# Approved arrangement

2.4 – Fresh produce, nursery stock and cut flowers

Conditions

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## Guide to using this document

This document sets out the conditions 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*.

This document specifies the conditions to be met for the approval, operation, and audit of this class of *approved arrangement*. Compliance with the conditions will be assessed by audit.

In the event of any inconsistency between these conditions 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 ‘*department*al’ means the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment.

Further information on *approved arrangements, department* contact details and copies of relevant *approved arrangement* documentation is available on the *department’s* website: [awe.gov.au](http://www.agriculture.gov.au).

### Definitions

Definitions that are not contained within the [*approved arrangement*s glossary](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/arrival/arrangements/glossary) can be found in the *Biosecurity Act 2015,* the relevant *treatment methodology* or the most recent edition of the Macquarie Dictionary. Further arrangement specific terms are defined in Table A

**Table A – Terms and definitions**

| Term | Definition |
| --- | --- |
| Secure packaging | Secure packaging options, as defined in this document, that provide insect proof containment of *goods subject to biosecurity control* |
| Carton | Carton, package, or box that *goods subject to biosecurity control* are packed in |

Terms that have specific definitions contained within the [*approved arrangement*s glossary](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/arrival/arrangements/glossary), Table A, or *Biosecurity Act 2015* are *italicised* where used.

### Other documents

The [*Approved Arrangements General Policies*](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/arrival/arrangements/general-policies) should be read in conjunction with these conditions. They will assist in understanding and complying with the obligations and conditions for the establishment and operation of an *approved arrangement*.

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### Noncompliance guide

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

Noncompliance classifications are detailed in the *Approved Arrangements General Policies*.

The ‘reference: [number]’ detailed in the noncompliance guide is for internal (*department*al) use only.

### Key arrangement outcomes

Key arrangement outcomes are high level outcomes the *biosecurity industry participant* is responsible for meeting under an *approved arrangement*.

Each class condition for an *approved arrangement* is assigned a key arrangement outcome.

Key arrangement outcomes are met by complying with the class conditions

Table 1 List of KAOs including their purpose and description

| KAO | Purpose |
| --- | --- |
| Containment | *Goods subject to biosecurity control* are contained in a way that prevents them, or any *biosecurity risk material* escaping into the environment. |
| Isolation | *Goods subject to biosecurity control* are isolated from other *goods* in a manner that prevents cross-*contamination* or cross-*infestation*. |
| Security | Controls are in place that prevent unauthorised access to *goods subject to biosecurity control.* |
| Identification | *Goods subject to biosecurity control* and areas in which *biosecurity activities* are *car*ried out must be visually identifiable as such. |
| Traceability | *Goods* that are or were, *subject to biosecurity* *control*, are linked to records of the origin and movement of the *goods* and the *biosecurity activities* *car*ried out in relation to the *goods*. |
| Hygiene | *Approved arrangement site*s are maintained in a state that minimises opportunity for, and susceptibility to *pest*, weed and *disease* establishment and/or *infestation*. |
| Movement | *Goods subject to biosecurity control* only move beyond the site in accordance with *departmental* conditions and any required *departmental* authorisation. |
| Release | *Goods* and their derivatives *subject to biosecurity control* are dealt with as such until they are formally *released from biosecurity control,* or they are exported or destroyed. |
| Awareness | People performing *biosecurity activities* involving *goods subject to biosecurity control* have the knowledge and capability to *car*ry out those activities in accordance with the conditions of the *approved arrangement*. |
| *Inspection* | The site has the equipment, facilities and processes that enable *inspection* *of goods subject to biosecurity control*. |
| Treatment | The *biosecurity industry participant* has the processes and/or equipment and facilities to perform treatments of *goods subject to biosecurity control* in accordance with the conditions of the *approved arrangement*. |
| Arrangement compliance | The *biosecurity industry participant* is required to *car*ry out *biosecurity activities* in accordance with the *approved arrangement*. |
| Notification | The *department* is advised of any event or circumstance for which it has specified that notification must be provided. |
| Supporting functions | Procedures, facilities, and equipment are in place for the *biosecurity activities* *car*ried out under the *approved arrangement*. |

## Objective

Class 2.4 *approved arrangements* manage *biosecurity risks* associated with perishable fresh produce, nursery stock and cut flowers subject to biosecurity control.

### Scope

Class 2.4 *approved arrangement sites* are utilised for the receipt, *deconsolidation*, securing, storage, *inspection*, and treatment of perishable fresh produce, nursery stock and cut flowers – *goods subject to biosecurity control* which are imported:

* as containerised sea *car*go or as air *car*go,
* with compliant *commodity* documentation, where specified in biosecurity import conditions applicable to the *goods*, and
* with compliant *non-commodity* documentation.

Treatment performed under class 2.4 is limited to devitalisation. Performance of any other treatment will require approval from the *department* e.g., for the relevant *approved arrangement class*.

