# Approved arrangement

2.6 – empty shipping container parks

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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.awe.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.

Terms that have specific definitions contained within the [*approved arrangement*s glossary](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/arrival/arrangements/glossary) 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*.

### 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 2.6 *approved arrangements* manage *biosecurity risks* associated with empty shipping containers subject to biosecurity control.

### Scope

Class 2.6 *approved arrangement sites* are utilised for the receipt, storage, *inspection*, and treatment of empty shipping containers.

Conditions for class 2.6 *approved arrangement* authorise the *biosecurity industry participant* to:

* inspect the internal of international repositioned empty shipping containers, and
* undertake treatment activities – limited to removal, cleaning, washing – to manage certain *biosecurity risk material* detected within the container and dispose of this material using a *department* approved method. Performance of any other treatment will require approval from the *department* e.g., for the relevant *approved arrangement class*.

Examples of *biosecurity risks* associated with empty shipping containers – *goods subject to biosecurity control* which are handled at a class 2.6 *approved arrangement site* include:

* *infestation* of insects in or on 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), and hitchhiker *pest*s (e.g., brown marmorated stink bug)
* *animal*s such as rodents, reptiles, geckos, birds, and cats that can inadvertently travel in containers
* Giant African Snails and other snails that can attach to containers
* *contamination* of soil or *plant* material in or on 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

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/arrival/pests).

### Site location

Class 2.6 *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 2.6 *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 area*s must be in a secure lockable building or in an area surrounded by a lockable security fence. | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 3941 |

### Table 3 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 and 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 |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Identification | 3.1 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 | 3.2 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 *Biosecurity areas* must have floor surfaces finished with materials that are smooth, impervious, durable, and easy to clean. | *Major*  Reference: 3900 |
| Containment | 4.2 *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*, 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 area*s with more than one entry point may need more than one sign.

| 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 *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 | 5.3 *Biosecurity areas* must be clearly identified as *biosecurity areas* to all persons with physical access to the *approved arrangement site*. | *Major*  Reference: 4234 |
| Isolation | 5.4 The boundaries of *biosecurity areas* must be:   1. clearly defined 2. highly visible 3. permanently constructed or affixed, and 4. durable. | *Major*  Reference: 4278 |
| Identification | 5.5 *Biosecurity area*s must display a biosecurity sign/s. | *Major*  Reference: 3919 |
| Identification | 5.6 Biosecurity signs must:   1. be securely affixed 2. be durable 3. be visible and able to be clearly read by persons approaching the area 4. state '*Biosecurity area* - No unauthorised entry or removal of *goods*, or words to similar effect. 5. have black lettering on 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 |

### Table 5B Biosecurity area

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Supporting functions | 5.7 The *biosecurity area* must allow for *biosecurity officers* to easily perform their duties without work health and safety risks. | *Major*  Reference: 830 |
| Movement | 5.8 *Goods* 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 | 5.9 *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 6 Container inspections

**Information**

* The term ‘container/s’ refers to international repositioned empty shipping containers
* Attachment 1 of this document details the:
* categories of biosecurity levels – level 1, level 2, and level 3, and
* relevant action required for each biosecurity level, as referred to within conditions for this arrangement

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Inspection | 6.1. Containers must be inspected by an *accredited person* prior to any structural repairs or other work that involves internal access to the container. | *Critical*  Reference: 3537 |
| Inspection | 6.2 The initial container inspection must take place within the *approved arrangement site boundary.* | *Major or critical*  Reference: 3538 |
| Inspection | 6.3 All internal surfaces of international repositioned empty containers must be inspected for presence of *biosecurity risk material*.  Note: refer Attachment 1 of this arrangement document to determine the appropriate Biosecurity Level for each container. | *Major*  Reference: 3542 |
| Containment | 6.4 Where biosecurity level 3 material is detected the container must be moved to the *biosecurity area* for *department*al inspection. | *Major*  Reference: 3539 |
| Notification | 6.5 Any containers with biosecurity level 3 materials must be reported to the *department*. | *Major*  Reference: 3544 |
| Containment | 6.6 Internal cleaning for biosecurity level 2 must occur in the *biosecurity area*. | *Major*  Reference: 3540 |
| Isolation | 6.7 Containers on the *wash bay* must be placed and washed in a manner to ensure no cross *contamination* occurs with containers which are free of biosecurity concerns. | *Major or critical*  Reference: 3541 |
| Treatment | 6.8 Any biosecurity level 2 materials must be removed and disposed of using a *department* approved method for *biosecurity waste*. | *Major*  Reference: 3543 |
| Arrangement compliance | 6.9 Following the *detection* and subsequent removal/treatment of biosecurity level 2 material (see Attachment 1), the container must be reinspected, and the following information recorded:   1. any treatments *car*ried out 2. name of the *accredited person* performing the *inspection* 3. the inspection result. | *Major*  Reference: 3546 |
| Containment | 6.10 Following the *detection* of biosecurity level 3 material (see Attachment 1), the:   1. container doors must be immediately closed 2. *department* must be notified and made aware of the biosecurity concern 3. container must be moved to the biosecurity *inspection area*. | *Major*  Reference: 3547 |
| Arrangement compliance | 6.11 Where biosecurity level 3 and biosecurity level 2 material is detected, the container must be reinspected following the treatment of biosecurity level 3 material, and the following information must be recorded:   1. date of re-*inspection* 2. name of the *accredited person* performing the re-*inspection* 3. result of the *inspection*. | *Major*  Reference: 3548 |
| Traceability | 6.12 Once treatment is completed (for both biosecurity level 2 and biosecurity level 3) and re*inspection* confirms all *biosecurity risk material* has been managed, the required information must be recorded on existing commercial or other documents for auditing purposes. | *Major*  Reference: 3549 |

