

## REFERENCE

# 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.

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The appropriate sample of the surface area of the log is inspected for each log.



For logs with bark, semi-attached bark is lifted with a knife, or hammer and chisel.



The area underneath the lifted bark is inspected for pests and disease symptoms.

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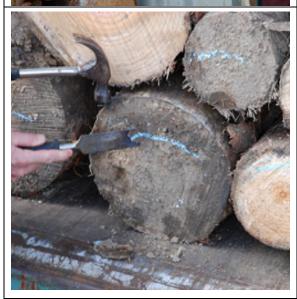
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### What does this look like



### Description

Loose bark is inspected for pests and disease symptoms.



Branch stubs, cracks and holes are probed to dislodge pests and contaminants.

### **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)
  - o Guideline: Inspection of forest products for export
  - Work Instruction: Inspecting forest products for export
  - o Reference: Plant exports guide equipment
  - o Reference: Plant exports guide specimen collection

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