Examples of *goods subject to biosecurity control* that may be handled at a class 2.4 *approved arrangement site* include:

* fresh fruit such as oranges, lemons, figs, pomegranates
* vegetable such as asparagus, garlic, onions
* various species of cut flowers and foliage
* nursery stock, excluding tissue cultures
* consignments imported as air *car*go which have already undergone secure packaging verification at a class 1.2 – air *car*go terminal *approved arrangement site.*

Examples of *biosecurity risks* associated with *goods subject to biosecurity control* handled at a class 2.4 *approved arrangement site* include:

* *infestation* of insects in or on the *goods*, packaging material or containers e.g., timber *pest*s (e.g., termites, ants and larvae), stored product *pest*s (e.g., beetles and larvae), insects seeking refuge (e.g., ants, bees, wasps, moths and spiders), hitchhiker *pest*s (e.g., brown marmorated stink bug), and *plant* *pest*s (e.g., fruit flies, mites and thrips etc)
* *animal*s such as rodents, reptiles, geckos, birds, and cats that can inadvertently travel in containers
* *contamination* of soil or *plant* material in or on *goods*, packaging material or containers e.g., soil can contain seeds of exotic *plant*s or weeds, *plant* *disease*s, insects and insect eggs, and soil-borne *animal* *disease*s such as foot and mouth *disease*
* other *contamination* such as water can contain mosquito larvae and algae. Mosquitos are vectors for various *disease*s
* *plant* *disease*s associated with *goods* that are made of or contain *plant* material e.g., Karnal bunt of wheat, citrus greening, leaf blight

Information on biosecurity import conditions and *biosecurity risks* for imported *goods*, containers, other *car*go and arriving *vessel*s is available on the[*departments* website](https://www.agriculture.gov.au/import).

### Site location

Class 2.4 *approved arrangement sites* must generally be located within the *metropolitan area* of a *first point of entry* for *goods* (from *vessel*s) where a permanently based *biosecurity officer* is stationed.

### Information required for application

The following information is required by the *department* at time of application for a class 2.4 *approved arrangement*:

1. A site map which complies with conditions for *approved arrangement site plans* prescribed for this arrangement.

## Conditions

### Table 1 Site personnel

#### Information

* Accreditationtrainingrequirementsareavailableonthe[*department’s*website](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/arrival/arrangements/training-accreditation)**.**
* Capability includes *accredited person*s having the understanding/skill/ability to deal with the *biosecurity risks* associated with their role/function.
* Personnel includes employees and others working (paid or unpaid) for the *biosecurity industry participant*.
* *Accredited person* records can be:
* copies of training certificates
* register containing the information required in the reporting conditions table.

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Awareness | 1.1 The *biosecurity industry participant* must ensure that persons having physical access to *goods subject to biosecurity control* are aware that such items must only be handled by an *accredited person* or under the direct supervision of an *accredited person.* | *Major*  Reference: 3008 |
| Awareness | 1.2 An *accredited person* must personally conduct or *directly supervise* *biosecurity activities* involving physical contact with, handling or treatment of *goods subject to biosecurity control.* | *Major*  Reference: 3988 |
| Awareness | 1.3 *Accredited persons* must have successfully completed accreditation training for the relevant *approved arrangement class* as specified on the *department’s* website. | *Major*  Reference: 3003 |
| Awareness | 1.4 *Accredited persons* must be able to demonstrate an understanding of conditions applicable to the *biosecurity activities* performed under this *approved arrangement.* | *Major*  Reference: 3989 |
| Awareness | 1.5 Persons having physical access to *goods subject to biosecurity control* must be able to differentiate between *goods subject to biosecurity control* and *goods* that are not subject to biosecurity control. | *Major*  Reference: 4347 |
| Awareness | 1.6 Arrangements must be in place to ensure persons handling *goods subject to biosecurity control* (including *goods* owned and handled for other parties) are aware of the biosecurity conditions that apply to that handling, as prescribed in the conditions for this arrangement, as well as conditions that may be prescribed in any *import permit* or *biosecurity direction* relevant to the *goods*. | *Major*  Reference: 3532 |
| Traceability | 1.7 Records must be maintained of *accredited persons.* | *Minor*  Reference: 3004 |

### Table 2 Security

**Information**

Loss of *goods subject to biosecurity control*, in relation to security at the *approved arrangement site* includes:

theft

misplaced

unauthorised removal

* unauthorised use.
* Security measures generally applies to the *approved arrangement site boundary* but may be at the boundary of *biosecurity areas* or buildings that house the *biosecurity area*.
* Security measures include both infrastructure (fences, locks, electronic monitoring) and procedural practices (training) to stop unauthorised people from accessing *goods subject to biosecurity control*.
* Unauthorised removal of *goods subject to biosecurity control* is also considered to be a containment issue.
* Information on reporting *biosecurity incidents* is available on the [*department’s* website](https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/legislation/reportable-incident).

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Security | 2.1 Security measures must be in place to prevent access to and removal of *goods subject to biosecurity control* by unauthorised persons. | *Major*  Reference: 2970 |
| Notification | 2.2 The *department* must be notified immediately following the *detection* that there is a loss of *goods subject to biosecurity control*. | *Critical*  Reference: 4451 |
| Security | 2.3 *Biosecurity areas* must be in a secure lockable building or in an area surrounded by a lockable security fence. | *Major or critical*  Reference: 3941 |

### Table 3A Isolation

**Information**

* *Goods subject to biosecurity control* includes *biosecurity waste*.
* *Contamination* may be physically removed from equipment that has come in contact with *goods subject to biosecurity control* using a brush for example, with residues collected and placed in a *biosecurity waste* container. Vacuums cannot be used for cleaning purposes unless specific approval or a *biosecurity direction* is given by the *department*.
* Equipment includes but is not limited to:
* trolleys, pallet jacks and other equipment used to transport *goods subject to biosecurity control*
* dustpan and brush and other equipment used to clean *contamination* from *goods*
* personal protective equipment e.g., footwear, gloves, coveralls
* *receptacle*s used to hold, store *goods*
* other equipment used to treat or process *goods subject to biosecurity control*
* *Disinfection* of equipment following the removal of any *contamination* may be required by relevant *approved arrangement conditions*, import conditions and *biosecurity directions*.