### Table 7A Wash bays

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Treatment | 7.1 Wash facilities must:   1. be of a size commensurate with the *goods subject to biosecurity control* being cleaned 2. be constructed of impermeable material and in a manner, which ensures that all residues/sediment and splash from cleaning operations are contained and flow directly into holding tanks or a municipal sewage system or *department* approved system 3. have sewage/drainage lines protected from physical damage.   Note: Where municipal sewage connection is not available and tanks are used, the tanks must be fully enclosed. | *Major*  Reference: 2975 |
| Treatment | 7.2 There must be adequate equipment available to *car*ry out cleaning (steam/high pressure) and chemical *disinfection* spraying operations as directed by *biosecurity officers* | *Major*  Reference: 233 |
| Containment | 7.3 Soil traps must be installed in drains in locations where drainage inflow is likely to contain solids from *goods subject to biosecurity control*. | *Major*  Reference: 2976 |
| Treatment | 7.4 Waste water must be either:   1. screened prior to discharge to municipal sewer or *department* approved treatment/holding tank 2. collected and transported off-site for discharge to sewer by a waste transport service operating under an appropriate *approved arrangement* with the *department* 3. collected and transported off-site for discharge to sewer by non-*department* approved waste transport service under *department* supervision 4. collected into a tank and hypochlorite treatment applied. | *Major*  Reference: 1393 |
| Isolation | 7.5 No unauthorised traffic or personnel (those not involved in the cleaning of *goods subject to biosecurity control*) or equipment are permitted on the wash pad, ramp or *wash bay* during treatments and cleaning. | *Major*  Reference: 29 |
| Containment | 7.6 The *wash bay* must   1. have a floor impervious to liquid 2. have a floor drain leading into a soil trap which is connected directly to municipal sewer or to another waste water disposal system approved by the *department*. 3. ensure that any waste water storage, treatment, and reticulation systems are enclosed. 4. ensure that any residues/sediment and splash from cleaning operations are contained and flow directly into holding tanks or a municipal sewerage system or *department* approved system 5. have sewage/drainage lines protected from physical damage.   Note: where municipal sewage connection is not available and tanks are used, the tanks must be fully enclosed | *Critical*  Reference: 2963 |
| Containment | 7.7 The areas immediately adjacent to the *wash bay* must be impervious to liquid. | *Major*  Reference: 2962 |
| Containment | 7.8 Waste water and residues from cleaning operations must be contained within the approved *wash bay*. | *Major or critical*  Reference: 2957 |
| Treatment | 7.9 Waste water and residues from cleaning operations must only be discharged via the *wash bay* drain. | *Major or critical*  Reference: 2958 |
| Treatment | 7.10 Soil residues from the *wash bay* soil trap or filter must be disposed of as *biosecurity waste*. | *Critical*  Reference: 2961 |

