



A better practice guide to imported horticulture inspections

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About this guide

This guide has been developed to assist horticultural produce and cut flower industry participants subject to biosecurity inspections carried out at Approved Arrangements.

Approved Arrangements that follow this guide will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of biosecurity inspections carried out at their premises. Efficient and effective inspections benefit all industry participants by removing unnecessary inspection complexity and delay. This also contributes to faster clearance of goods and lower fees and charges.

The guide supports Approved Arrangements to comply with [class 2.4 operating conditions](#) for fresh produce and cut flowers.

Before the inspection:



- Ensure staff are ready to assist the biosecurity officer immediately on their arrival.
- Consolidate the total consignment to ensure safe access for the biosecurity inspection. Do not stack or position items in a way that obstructs visual inspection or handling.



- Have the supporting documents ready. These include the phytosanitary certificate, treatment certificate (if required) and supporting commercial documentation. See more on import requirements (including documentation) on [BICON](#).



- Inspection room must be clean and ready for inspection of imported goods.

During the inspection:



- Have staff on hand to provide assistance to support the biosecurity inspection. This includes moving and opening cartons selected by the officer for inspection.

After the inspection:



- Repack boxes and cartons and clean the inspection room. This will help prepare for the next inspection.

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