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Treatment | 3.1 *Knockdown spray* must be applied to insects detected during *deconsolidation* of *goods subject to biosecurity control*. | *Major or critical*  Reference: 3768 |

### Table 3B Isolation

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Isolation | 3.2 *Goods subject to biosecurity control* must:   1. not come into direct physical contact with other *goods*, including other *goods subject to biosecurity control* 2. be physically separated from *goods* released from biosecurity control, domestic *goods* or export *goods* using one of the following: 3. separated by a minimum of one pallet width distance, or 4. where a minimum of one pallet width cannot be achieved, *goods subject to biosecurity control* must be fully covered or wrapped with polythene/plastic/foil sheet or mesh/screen of no more than 1.6 mm diameter pore size and not less than 0.16mm strand thickness. | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 3769 |
| *Inspection* | 3.3 On receipt of *goods subject to biosecurity control* at the *approved arrangement site*, consignment packaging must be verified for compliance with one or more of the following *secure packaging* options:   1. Integral *cartons*.   *Goods* must be packed in integral (fully enclosed) *cartons* that have no ventilation holes, and with lids tightly fixed to the bases.   1. Ventilation holes of *cartons* covered.   Ventilation holes must be covered/*seal*ed with a mesh/screen of no more than 1.6 mm diameter pore size and not less than 0.16mm strand thickness. Alternatively, ventilation holes must be taped over.   1. Polythene liners.   Vented *cartons* with polythene liners/bags must be *seal*ed. Overlapping folded edges of the polythene liner is considered *seal*ed.   1. Meshed or plastic (shrink) wrapped pallets or Unit Load Devices (ULD).   ULDs transporting *cartons* with ventilation holes/gaps, or palletised *cartons* with ventilation holes/ gaps must be fully covered or wrapped must be covered or wrapped with polythene/plastic/foil sheet or mesh/screen of no more than 1.6 mm diameter pore size and not less than 0.16mm strand thickness.   1. *Cartons* packed in an enclosed 6-sided container.   An enclosed container includes containers with solid sides or ULDs with tarpaulin sides that have no holes or gaps.   1. Other packaging requirements prescribed by the *department.*   This includes, but is not limited to, a *direction* or *Import Permit* issued by the *department* that prescribes packaging requirements that are different from the *secure packaging* options detailed in this document. | *Major*  Reference: 3770 |

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### Table 3C Isolation

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Containment | 3.4 *Goods subject to biosecurity control* verified as without *secure packaging* must be immediately:   1. placed in an enclosed temperature-controlled *biosecurity area*, at a temperature at or below 11°C, or 2. secured with one or more of the following *secure packaging* options: 3. Ventilation holes of *cartons* (packages) covered   Ventilation holes must be covered/*seal*ed with a mesh/screen of no more than 1.6 mm diameter pore size and not less than 0.16mm strand thickness. Alternatively, the ventilation holes must be taped over.   1. Mesh or plastic (shrink) wrap applied to the *goods*   *Goods* packed on a pallet or loose must be fully covered or wrapped with polythene/plastic/foil sheet or mesh/screen of no more than 1.6 mm diameter pore size and not less than 0.16mm strand thickness. | *Major or critical*  Reference: 3771 |
| Treatment | 3.5 Where the *department* detects live insects and issues *a biosecurity direction* for treatment, any plastic (shrink) wrap removed from the:   1. container/ULD prior to *deconsolidation*, or 2. *goods subject to biosecurity control* prior to the biosecurity *inspection*,   must be disposed of as *biosecurity waste*. | *Major or critical*  Reference: 3773 |
| Containment | 3.6 *Secure packaging* must be maintained for *goods subject to biosecurity control* being:   1. deconsolidated after being received 2. stored onsite 3. moved offsite for treatment 4. moved through an outdoor area of the *approved arrangement site***.**   Note: it is acceptable to move unsecured *goods* through an outdoor area of the site where *goods* are being moved:   1. from the container/vehicle to a temperature-controlled *biosecurity area* 2. from the temperature-controlled biosecurity storage area to a biosecurity *inspection area*   or   1. to enable *secure packaging* to be applied   These movements must be immediate. | *Major or critical*  Reference: 3774 |
| Identification | 3.7 If there is any doubt as to whether *goods*:   1. are subject to biosecurity control 2. remain subject to biosecurity control 3. become subject to biosecurity control   then the *goods* must be handled in accordance with conditions for *goods subject to biosecurity control.* | *Major*  Reference: 3011 |
| Treatment | 3.8 Any equipment detected with *contamination* from *goods subject to biosecurity control*, must not leave the *biosecurity area* until it has been:   1. cleaned to remove any *contamination*, or 2. disposed of in accordance with relevant *approved arrangement conditions*, import conditions and *biosecurity directions*. | *Major or critical*  Reference: 2999 |