### Table 7B Wash bays

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Treatment | 7.11 Equipment (including footwear and protective clothing) used in the *wash bay* must be cleaned prior to removal from the *wash bay*. | *Critical*  Reference: 2960 |
| Treatment | 7.12 The *wash bay* must be washed down after cleaning operations each day. | *Major*  Reference: 2959 |
| Treatment | 7.13 Where a trade water diversion is installed in the *wash bay*:   1. the *wash bay* must be cleaned after every wash 2. all residues and water from washing *goods subject to biosecurity control* and cleaning the *wash bay* after every wash must be discharged to sewer (and not to stormwater) 3. if the trade water diversion cannot be manually overridden to discharge to sewer, good subject to biosecurity control must not be washed during periods of high rainfall that could result in water being discharged to stormwater 4. if the trade water diversion can be manually overridden, *good subject to biosecurity control* can be washed at any time if all wash water must be discharged to sewer. | *Critical*  Reference: 1394 |

### Table 8 Waste water recycling

**Information**

* Waste water recycling systems are typically a closed system, servicing only the *wash bay*. Water used for washing activities will be collected and retained in a dedicated holding tank for reuse in further wash activities. These systems may be topped up with water from tap mains or other rain tanks.

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
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| Treatment | 8.1 A recycling waste water system must incorporate screening the liquid waste through a 100-micron filter prior to use in *wash bay* operations with *goods subject to biosecurity control*, including final washes. Recycled waste water is not permitted to be used for domestic washes. | *Major*  Reference: 2971 |
| Supporting | 8.2 During the recycling process, the *biosecurity industry participant* must, when operational, undertake weekly *inspection* for leaks from:   1. pumps 2. valves 3. tanks (where applicable) 4. filter housing, pipes, and connections where visible. | *Major*  Reference: 2972 |
| Supporting function | 8.3 When leaks are detected they must be immediately repaired. | *Major*  Reference: 2973 |
| Treatment | 8.4 Waste filter media and detritus/refuse captured by filter media or screens must be treated as *biosecurity waste*. | *Major*  Reference 3281 |

### Table 9 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 *animal*s, 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*)’.
* Snails are more likely to become active and move around during wet periods. Targeted applications for snail baiting during wet periods, in addition to ongoing application for snail baiting *aims* to increase the effectiveness of the snail baiting programs.

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
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| Hygiene | 9.1 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 | 9.2 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 | 9.3 Buildings and *biosecurity area*s 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 | 9.4 Where empty shipping containers are stored prior to being inspected, a snail baiting program, consisting of commercially sourced snail baits to be used in accordance with manufactures specifications, must be *car*ried out around those containers | *Major*  Reference: 3520 |
| Hygiene | 9.5 *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 | 9.6 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 | 9.7 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 | 9.8 Insect traps installed by the *department* must not be interfered with or damaged. | *Major*  Reference: 4482 |

### Table 10 Facilities for departmental officers

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
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| Supporting functions | 10.1 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 |

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### Table 11 Waste

#### Information

* *Biosecurity waste* generated from washing operations includes but is not limited to:
* residues removed from empty shipping containers
* water used for washing empty shipping containers and cleaning the *wash bay* or cabinet
* soil residues from soil traps in drains
* sludge, sediment from grease traps and other filters, separators
* other liquids such as fats, oil and grease filtered/separated from waste water
* waste filter media and detritus/refuse captured by filter media or screens
* *Department* approved disposal methods include:

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

* Disposal of liquids such as oil to municipal sewer may be restricted by local, state/territory, federal government regulations and relevant state Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements. Methods approved for solid *biosecurity risks* disposal (above) may be utilised for liquid waste disposal, where permitted by local, state/territory, federal government regulations and relevant state EPA requirements.

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
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| Containment | 11.1 Waste containers must be provided for loose items, *contamination*, residues, spillages, or material from *goods subject to biosecurity control*. | *Major*  Reference: 4041 |
| Isolation | 11.2 The *biosecurity waste* container must:   1. be leak and *pest*-proof 2. have a secure lid. | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 3943 |
| Identification | 11.3 The *biosecurity waste* container must be labelled ‘*Biosecurity Waste*’. | *Minor*  Reference: 4260 |
| Containment | 11.4 Lids of *biosecurity waste* containers must remain closed except when opened to add or remove *biosecurity waste.* | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 4509 |
| Treatment | 11.5 Loose *goods* of biosecurity concern that do not form part of the documented consignment (including soil, seeds, hessian bags, fruit cartons, *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 |
| Treatment | 11.6 Overseas *dunnage*, including pallets, must be stored in a clearly defined *biosecurity area* or a biosecurity *dunnage* container or storage device for a maximum period of 14 days. Within the specified storage period, *dunnage* must be treated by a *department* approved method. | *Major*  Reference: 170 |
| Isolation | 11.7 ISPM 15 compliant timber packaging/*dunnage* must be stored separately from other imported timber packaging/*dunnage*. No further *inspection* or treatment is required | *Major*  Reference: 2048 |
| Movement | 11.8 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 | 11.9 *Biosecurity waste* must be transported by a *department* approved waste transporter. | *Major*  Reference: 2097 |
| Treatment | 11.10 *Biosecurity waste* must be identified as such to the waste disposal company and waste transporter. | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 1091 |

