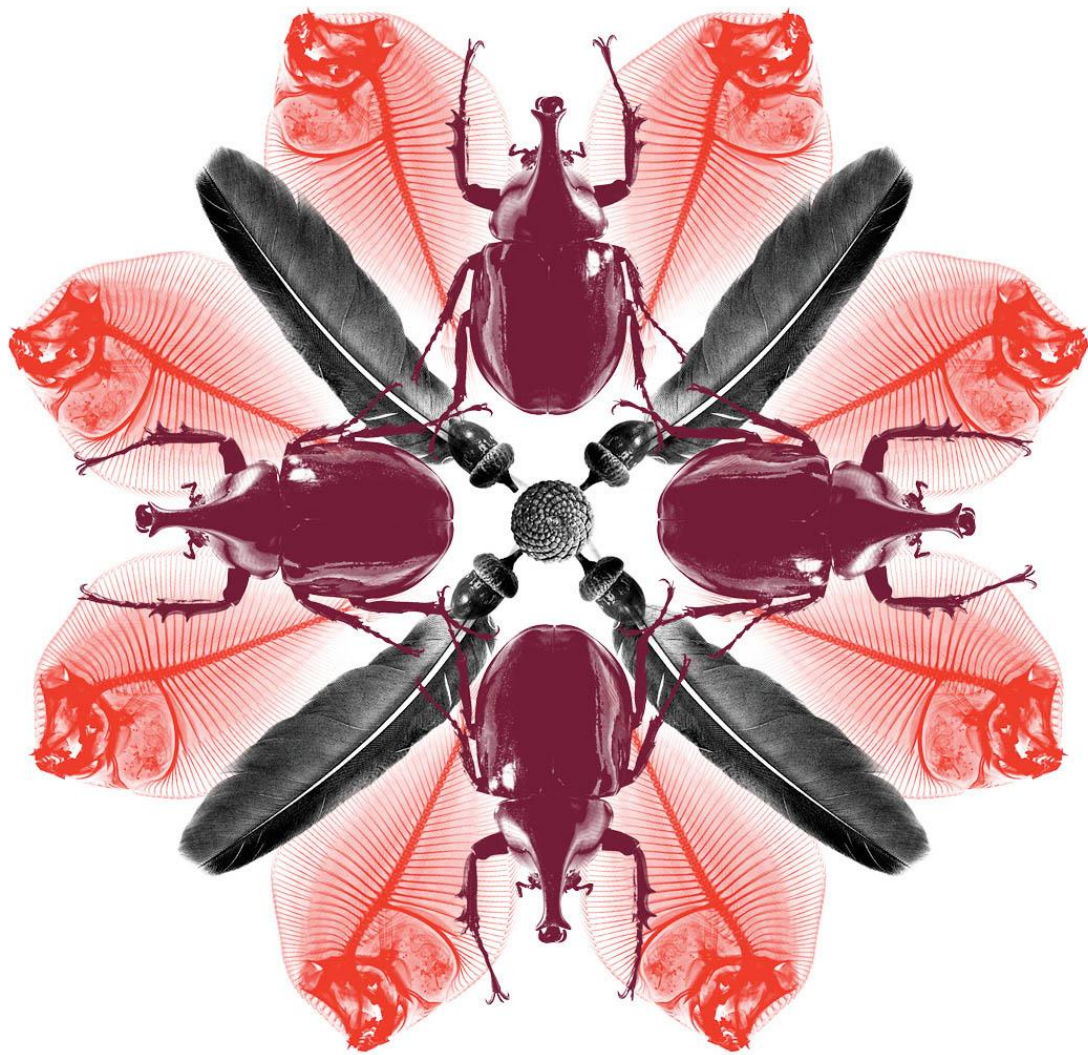


# Approved Arrangements

For 11.2—External container  
treatments

Requirements—Version 1.0



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# Guide to using this document

This document sets out the requirements that must be met before the relevant director will consider approval for the provision of biosecurity activities under section 406 of the *Biosecurity Act 2015*, otherwise known as an approved arrangement (AA).

This document specifies the requirements to be met for the approval, operation and audit of this class of AA. Compliance with the requirements will be assessed by audit.

In the event of any inconsistency between these requirements and any Import Permit condition, the Import Permit condition applies. If the applicant chooses to use automatic language translation services in connection with this document, it is done so at the applicant's risk.

Unless specified otherwise, any references to 'the department' or 'departmental' means the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment. Any references to contacting the department mean contacting your closest regional office.

Further information on AAs, AA regional contact details and copies of relevant AA documentation is available on the [department's website](#).

## Definitions

Definitions that are not contained within the Approved Arrangements Glossary can be found in the *Biosecurity Act 2015* or the most recent edition of the Macquarie Dictionary.

## Other documents

The *AA General Policies* should be read in conjunction with these requirements. They will assist in understanding and complying with the obligations and requirements for the establishment and operation of an AA.