### Table 4 Construction

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Containment | 4.1 Buildings and structures where *goods subject to biosecurity control* are stored/handled, including wall and floor junctions must be weatherproof and *seal*ed. | *Major*  Reference: 322 |
| Containment | 4.2 *Biosecurity areas* must have floor surfaces finished with materials that are smooth, impervious, durable, and easy to clean. | *Major*  Reference: 3900 |
| Containment | 4.3 *Biosecurity area* floors must be free from defects. | *Major*  Reference: 3901 |

### Table 5A Biosecurity area

**Information**

* It is a condition of the arrangement that treatment of *goods subject to biosecurity control* must only be performed in the *biosecurity area* approved for that type of treatment e.g., *goods* directed for treatment by:
  + washing must only be washed in the onsite *wash bay*/cabinet approved under *approved arrangement class* 4.3 – cleaning, or
  + fumigation must only be treated in the onsite *fumigation area*/chamber approved under *approved arrangement class* 4.6 – fumigation.
* *Goods subject to biosecurity control* includes *biosecurity waste*.
* *Biosecurity areas* include areas used for treatment, *inspection*, and storage of *goods subject to biosecurity control.*
* These areas are established to prevent *goods subject to biosecurity control* and their contaminants from accidental or deliberate release or escape into the Australian environment.
* It must be immediately obvious that the *goods subject to biosecurity control* and the area the *goods* are held in are subject to biosecurity control.
* Identification of *biosecurity areas* and *goods subject to biosecurity control* can be through infrastructure (signs and labels) and procedural practices (colour coding and training) and must support the traceability of the *goods*. *Biosecurity areas* with more than one entry point may need more than one sign
* Australian Standard AS/NZS 1680.2.1:2008 has been referenced for illumination levels in *biosecurity areas*.

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Arrangement compliance | 5.1 Where *goods subject to biosecurity control* are directed by the *department* for treatment at the *approved arrangement site*, the:   1. *approved arrangement* for that site must be approved to *car*ry out that type of treatment activity (e.g., irradiation, cleaning, fumigation, heat treatment, specific *processing*), and the 2. treatment must only be performed in the *biosecurity area* approved under the *approved arrangement class* for that type of treatment activity. | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 4457 |
| Isolation | 5.2 *Goods subject to biosecurity control* must be kept in the *biosecurity area*. | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 2038 |
| Containment | 5.3 Biosecurity storage areas must be located within an enclosed building/warehouse/room. | *Major*  Reference: 3775 |
| Isolation | 5.4 *Biosecurity areas* must not be used as a thoroughfare or access point to non-control areas or other non-related *biosecurity areas*. | *Major*  Reference: 2426 |
| Identification | 5.5 *Biosecurity areas* must be clearly identified as *biosecurity areas* to all persons with physical access to the *approved arrangement site*. | *Major*  Reference: 4234 |
| Isolation | 5.6 The boundaries of *biosecurity areas* must be:   1. clearly defined 2. highly visible 3. permanently constructed or affixed, and 4. durable. | *Major*  Reference: 4278 |

### Table 5B Biosecurity area

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Identification | 5.7 *Biosecurity areas* must display a biosecurity sign/s. | *Minor or major*  Reference: 3919 |
| Identification | 5.8 Biosecurity signs must:   1. be securely affixed 2. be durable 3. be visible to any persons approaching the area 4. state ‘*Biosecurity area* - Authorised Persons’ or words with a similar effect 5. have black lettering on a yellow background 6. have wording that is legible.   Note: signs produced/installed under former legislation that state “*Quarantine* Area - Authorised Persons Only’ will be accepted. New signs must comply with points a - f. | *Minor*  Reference: 3776 |
| Supporting functions | 5.9 The *biosecurity area* must allow for *biosecurity officers* to easily perform their duties without work health and safety risks. | *Major*  Reference: 830 |
| *Inspection* | 5.10 *Biosecurity areas* must be managed to allow *biosecurity officers* to conduct adequate *inspection*s of *goods* in a timely and effective manner. At a minimum, this must include:   1. illumination within a building 2. storage areas - minimum 400 lux 3. *inspection area*s - minimum 600 lux 4. *goods* accessible for *inspection* (this will require that *goods* be stored no more than 2.5 m high unless racks are used).   Note: accessible means *goods* must be able to be inspected as directed by a *biosecurity officer*. Generally, block stacking will not be regarded as being accessible | *Major*  Reference: 2103 |
| Containment | 5.11 Biosecurity storage and *inspection area*s must have ultra-violet insect killing units installed. These units must be:   1. installed to the manufacturer’s specifications 2. in operation always.   Note: ultra-violet insect killing units are not required in enclosed temperature-controlled *biosecurity areas*, where the temperature is maintained at, or below 11°C | *Major*  Reference: 3779 |
| Containment | 5.12 Biosecurity storage areas must be fitted with self-closing doors.  Note: Strip curtains and/or air curtains are accepted as an equivalent measure | *Major*  Reference: 3778 |
| Movement | 5.13 *Goods subject to biosecurity control* being moved off site for treatment (including fumigation, cleaning, heat, and irradiation) must be:   1. secured to prevent the potential escape and/or spread of *biosecurity risk material* 2. transported directly to an *approved arrangement site*, in accordance with the applicable *biosecurity direction* or approval from the *department*. | *Major*  Reference: 3949 |
| Movement | 5.14 *Goods subject to biosecurity control* must not leave the *biosecurity area* of an *approved arrangement site*, inadvertently or deliberately, without prior *biosecurity direction* or approval from the *department*. | *Critical*  Reference: 4236 |

