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A horizontal collage of agricultural products including oranges, a landscape, wood, wheat, a kiwi, green beans, silver fish, and yellow flowers.

Grain Export Certification Reform Package 2011

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- *One Biosecurity: a working partnership (Beale Report)*
- To progress the broad reforms detailed in the Beale Report the Federal Government initiated commodity based Ministerial Task Forces under the *Export Certification Reform Package*
 1. Meat
 2. Live animals
 3. Dairy
 4. Seafood
 5. Horticulture
 6. Grain

Note: horticulture and grain share the same AQIS resources and legislative orders.



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Legislation

The:

- *Export Control (Plant and Plant Products) Orders 2005 were reviewed*
- *Export Control (Hay and Straw) Orders 2005 were repealed.*

Both of the above incorporated into;

- *Export Control (Plants and Plant Products) Order 2011*

Reforms of legislation



- Prescription reduced
 - Detailed information included in Plant Export Operations Manual (PEOM)
- Outcome focused
- Aligns with the provisions of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

Benefits of reform



- Less reliance on end point inspection
- Increased flexibility for industry and AQIS, i.e. responsive to changing market environment.
- Integration of alternative inspection technologies and techniques.
- Pre-clearance inspection of grain prior to end-point loading/packing – the shipping bin model.

Reform outcomes



As a result of the ECRP and the subsequent changes to legislation, operational improvements and efficiencies are supported through:

- The introduction of AQIS Approved Officers (AAOs)
- Revision of market access processes
- Improved IT systems
- Targeted fees and charges



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Benefits of reform



- New service delivery model enables exporters to engage AAOs to undertake grains sampling and inspection tasks.
- Increased flexibility of labour use, storage, handling and shipping facilities.
- Ability to develop a work plan to suit your needs

Benefits of reform



- Pre-clearance inspection of grain prior to end-point loading/packing – the shipping bin model.
- Vessel inspections by AAOs away from the berth, i.e. appropriately trained AAOs to inspect empty vessels prior to berth

AQIS Authorised Officer (AAO)





AQIS Authorised Officers (AAOs)

An AAO must:

- complete training and be assessed as competent
- maintain their competency
- be appointed for specific functions
- sign a 'Deed of Obligation'
- meet performance standards
- be subject to audit and verification (via AMS)
 - can be sanctioned
- comply with other requirements listed in the AAO information pack



