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# Plant exports guide—inspection techniques for logs bulk in vessels

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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 bulk logs in vessels 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 logs bulk in vessel

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

**Note:** Logs fumigated onboard the vessel are reinspected on the wharf. Refer to the Work Instruction: *[Inspecting forest products for exports](#_Related_material)* for instructions on sampling.

| **What does this look like** | **Description** |
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| Visual representation of the description | The appropriate sample of logs is inspected on the wharf for pests and contaminants. |
| Visual representation of the description | Both ends of the log samples can be visually inspected by walking along the ends of the logs. |
| Visual representation of the description | The surface area of the log is inspected for each log. |
| An officer lifting semi-attached bark with a hammer and chisel. | For logs with bark, semi-attached bark is lifted with a knife, or hammer and chisel. |
| Visual representation of the description | The area underneath the lifted bark is inspected for pests and disease symptoms. |
| Visual representation of the description | Branch stubs, cracks and holes are probed to dislodge pests. |

## 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 exports*
* Reference: *Plant exports guide – equipment*
* Reference: *Plant exports guide – specimen collection*

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