### Table 6A Inspection area

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
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| *Inspection* | 6.1 *Goods subject to biosecurity control* must not undergo biosecurity *inspection* where domestic or export *goods*, including *goods* that have been released from biosecurity control, are in the biosecurity *inspection area*/room. | *Major*  Reference: 3772 |
| *Inspection* | 6.2 The biosecurity *inspection area* must:   1. be used only for *inspection* activities 2. not be used as a storeroom or to hold materials other than those needed for *inspection* activities 3. be of a size commensurate with the quantity of *goods* being handled/inspected 4. have all openings in the walls or ceiling such as windows and vents, screened with insect proof mesh. Windows must be *seal*ed at their edges   Note: an aperture size small enough to prevent entry or egress of insects will require a maximum aperture size of 0.25 mm or 250 microns (um). Suitable material includes, but is not limited to, stainless steel mesh of 0.16 mm wire gauge (0.25 mm aperture).   1. be capable of maintaining an ambient temperature between 18°C and 21°C during *inspection* of perishables subject to biosecurity control | *Major*  Reference: 3781 |
| *Inspection* | 6.3 A non-absorbent *inspection* table/bench must be provided. It must:   1. be located within a biosecurity *inspection area* 2. be a minimum of 1 m wide x 4 m long and 0.9 m to 1 m high 3. have an artificial light of not less than 600 lux intensity 4. have a white *inspection* surface of a sufficient size to facilitate the *inspection*. This can be removable (e.g., trays or paper) or a fixed white bench top.   Note: where absorbent materials (e.g., paper) are used as the white *inspection* surface, these must be disposed of as *biosecurity waste* at the completion of each *inspection*. | *Major*  Reference: 3782 |
| Supporting function | 6.4 Each *inspection* room must be equipped with a microscope and magnification lamp for use by *biosecurity officers* for the *inspection* of *goods subject to biosecurity control* | *Major*  Reference: 3783 |
| *Inspection* | 6.5 The microscope provided must:   1. be binocular in design, with variable user adjustment or a 45° incline 2. be capable of a minimum of 30x magnification and have a variable zoom function with a minimum range of 10x - 30x magnification 3. have eye pieces with a minimum 21 mm internal working diameter (or field number) and a minimum of 10x magnification 4. have a distance between the bottom of the lens and the microscope stand of at least 200mm 5. incorporate a light source that can be adjusted to illuminate the *commodity* being inspected   Note: where the model of microscope used requires an external light source, this must be provided to ensure the microscope is fully functional.   1. have adjustable light intensity, with a minimum of either 6V 10W halogen or 3W LED 2. be portable and not fixed to the *inspection* bench or any other fitting 3. use mains supply power 4. be maintained in clean, good working order always and covered with a dust cover when not in use 5. be serviced annually. | *Major*  Reference: 3784 |

### Table 6B Inspection area

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
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| *Inspection* | 6.6 The magnification lamp provided must:   1. be capable of 2x magnification 2. have a stand that allows the lens position to be adjusted 3. incorporate a light source to illuminate the *commodity* being inspected 4. be portable and not fixed to the *inspection* bench or any other fitting 5. use mains supply power. | *Major*  Reference: 4965 |
| Supporting function | 6.7 A functional, height adjustable, ergonomic chair or stool must be provided for use by *biosecurity officers* when inspecting *goods subject to biosecurity control.* | *Major*  Reference: 854 |
| Containment | 6.8 Biosecurity *inspection area*s must be fitted with self-closing doors.  Note: Strip curtains and/or air curtains are not accepted as an equivalent measure. | *Major*  Reference: 3890 |

### Table 7 Air curtains used as an equivalent measure to self-closing doors

**Information**

* Where air curtains are used as an equivalent measure to a self-closing door, for the purpose of minimising the potential escape of insects from biosecurity storage and/or biosecurity *inspection area*s, conditions 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 will apply.

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
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| Containment | 7.1 The air curtain must:   1. have a sheet of high velocity air projected either downward or horizontally across the door opening 2. have the airstream parallel to the plane of the door opening 3. fully cover the door opening (the projected airstream) 4. provide a uniform velocity profile over the length of the opening 5. operate whenever the access is open. | *Major*  Reference: 3887 |
| Containment | 7.2 Air curtain air stream velocity must be a minimum:   1. 5 m/s for external doors 2. 3.5 m/s for internal doors | *Major*  Reference: 3888 |
| Containment | 7.3 Where air curtains are used on cold room access doors, strip curtains must also be used.  Note: The use of strip curtains will assist in retaining air curtain effectiveness as they assist in reducing the effects of air movement and temperature fluctuations. | *Major*  Reference: 3889 |

### Table 8 Site hygiene and monitoring

#### Information

* Standard of hygiene will vary for each *approved arrangement site* dependant on the *biosecurity activities* that occur at that site.
* Site monitoring is used to identify *animals*, invertebrates and vegetation and minimise the potential for *biosecurity risks* to escape into the Australian environment.
* Information on reporting *biosecurity incidents* is available on the [*department’s* website](https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/legislation/reportable-incident). Incidents that must be reported includes where ‘the *goods* are infested with a live *pest* (for example, an insect, invertebrate or other *animal*)’.