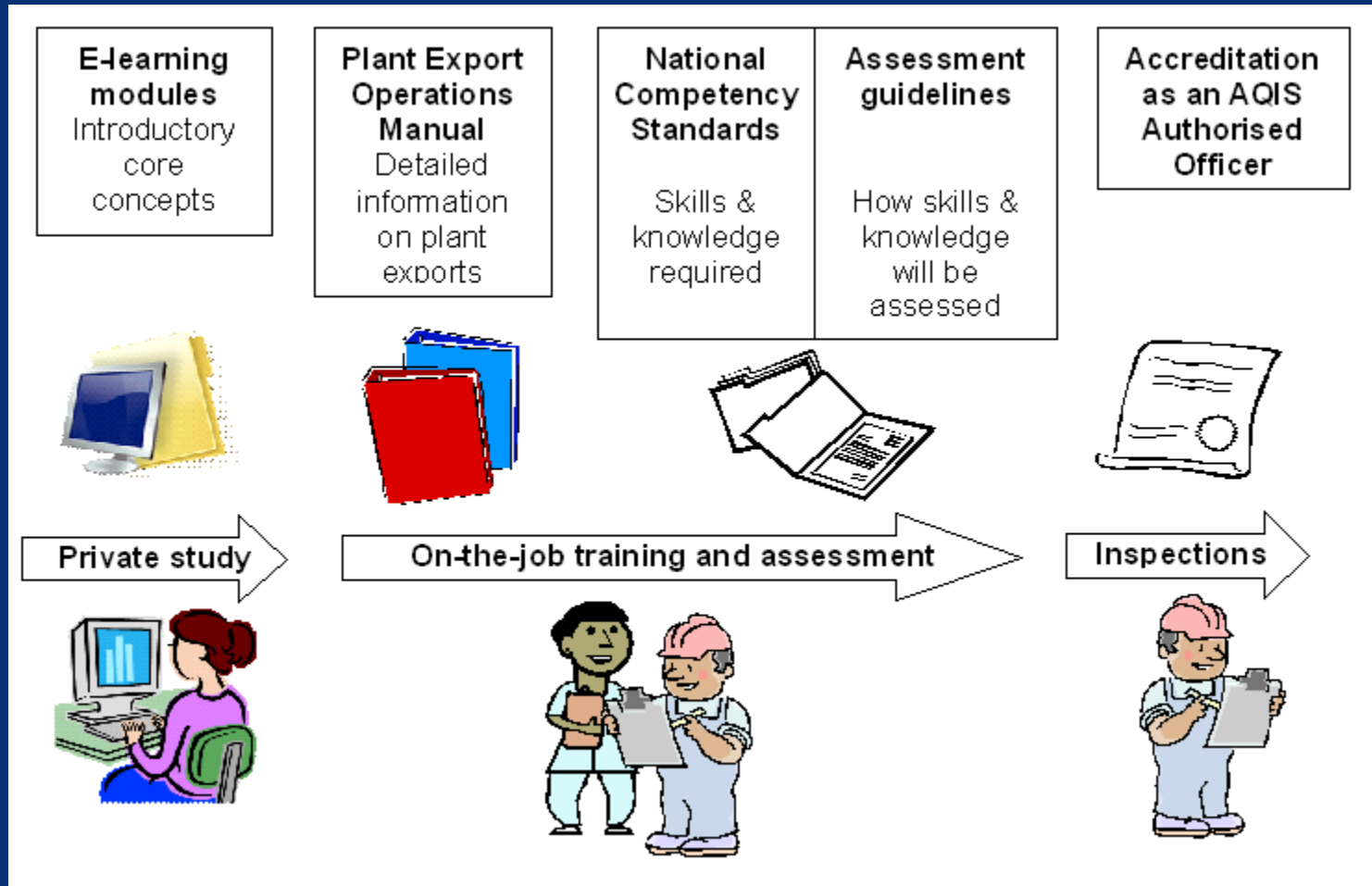
AI transition to AAO

The transition from Approved Inspector (AI) under an Approved Arrangement (AA) to an AAO means an:

- AI can still carry out their current work
- AI will need to complete applicable e-Learning modules and competency assessment when transitioning to an AAO
- AAO e-Learning training is free



Training



e-Learning modules



e-Learning modules are :

- Flexible
- Introduce core concepts
- Interactive
- Scenario based
- Reduce training time



e-Learning quizzes

e-Learning quizzes:

- one quiz for each module
- can be completed at an applicant's own pace
- can be repeated multiple times
- requires a pass grade of 100 per cent



Plant Export Operations Manual

(<http://www.daff.gov.au/plantexportmanual>)

The Plant Export Operations Manual (PEOM):

- Supports learning and understanding
- Expands e-learning concepts
- Details policy and procedures
- Explains skills needed for competency
- Is supported by downloadable work instructions



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Market Access



Key changes to develop an effective set of market access arrangements:

- Strategic approach to market access
- Prioritisation of market access projects
- New Grains Industry Market Access body to enable industry/government to work together to deliver improved market access
- Central and current data base detailing importing country requirements
- Approved third party arrangements to enable area freedom certification
- New information sources and database to support market access activities

Benefits of reform



Development of a Grains Industry Market Access Forum:

- Made up of industry organisations
- Provides a strategic approach to market access built on a partnership with Government
- Assists in the prioritisation of applications for industry
- Ensures businesses are up to date with access conditions
- Ensures market access R&D is aligned with industry's market access priorities
- Development of a central and current data base with importing country requirements.

