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Plant exports guide—inspection techniques for logs bulk in containers

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Purpose of this document

This document has been written for authorised officers (AOs) as a reference guide on techniques to use when inspecting logs bulk in containers for export.

General notes on inspecting logs

- All presented logs are sampled from stockpiles before loading.
- Logs re-presented for reinspection may be sampled from stockpiles, vessel holds or loaded containers.
- All samples are inspected using suitable equipment.
- A mallet and chisel may be used to lift bark and identify possible infestation.

Before you start




Before starting their inspection, the AO ensures that they:

- check the importing country requirements to determine the requirements for the inspection
- have the correct inspection equipment
- have access to PEMS
- wear appropriate personal protective equipment
- have the current relevant instructional and reference material.

Inspecting bulk logs in container

The following table illustrates and describes methods of taking samples of bulk logs in containers for inspection.

What does this look like	Description
	All subsamples are inspected using suitable equipment and by walking around each row or lot, looking for pests, or signs of pests, and diseases.

What does this look like	Description
	<p>The appropriate sample of the surface area of the log is inspected for each log.</p>
	<p>For logs with bark, semi-attached bark is lifted with a knife, or hammer and chisel.</p>
	<p>The area underneath the lifted bark is inspected for pests and disease symptoms.</p>

What does this look like	Description
	<p>Loose bark is inspected for pests and disease symptoms.</p>
	<p>Branch stubs, cracks and holes are probed to dislodge pests and contaminants.</p>

Related material

- *Export Control Act 2020*
- *Export Control (Plants and Plant Products) Rules 2021*
- [Manual of Importing Country Requirement \(Micor – Plants\)](#)
- [Plant exports operations manual \(PEOM\)](#)
 - Guideline: *Inspection of forest products for export*
 - Work Instruction: *Inspecting forest products for export*
 - Reference: *Plant exports guide – equipment*
 - Reference: *Plant exports guide – specimen collection*

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