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
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| Hygiene | 8.1 An effective *pest* and weed control system must be in place to ensure that *goods subject to biosecurity control* are isolated from environments in which *pest* and *disease* are likely to become established. The *biosecurity industry participant* must implement and keep associated records of a periodic *inspection* regime and ensure *knockdown spray* (i.e., standard household aerosol insecticide spray) is kept onsite. The onsite location of the *knockdown spray*, the *pest* and weed control system must include:   1. the use of insecticides, fumigation, rodenticides, periodic *inspection*, baits and/or traps 2. a site plan with numbered bait stations 3. if applicable, contract details.   Note: the operations of adjacent facilities must be considered when determining any additional *pest* control measures to be implemented. | *Minor* or *major*  Reference: 2102 |
| Hygiene | 8.2 The standard of hygiene at the *approved arrangement site* must be appropriate for the nature of the *goods subject to biosecurity control*. | *Minor* or *major*  Reference: 2998 |
| Hygiene | 8.3 Buildings and *biosecurity areas* must be kept clean. *Car*go and packaging residues, contaminants and spillages must be cleaned up and correctly disposed of as *biosecurity waste* without delay | *Minor* or *major*  Reference: 1003 |
| Hygiene | 8.4 *Car*go and packaging residues and spillages:   1. from *goods subject to biosecurity control*, or that are 2. detected in areas where *goods subject to biosecurity control* are, or have been handled   must be cleaned up immediately and disposed of as *biosecurity waste*. | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 4467 |
| Notification | 8.5 The *department* must be notified immediately where *car*go and packaging residues and spillages from *goods subject to biosecurity control* cannot be cleaned up immediately and/or disposed of as *biosecurity waste*. | *Major*  Reference: 4468 |
| Arrangement compliance | 8.6 The *biosecurity industry participant* must provide the *department* access to the *approved arrangement site* for *plant* *pest* and *disease* surveillance purposes including the installation and monitoring of insect traps. | *Major*  Reference: 4481 |
| Arrangement compliance | 8.7 Insect traps installed by the *department* must not be interfered with or damaged. | *Major*  Reference: 4482 |

### Table 9 Facilities for departmental officers

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
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| Supporting functions | 9.1 The *biosecurity industry participant* must:   1. provide a first aid cabinet/kit which is fully stocked and meets the minimum commercial Australian Standard (AS2675-1983: Portable first aid kits for use by consumers) 2. provide vehicle parking for visiting *biosecurity officers* (Note: This may require *department* identified parking or providing a parking permit) 3. ensure adequate security for any *department*al technical equipment left on the site 4. provide access and the availability of:    1. a desk, chair, and a telephone with direct outside call access    2. toilet facilities    3. handwashing facilities and a hygienic means of drying hands    4. clean amenities. | *Minor* or *major*  Reference: 2098 |

### Table 10 Waste

#### Information

* For any *dunnage*, packing material and waste inspected and found to contain *pest*s or *disease* agents, *the department* will direct the *biosecurity risk* be managed using a *department* approved treatment.
* *Department* approved disposal methods include:

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| Solid *biosecurity waste* disposal | Liquid *biosecurity waste* disposal |
| Incineration (class 8.1) | Municipal sewer |
| Deep Burial (class 8.2) |
| Autoclave (class 8.3) |
| As prescribed in the *import permit* or other *biosecurity direction*. | |

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
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| Containment | 10.1 Waste containers must be provided for loose items, *contamination*, residues, spillages, or material from *goods subject to biosecurity control*. | *Major*  Reference: 4041 |
| Isolation | 10.2 The *biosecurity waste* container must:   1. be leak and *pest*-proof 2. have a secure lid. | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 3943 |
| Identification | 10.3 The *biosecurity waste* container must be labelled ‘*Biosecurity waste*’. | *Minor*  Reference: 4260 |
| Containment | 10.4 Lids of *biosecurity waste* containers must remain closed except when opened to add or remove *biosecurity waste.* | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 4509 |
| Treatment | 10.5 Loose *goods* of biosecurity concern that do not form part of the documented consignment (including soil, seeds, hessian bags, fruit *car*tons, *plant,* or *animal* *contamination*) as well as any spilled *goods* that are of biosecurity concern must be placed in the *biosecurity waste* container. | *Major*  Reference: 1053 |
| Movement | 10.6 Solid *biosecurity waste* disposal must only be undertaken at an *approved arrangement site* that is approved for waste disposal. | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 4340 |
| Movement | 10.7 *Biosecurity waste* must be transported by a *department* approved waste transporter. | *Major*  Reference: 2097 |
| Treatment | 10.8 *Biosecurity waste* must be identified as such to the waste disposal company and waste transporter. | *Major or critical*  Reference: 1091 |

### Table 11 Records

#### Information

* Records and systems maintained by the *biosecurity industry participant* must be able to track *goods subject to biosecurity control* through the stages of the biosecurity *goods* pathway they are responsible for. This includes receipt, handling, treatment, disposal, and release.
* There must be two-way traceability, from the:
  + records to the physical *goods*
  + physical *goods* to the records.

