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# Plant exports guide—inspection techniques for logs in stockpiles

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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 in stockpiles 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 in stockpiles

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

| **What does this look like** | **Description** |
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| Visual representation of the description. | **Site inspection**  Example of logs in stockpiles. |
| An officer inspecting the stockpile or stack by around it. | **Inspection of stack**  The stockpile or stack is inspected by walking around the entire stockpile or stack. |
| An officer asking the exporter to move samples to an inspection area. | **Sample selection**  The exporter is asked to move samples to an inspection area. |
| An officer performing visual inspection of both ends of the log samples. | **Inspection of both ends**  Both ends of the log samples are visually inspected. |
| An officer lifting any semi-attached bark with a hammer or chisel to inspect underneath for pests. | **Use of hammer and chisel**  For logs with bark, any semi-attached bark is lifted with a hammer (mallet) or chisel to inspect the area underneath for pests. |
| An officer lifting semi-attached bark with a knife. | **Use of knife**  A knife can also be used to lift semi‑attached bark. |
| Visual representation of the description. | **Pests under bark**  The area under the bark is inspected for pests. |
| An officer probing branch stubs, cracks and holes to dislodge pests using suitable equipment. | **Other areas of potential infestation**  Branch stubs, cracks and holes are probed to dislodge pests, using suitable equipment. |
| An officer inspecting contaminants, including soil by using suitable equipment. | **Soil**  Contaminants, including soil are inspected. |

## 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: *Inspection of forest products for export*
* Reference: *Plant exports guide – equipment*
* Reference: *Plant exports guide – specimen collection*

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