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Improving agricultural export legislation

Norfolk Island – new plant export legislation



Changes for Norfolk Island plant exporters

Under the existing legislation, there is a separate Norfolk Island Order for export of plants and plant products from Norfolk Island. This will no longer exist under the new legislation.

From 28 March 2021, the plant rules will set the specific requirements for exports of plants and plant products from Norfolk Island.

This change will not have any impact on Norfolk Island's plant export industry. Exports of plants and plant products from Norfolk Island can continue as usual.

Under the plant rules, plants and plant products from Norfolk Island are non-prescribed goods. Therefore, prescribed export conditions and other legislative requirements such as the following do not apply:

- accredited properties
- registered establishments
- notice of intention to export
- trade descriptions
- export permits.

Importing countries sometimes require a phytosanitary certificate or other government certificate for Norfolk Island exporters. Phytosanitary certificates will continue to be issued where requested. As usual, they will be issued based on an inspection by an authorised officer and whether the consignment meets the import requirements of the intended destination country.

Key points

- On 28 March 2021, Australia's export legislation is changing.
- The new legislation will continue to achieve the regulatory outcomes expected by our trading partners. It will also be easier to understand and use.
- The new legislation looks different, but it is not designed to add regulatory burden or change how industry do business in the short term.
- It will support Australia's plant agricultural industries to innovate and pursue opportunities for efficiency.
- The new export legislation consists of the *Export Control Act 2020* and the *Export Control Rules 2021*.
- The *Export Control (Plants and Plant Products) Rules 2021* (plant rules) will set the specific requirements for the export of plants and plant products. This will include exports from Norfolk Island.



Updated government certificates and inspection records

From 28 March 2021, Norfolk Island exporters must use the updated phytosanitary certificate template when requesting phytosanitary certification from an authorised officer. The updated template will be available on our [Certificates, declarations and forms](#) webpage.

Norfolk Island authorised officers must use the updated manual inspection record template for any inspection performed after 28 March 2021. The updated template will be available on the [PEOM](#).

Further information

- Email plantexportreform@awe.gov.au
- Web awe.gov.au/new-plant-export-legislation