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
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| Traceability | 11.1 *Goods subject to biosecurity control* must be traceable in terms of (where applicable):   1. *biosecurity direction* number 2. *import permit* number 3. Air Waybill or Bill of Lading number 4. date of receipt 5. *processing* (including *inspection*, treatment, testing) details 6. *release from biosecurity control* 7. disposal details 8. storage location. | 1. *Major* 2. *Major* 3. *Minor* 4. *Major* 5. *Major* 6. *Major* 7. *Major* 8. *Major*   Reference: 3517 |
| Traceability | 11.2 Records for each consignment of *goods subject to biosecurity control* must include:   1. *biosecurity direction* number 2. *import permit* number (if applicable) 3. Air Waybill or Bill of Lading number 4. description of the *goods subject to biosecurity control*, including scientific names, country of origin and quantities (if applicable) 5. date of receipt of *goods* 6. method and date of any treatment or disposal/destruction of *goods subject to biosecurity control* and/or *biosecurity waste* 7. the date of movement and the *department’s* permission for any movement of *goods subject to biosecurity control* 8. detail of consignment packaging. This must include: 9. which secure packaging option prescribed in section 3.4 was observed, and 10. where applicable the action taken to secure airfreight perishables in accordance with section 3.5 11. comprehensive details of any breaches of *goods subject to biosecurity control* from the *approved arrangement site*. | *Minor*, m*ajor,* or *critical*  Reference: 3785 |
| Traceability | 11.3 *Accredited persons* records must include:   1. name of *accredited person* 2. date accreditation training completed 3. method of accreditation training (online or in-house) 4. copy of online training accreditation certificate – if applicable 5. copy of in-house training attendance record – if applicable. | *Major*  Reference: 4275 |
| Traceability | 11.4 The *biosecurity industry participant* must ensure records are kept for a minimum of two years for *goods subject to biosecurity control*. | *Minor* or m*ajor*  Reference: 4004 |
| Traceability | 11.5 Records must be made available to the *department* upon request. | *Minor* or m*ajor*  Reference: 3944 |

### Table 12 Ceasing operations

**Information**

* The *biosecurity industry participant* is liable for all costs associated with closing and ceasing operations as an *approved arrangement site*.

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
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| Notification | 12.1 The *department* must be notified, by email to [aa.canberra@awe.gov.au](mailto:aa.canberra@awe.gov.au), at least 15 *business days* prior to intended:   1. closure of a current *approved arrangement site* 2. relocation of the business, including the *approved arrangement class* function 3. ceasing of operation as an *approved arrangement site*. | *Major*  Reference: 3699 |
| Treatment | 12.2 Any *goods subject to biosecurity control* that remain at the *approved arrangement site* must be:   1. treated or destroyed in accordance with a *department* approved method   or   1. transferred to another *approved arrangement site* with prior approval from the *department*. | *Major*  Reference: 4516 |

### Table 13 Site maps

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
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| Identification | 13.1 Current site plans must be provided to the *department*. Site plans must be to scale and include *biosecurity areas* (storage, *inspection*, treatment/*processing*) and the location of parking for *biosecurity officers*. | *Major*  Reference: 680 |

### Table 14A Compliance

**Information**

* *Release from biosecurity control* includes release by a *biosecurity industry participant* subject to s162 *Biosecurity Act 2015* only if expressly authorised in the *approved arrangement* and in accordance with the conditions of the *approved arrangement*.
* Required treatments will be advised on *import permits*, *directions*, class conditions, non-standard conditions (variations), *process management systems* (*PMS*) and *standard operating procedures (SOPs)*.
* Those events to be notified are advised on *import permit*s, *direction*s, class conditions, non-standard conditions (variations), *PMS* and *SOPs*.
* Information on reporting *biosecurity incidents* is available on the [*department’s* website.](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/legislation/reportable-incident)

**Note:** *SOPs* are only required in those classes where there is a specific condition for a *SOP* to be in place.

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
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| Arrangement compliance | 14.1 The *biosecurity industry participant* must:   1. *car*ry out the *biosecurity activities* in accordance with the arrangement 2. comply with any conditions specified in the arrangement 3. comply with any *requirements* to which the arrangement is subject 4. comply with any *biosecurity direction* from the *department* 5. comply with any *biosecurity control notice* from the *department* 6. comply with any *biosecurity control order* from the *department*. | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 4316 |
| Arrangement compliance | 14.2 *Goods subject to biosecurity control* must be maintained and processed in accordance with the conditions of the relevant *approved arrangement class*. | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 2992 |
| Arrangement compliance | 14.3 *Goods subject to biosecurity control* must be maintained and processed at an *approved arrangement site* appropriate for the *biosecurity risk* associated with the *goods*. | *Minor,* m*ajor* or *critical*  Reference: 3535 |
| Arrangement compliance | 14.4 *Goods subject to biosecurity control* must be maintained and processed in accordance with import conditions specified in the *department’s* *Biosecurity Import Conditions Database* (*BICON*). | *Minor,* m*ajor* or *critical*  Reference: 2993 |
| Arrangement compliance | 14.5 *Goods subject to biosecurity control* must be maintained and processed in accordance with any applicable *import permit*. | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 3536 |
| Arrangement compliance | 14.6 *Goods subject to biosecurity control* must be maintained and processed in accordance with any *biosecurity direction* from the *department*. | *Minor, major* or *critical*  Reference: 2995 |
| Arrangement compliance | 14.7 *Goods subject to biosecurity control* must be handled and maintained and processed in accordance with the *Biosecurity Act 2015* and subordinate legislation. | *Minor* or m*ajor* or *critical*  Reference: 2996 |

