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Plant exports guide—inspection techniques for packaged processed forest 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 packaged processed forest products for export, such as:

- woodchips
- potting mix
- sandalwood powder
- bagged roots
- small logs
- butts
- bamboo products.

General notes on inspecting processed forest products

Refer to the Work Instruction: *Inspecting forest products for export* for sampling procedures.

Bulk processed forest products

Goods presented for inspection are sampled and inspected before the loading of containers and vessels.

Packaged processed forest products

All packaging is inspected to ensure that the material will protect the goods from damage, pests or contaminants during transit. The packaging is unused or suitably cleaned if it is being reused.

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 packaged processed forest products

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

What does this look like	Description
	<p>The bags are visually inspected by walking around the entire lot or consignment.</p>
	<p>Bags and any internal packaging are opened for further inspection.</p>
	<p>The required sample of the product is inspected within the sampled bags using suitable equipment.</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 exports*
 - Reference: *Plant exports guide – equipment*
 - Reference: *Plant exports guide – specimen collection*

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