### Table 12 Waste water hypochlorite treatment

#### Information

* Hypochlorite treatment of liquid water is an alternative treatment option to discharging liquid waste to municipal sewer, typically where there is no connection to sewer at the *approved arrangement site*.
* Once hypochlorite treatment is completed, the treated liquid waste can be discharged to any location, where permitted by local, state/territory, federal government regulations and relevant state EPA requirements.

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
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| Treatment | 12.1 A hypochlorite treatment system must incorporate:   1. screening liquid waste through a 100-micron filter prior to treating with hypochlorite. 2. an enclosed liquid waste treatment tank with an attached mechanical agitation method for mixing hypochlorite and liquid waste. | *Major*  Reference: 3523 |
| Treatment | 12.2 Hypochlorite treatment of waste water (e.g., liquid waste, imported fresh water) must be undertaken in accordance with the following process:   1. filtration through a 100-micron filter 2. liquid waste test to ensure a pH range between 5.0 and 7.0 (where the pH is not within this range, add acid or alkaline products and bring the liquid waste to within this range), then 3. add hypochlorite to achieve 200 parts per million (ppm) free chlorine (at the end of the 10 minutes agitation cycle), then 4. mechanically agitate in a retention *vessel* for 10 minutes, then 5. test (after agitation) to determine the free chlorine level is at least 200 ppm, then 6. retain the waste water in the treatment tank for 1 hour following confirmation of concentration at minimum 200 ppm, then 7. test that the concentration of the waste water is at least 5 ppm free chlorine at the conclusion of the 1-hour treatment period. | *Major*  Reference: 3524 |
| Treatment | 12.3 Hypochlorite must be used within either:   1. an expiry time frame as specified by the manufacturer, or 2. used within two years of the manufacture date | *Major*  Reference: 3347 |
| Supporting functions | 12.4 During the treatment of contaminated or potentially contaminated liquids the *biosecurity industry participant* must, when operational, undertake weekly *inspection* for leaks from:   1. pumps 2. valves 3. tanks 4. hypochlorite metering/dosing equipment (where applicable) 5. filter housing, pipes, and connections where visible. | *Major*  Reference: 3526 |
| Containment | 12.5 When leaks are detected they must be immediately repaired. | *Major*  Reference: 3527 |
| Treatment | 12.6 All waste filter media and detritus/refuse captured by filter media or screens must be treated as *biosecurity waste*. | *Major*  Reference 3281 |

### Table 13A 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 | 13.1 *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 | 13.2 The following information must be recorded for every container requiring a biosecurity *inspection*:   1. date(s) of initial *inspection* 2. container number (unique identifier) 3. name of the *approved arrangement site* at which the *inspection* was undertaken 4. result of initial *inspection* (biosecurity level - which shall reflect the type and level of *biosecurity risk material* found inside the container, as per Attachment 1). 5. any treatments *car*ried out 6. name of the *accredited person* performing the inspection. | *Minor, Major,* or *critical*  Reference: 3545 |
| Traceability | 13.3 *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 | 13.4 The *biosecurity industry participant* must ensure records are kept for a minimum of two years for *goods subject to biosecurity control*. | *Minor* or *Major*  Reference: 4004 |
| Traceability | 13.5 Records must be made available to the *department* upon request. | *Minor* or *Major*  Reference: 3944 |

### Table 13B Records

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
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| Traceability | 13.6 Hypochlorite treatment records must include:   1. date and times of testing (e.g., times when testing of concentration is taken) 2. initial pH of liquid waste 3. pH adjustment (where required) i.e., initial pH and final pH (after addition of acid or alkali) 4. amount of hypochlorite added 5. concentration of free chlorine in treatment tank after agitation 6. amount of additional hypochlorite added (where required) 7. concentration of free chlorine in treatment tank after further agitation (when additional hypochlorite added) 8. concentration of free chlorine at conclusion of 1 hour treatment and time treatment completed 9. date of manufacture of hypochlorite. | *Major*  Reference 3529 |

### Table 14 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 | 14.1 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 | 14.2 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 15 Site maps