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### Table 14B Compliance

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
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| Notification | 14.8 The *department* must be notified immediately following *detection* of any of the following:   1. *goods subject to biosecurity control* have left the *approved arrangement site*, inadvertently or deliberately, without prior written *direction* or approval from the *department* 2. *goods subject to biosecurity control* were not maintained and processed in accordance with the conditions of the relevant *approved arrangement class* 3. *goods subject to biosecurity control* were not maintained processed in accordance with import conditions specified in the *department’s* *Biosecurity Import Conditions Database* (*BICON*) and/or *import permit* 4. *goods subject to biosecurity control* were not maintained and processed in accordance with any other *direction* from the *department* 5. *goods subject to biosecurity control* were not maintained and processed in accordance with the *Biosecurity Act 2015* and subordinate legislation 6. the *approved arrangement site* is not appropriate to manage the *biosecurity risk* associated with *the goods subject to biosecurity control.* | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 4517 |
| Notification | 14.9 The *department* must be notified of any *reportable biosecurity incident* as soon as practicable, in accordance with the determination made by the Director of Biosecurity. | *Major*  Reference: 3015 |
| Arrangement compliance | 14.10 *Departmental* officers and *department* approved *auditors*, must be provided access to the *approved arrangement site* to perform the functions and exercise the powers conferred on them by the *Biosecurity Act* or another law of the Commonwealth. | *Critical*  Reference: 3013 |
| Arrangement compliance | 14.11 *Biosecurity officers* must be provided with all reasonable facilities, assistance, and information necessary for the effective performance of their functions or duties or the exercise of their powers under the *Biosecurity Act*.  Note: Assistance includes but is not limited to moving, lifting and sampling *goods subject to biosecurity control*, as directed by a *biosecurity officer* to enable *inspection* or other *biosecurity activities* to be performed. | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 4518 |
| Arrangement compliance | 14.12 Information (verbal, electronic or hard copy) provided to the *department* must be accurate. Note: Civil, criminal, and regulatory penalties apply to giving false or misleading information. | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 4519 |
| Arrangement compliance | 14.13 *Department* approved *auditors* must be permitted to collect evidence of compliance and noncompliance with *approved arrangement conditions* through actions including the copying of documents and taking of photographs. | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 3016 |
| Arrangement compliance | 14.14 A contingency plan must be in place to manage unexpected events that threaten to compromise biosecurity integrity of the *approved arrangement site*. Unexpected events include:   1. appearance of *pest*s or symptoms of *disease* 2. structural damage (due to storms etc.) 3. accident during transit 4. unauthorised removal of *goods subject to biosecurity control* 5. spillages of *goods subject to biosecurity control* 6. sudden unavailability of an *accredited person*. | 1. *Major* 2. *Major* 3. *Major* 4. *Major* 5. *Major* 6. *Major*   Reference: 3009 |
| Notification | 14.15 The *department* must be notified, by email to [aa.canberra@awe.gov.au](mailto:aa.canberra@awe.gov.au), at least 15 *business days* prior to any modification to, or closure of, *biosecurity areas* where *goods subject to biosecurity control* are stored or treated/processed or otherwise dealt with. | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 4520 |

### Table 14C Compliance

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
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| Arrangement compliance | 14.16 *Departmental* approval must be obtained prior to implementing changes to the location and/or construction of the *approved arrangement site* or *biosecurity area* boundaries. | *Major*  Reference: 4024 |
| Notification | 14.17 The *department* must be notified by email to [aa.canberra@awe.gov.au](mailto:aa.canberra@awe.gov.au) of any proposed changes to any of the following:   1. The location and/or construction of any part of *the approved arrangement site boundary* 2. The location and/or construction of any part of a *biosecurity area* boundary 3. The location and/or construction of any part of the boundary of any areas within the *approved arrangement site boundary* that are under the: 4. occupancy or control, or 5. shared occupancy or control of any other entities (note that this includes subleasing arrangements) 6. The identity of any other entities that: 7. occupy or control, or 8. share occupancy or control of any areas within the *approved arrangement site boundary* (note that this includes subleasing arrangements). | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 4521 |
| Notification | 14.18 The *biosecurity industry participant* must notify the *department*, by email to [aa.canberra@awe.gov.au](mailto:aa.canberra@awe.gov.au), within 15 *business days* of becoming aware of any change of status, not previously been notified to the *department*, of the *biosecurity industry participant* or their *associates* relevant to the operation of the *approved arrangement* in relation to any of the following matters:   1. conviction of an offence or order to pay a pecuniary penalty under the *Biosecurity Act 2015, Quarantine Act 1908, Customs Act 1901, the Criminal Code, or the Crimes Act 1914* 2. debt to the Commonwealth that is more than 28 days overdue under the *Biosecurity Act 2015, Quarantine Act 1908, Customs Act 1901, the Criminal Code, or the Crimes Act 1914* 3. refusal, involuntary suspension, involuntary revocation/cancelation or involuntary variation of an *Import Permit*, *quarantine* approved *premises*, compliance agreement or *approved arrangement* under the *Quarantine Act 1908* or the *Biosecurity Act 2015*. | *Critical*  Reference: 3012 |
| Notification | 14.19 The *biosecurity industry participant* must notify the *department*, by email to [aa.canberra@awe.gov.au](mailto:aa.canberra@awe.gov.au), within 15 *business days* of any change in:   1. persons in positions responsible for controlling, directing, enforcing, or monitoring people performing *biosecurity activities* associated with the *approved arrangement* 2. *biosecurity industry participant* details, including: 3. entity name 4. Australian business number or Australian company number 5. postal address 6. email address 7. telephone number. | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 3836 |