## Nonconformity guide

The nonconformity classification against each criterion is provided as a guide only. If more than one nonconformity is listed against a requirement, the actual nonconformity applied will correspond to the gravity of the issue. The nonconformity recorded against any requirement remains at the discretion of the biosecurity officer.

Nonconformity classifications are detailed in the *AA General Policies*.

# AA Requirements

**Table 1 Purpose**

Requirements	Nonconformity guide
<p>1.1 Class 11.2 approved arrangement is utilised for the removal of external contamination from imported shipping containers leaving the port, including the domestic transport (conveyance) used to move the container. Containers and conveyances which fall under the scope of this class of approved arrangement do not require re-inspection by a biosecurity officer following cleaning treatment. The Biosecurity Industry Participant (BIP) is responsible for assessing the cleanliness of cleaned containers and related transport. When the container and conveyance has been assessed as clean and the BIP has complied with any other direction required to be undertaken at the approved arrangement site, the BIP can permit the container and conveyance to leave the approved arrangement site without re-inspection or further direction from the department.</p> <p>Examples of biosecurity risks associated with imported shipping containers managed under the class 11.2 approved arrangement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• contamination of soil or plant material on surfaces of the container and conveyance e.g., soil can contain seeds of exotic plants or weeds, plant diseases, and soil-borne animal diseases such as foot and mouth disease.</li> </ul> <p>Information on biosecurity import conditions and biosecurity risks for imported goods, containers, other cargo and arriving vessels is available on the <a href="#">department's website</a>.</p>	Not applicable

**Table 2 Prerequisite**

Requirements	Nonconformity guide
2.1 The BIP must hold approval for an AA class 1.1 in order to hold approval for an AA class 11.2.	Not applicable

**Table 3A Operating requirements**

<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Nonconformity guide</b>
3.1 Upon the receipt of externally contaminated shipping containers from the port, the BIP must determine if the container is within the scope of AA class 11.2 by reading the directions issued by the department concerning the required treatment. The container can only be deemed to be in scope of AA class 11.2 if the direction requires external cleaning of the container and there is no statement indicating that reinspection by a biosecurity officer is required after cleaning.	Major
3.2 Upon the receipt of externally contaminated shipping containers from the port, the BIP must determine if the vehicle tray/trailer (conveyance) used to transport the container requires cleaning under the scope of an AA class 11.2 by reading the directions issued by the department concerning any required treatment of the conveyance. The conveyance can only be deemed to be in scope of an AA class 11.2, if the direction requires cleaning of the conveyance and there is no statement indicating that reinspection by a biosecurity officer is required after cleaning.	Major
3.3 For externally contaminated containers falling under the scope of an AA class 11.2, where practicable, containers must be cleaned immediately upon arrival at the AA site. Where cleaning cannot be carried out immediately, contaminated containers must be isolated from clean containers and stored in a manner that will prevent the dispersal of contaminants.	Major
3.4 For containers and conveyances falling under the scope of an AA class 11.2, an Accredited Person must assess that all contaminants have been effectively removed on completion of the cleaning treatment. Assessment of containers must include all six sides of the container, including doors and seals, twist locks, ledges and tyne pockets. Assessment of conveyances must include vehicle flatbeds and trailers.	Major
3.5 For externally contaminated containers and related conveyances falling under the scope of an AA class 11.2, the BIP must ensure that where a container or related conveyance has not been cleaned until it is free from all contaminants, it is re-cleaned and reassessed.	Major
3.6 For externally contaminated containers and related conveyances falling under the scope of an AA class 11.2, the externally contaminated container and conveyance may leave the AA site only after the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• container and conveyance has been cleaned and assessed as free from contaminants</li> <li>• BIP has complied with all biosecurity directions required to be undertaken at that AA site.</li> </ul>	Critical
3.7 For externally contaminated containers and related conveyances falling under the scope of an AA class 11.2, any container or conveyance which is the subject of a treatment direction, once received at the AA site, must not be permitted to be removed from the AA site unless the conditions of the direction have been met.	Critical

**Table 3B Operating requirements (continued)**

Requirements	Nonconformity guide
3.8 For externally contaminated containers falling under the scope of AA class 11.2, an Accredited Person must examine the equipment used for the delivery or conveyance of containers. Any contamination which has resulted from exposure to the contaminated container must be removed and disposed of as biosecurity waste in a department-approved manner.	Critical

**Table 4 Office and record requirements**

Requirements	Nonconformity guide
4.1 For externally contaminated containers and related conveyances falling under the scope of an AA class 11.2, the original treatment direction used to determine that an arriving externally contaminated container or conveyance falls within the scope of AA class 11.2, must be retained by the BIP and provided to a biosecurity officer upon request.	Major
4.2 For externally contaminated containers falling under the scope of AA class 11.2, for each container received the following details must be recorded and retained for a minimum period of 18 months after the date of assessment of the container: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• date and time of arrival at the AA site</li> <li>• treatment form number or declaration ID</li> <li>• container number</li> <li>• date of cleaning and assessment</li> <li>• name of Accredited Persons who performed the assessment/reassessment.</li> </ul>	Major