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Identification | 15.1 Current site plans must be provided to the *department*. Site plans must be to scale and include *biosecurity area*s (storage, *inspection*, treatment/*processing*) and the location of parking for *biosecurity officers*. | *Major*  Reference: 680 |
| Identification | 15.2 The location and size of the *wash bay* must be clearly marked on the site plan. | *Minor*  Reference: 2977 |

### Table 16A 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 | 16.1 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 | 16.2 *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 | 16.3 *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 | 16.4 *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 | 16.5 *Goods subject to biosecurity control* must be maintained and processed in accordance with any applicable *import permit*. | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 3536 |
| Arrangement compliance | 16.6 *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 | 16.7 *Goods subject to biosecurity control* must be handled and maintained and processed in accordance with the *Biosecurity Act 2015* and subordinate legislation. | *Minor, major* or *critical*  Reference: 2996 |

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### Table 16B Compliance

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
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| Notification | 16.8 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 | 16.9 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 | 16.10 *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 | 16.11 *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 | 16.12 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 | 16.13 *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 | 16.14 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 | 16.15 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 area*s where *goods subject to biosecurity control* are stored or treated/processed or otherwise dealt with. | *Major* or *critical*  Reference: 4520 |

### Table 16C Compliance

| KAO | Condition | Noncompliance guide |
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| Arrangement compliance | 16.16 *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 | 16.17 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 | 16.18 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 | 16.19 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 |

## Attachment 1 – action required for each biosecurity level

### Action required for Biosecurity level 3 (BL3) – Department intervention required

| Category of biosecurity risk material | Examples | Action required for this level |
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| *Animal*s, insects, or snails | Include but is not limited to:   1. live or dead *animal*s or parts of *animal*s, snails, skeletons 2. live or dead insects 3. evidence of insect (for examples egg castings) and insect damage | Following the *detection* of any of these items:   1. Immediately close container doors 2. Move container to *biosecurity area* 3. Contact the *department* 4. Record as BL3 5. After *department*al treatment, check for BL2.   If in doubt about the *biosecurity risk* of any material contact the *department*. |
| Unidentified materials (type of *goods* not known) |  | Following the *detection* of any of these items:   1. Immediately close container doors 2. Move container to *biosecurity area* 3. Contact the *department* 4. Record as BL3 5. After *department*al treatment, check for BL2.   If in doubt about the *biosecurity risk* of any material contact the *department*. |

### Action required for Biosecurity level 2 (BL2) – Can remove contamination on site

| Category of biosecurity risk material | Examples | Action required for this level |
| --- | --- | --- |
| *Animal* material | Includes but is not limited to:   1. *animal* droppings 2. *animal* blood and/or other body fluids 3. skinned hide, loose bones, skin, and hair not attached to a *car*cass 4. feathers 5. brushes, bedding. | For any materials in this category:   1. Move container to *biosecurity area* for cleaning. 2. Remove *biosecurity risk material*: 3. for liquids and wet materials, wash or steam clean 4. for dry materials, sweep or vacuum 5. for *animal* products, final wash using *department*al *approved disinfectant* or water at > 90oC 6. Dispose of waste by placing *biosecurity risk material* in a *biosecurity waste* container. 7. Dispose of *dunnage*/wooden packing: 8. for autoclave or incineration place in a *biosecurity waste* container, or 9. store in the biosecurity *dunnage* area. 10. Check that no *biosecurity risk material* remains. 11. Record as BL2. |
| *Plant*s and/or *plant* material | Includes but is not limited to:   1. bark 2. cane baskets, hats 3. *dunnage* and/or wooden packing 4. fruits and vegetables 5. seeds 6. straw, wreaths, sawdust 7. miscellaneous *plant* material such as *plant* leaves, stems, flowers and other parts, pine cones, bamboo, rattan, sphagnum, husks, rice hulls. | Actions A through F in this table apply. |
| Soil or earth | Includes but is not limited to:   1. minerals and ores 2. soil, whether loose, or on rocks, stones, pebbles. | Actions A through F in this table apply. |
| Food and/or food items | Includes but is not limited to:   1. all food items. | Actions A through F in this table apply. |
| Miscellaneous | Includes (but is not limited to):   1. fruit cartons 2. water or containers with liquid. | Actions A through F in this table apply. |

### Action required for Biosecurity level 1 (BL1) – Free of biosecurity risk material

| Category of biosecurity risk material | Examples | Action required for this level |
| --- | --- | --- |
| No *biosecurity risk material* present | Not applicable | Record as BL1 |