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# Improving agricultural export legislation

## Plant rules – authorised officers – changes to grain and other plant product inspections



### Instructional material updates

Inspection instructional material for the commodities listed in the key points has been updated for commencement of the new export legislation.

The names of the following records have changed under the new legislation:

- PE100 Export Compliance Record will be known as the 'Grain and Plant Product Inspection Record'
- PE102 Export Compliance Record will be known as the 'Bulk into Ship Hold Inspection Record'
- PE103 Bulk Vessel Approval Record will be known as the 'Bulk Vessel Inspection Record'
- PE104 Container Approval Record will be known as the 'Empty Container Inspection Record'
- PE105 Bulk Vessel Loading Running Record is simply a 'Bulk Vessel Loading Running Record'.

The forms have been updated to align with the new legislation and the Plant Export Management System ([PEMS](#)).

Instructional material has been updated to reflect the language in the new legislation, legislative references and new PEMS functionality for revoking container approvals.

### New express power to revoke containers and PEMS functionality

A new legislative power to revoke container approvals (section 9-36 of the plant rules) will be added to the instrument of appointment for AOs. This power will apply to following job functions from the commencement of the new legislation:

- PGG3001:1: Export inspection of prescribed grain and plant products: packaged

### Key points

- The new *Export Control Act 2020* and associated Export Control (Plants and Plant Products) Rules 2021 (plant rules) commence on 28 March 2021.
- Inspection of plants and plant products is covered in Part 2 of Chapter 9 of the *Export Control Act 2020* and the plant rules.
- This information is relevant for authorised officer (AO) inspections for:
  - prescribed grain and other plant products including for protocol markets
  - forest products
  - hay and straw
  - cotton products
  - processed plant products produced under quality system recognition.
- You must continue to follow instructional material available on the Plant Export Operations Manual ([PEOM](#)) when performing your functions.

- PGG3001:2: Export inspection of prescribed grain and plant products: bulk into containers
- GSEP4001:1: Export inspection of prescribed grain and plant products protocol: packaged
- GSEP4001:2: Export inspection of prescribed grain and plant products protocol: bulk into containers
- HAS3001:1: Export inspection of hay and straw: packaged
- HAS3001:2: Export inspection of hay and straw: bulk into containers
- FOP3001:1: Export inspection of woodchips: packaged
- FOP3001:2: Export inspection of woodchips: bulk into containers
- FOP3002:1: Export inspection of logs: bulk into containers
- FOP3002:3: Export inspection of logs: packaged
- FOP3003:1: Export inspection of processed forest products: packaged
- FOP3003:2: Export inspection of processed forest products: bulk into containers
- RBC3001: Export inspection of raw baled cotton.

This power would be used if the condition of a container has changed since it was approved, and it is no longer suitable for loading.

New functionality in PEMS enables AOs to revoke container approvals while undertaking a product inspection. You may only approve containers if you also have the ECI3001 job function. You must follow relevant inspection instructional material when exercising all powers and functions.

For more information on how to use these functions in PEMS, see the:

- PEMS AO User guide – containerised goods inspection
- PEMS AO User guide - Quality Systems Recognition
- your relevant commodity inspection instructional material on the PEOM.

## Further information

- Email [plantexportreform@awe.gov.au](mailto:plantexportreform@awe.gov.au)
- Web [awe.gov.au/new-plant-export-legislation](http://awe.gov.au/new-plant-export-legislation)
- [Plant Export Operations Manual](#)

