



## REFERENCE

# Plant exports guide—inspection techniques for bulk processed timber products

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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 processed timber products for export, such as:

- plywood
- chipboard
- particleboard
- laminated veneer lumber
- other panel products.


## 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 processed timber products

The following table illustrates and describes methods of taking samples of processed timber products for inspection.

What does this look like	Description
	The entire consignment, including the exposed sides and ends is visually inspected by walking around, looking for pests or signs of pests and diseases.

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	<p>Where samples are wrapped in plastic, the exporter is asked to remove the plastic to inspect the timber surfaces.</p>
	<p>The timber surface of all samples is inspected using suitable equipment. If required, the exporter is asked to split the sample before inspecting.</p>
	<p>The ends are inspected using suitable equipment.</p>

What does this look like	Description
	The ends are checked for pest damage.

## 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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