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Reforms

IT changes involve:

- PHYTO is now the Manual of Importing Country Requirements (MICoR)
- Audit Management System (AMS)
- Seed data base

Improvements from PHYTO

The MICoR system improves on PHYTO through:

- better search functions
- improved workflow
- storage of supporting documents
- an easier to use interface
- better reporting for DAFF central office staff



The screenshot shows the MICoR website interface. At the top left is the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry logo. At the top right is the MICoR logo. The main heading is "MICoR (MANUAL OF IMPORTING COUNTRY REQUIREMENTS)". Below this is a brief description of the system. The interface features a grid of six categories with corresponding images and text:

- Meat:** Includes processed meat and animal by-products such as petfoods, and tallow & bone.
- Dairy:** Includes milk, milk powder, products, butter, cream, cheese and other processed dairy products.
- Plants:** Includes fruit, vegetables, nursery plants, cut flowers & foliage, seeds, grains, rootstock and straw.
- Fish:** Includes farmed and seafood such as brisolan, aquaculture, aquaculture, petfoods, cephalopods, bivalves, and oysters/seafood.
- Live animals:** Includes bees & other invertebrates, dogs & cats, poultry, swine, horses, camels, and other animals.
- Eggs:** Includes whole eggs, meat, raw and other processed egg products.

At the bottom, there is a "Content disclaimer" section with a small font, and navigation links for "Contact us", "Privacy policy", "About us", and "Help".



Audit Management System

The implementation of the Audit Management System (AMS) will:

- Give national consistency
- Objectively monitor performance
- Keep audit information central
- Be easy to access

Seed data base



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Weed Seeds Explore Comparisons History Search

Home > Weed Seeds > Muskweed

Muskweed

Myagrostis perfoliata L. introduced 1793 Status: Introduced Download PDF

Main Other Names Distribution References Web Links Specimens

Diagnostic Images (7)

Coin compare	Fruit dorsal	Fruit lateral	Seed dorsal	Seed lateral	Seed ventral	Typical group of fruit

Diagnostic Notes

Muskweed is a serious weed of broadleaf crops in southern Australia.

- Leaves are a waxy blue-green and hairless. Rosettes can grow up to 45 cm in diameter.
- Stems are erect, blue-green and waxy, becoming very branched. The leaves do not have leaf stems (petioles).
- Flowers are small (2-4 mm diameter), with four, pale yellow petals. Pods are hard, wedgeshaped 5-7 mm long and 4-5 mm wide.
- Seed case is spoon or club shaped, 6-8mm long, 5mm wide, slightly compressed, 3-locular; upper two locules (shoulders of hull) empty, between mesocarp and endocarp; lower locule with 1, rarely 2 germinous seed(s); pedicels appressed, 4-5.5mm long, 2mm thick. The seed case is hard and cream to reddish in colour. Longitudinal ribs run along the seed case and a small point protrudes from the top of the case.
- Seeds: ovoid, 3mm length.

In Australia, can be confused with:

- Tump weed (*Rapistrum rugosum*);
- common sowthistle (*Sonchus oleraceus*);
- crickly lettuce (*Lactuca serriola*) and
- willow lettuce (*Lactuca scariola*).

Spread as a contaminant of cereal and other grain. The pod is similar in size to wheat and difficult to separate.

Sources:

- NSW Primary Industries Agriculture Weed Alert (see weblink)
- Seed Impurities of Grain, GrainCorp Operations Ltd.
- Royal Botanic Gardens website (see weblink)

More Information

Author	Ken Walker
Created	29/07/2011 02:07 AEST
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Development of a seed image library as a training and identification tool for all AAOs.



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AQIS – current fees & charges

The revised fees and charges for the AQIS Grain Export Program must comply with:

1. recommendations of One Biosecurity: a working partnership (Beale Inquiry); and
2. Australian Government Cost Recovery Guidelines 2005 which state that AQIS costs must be recovered in full.





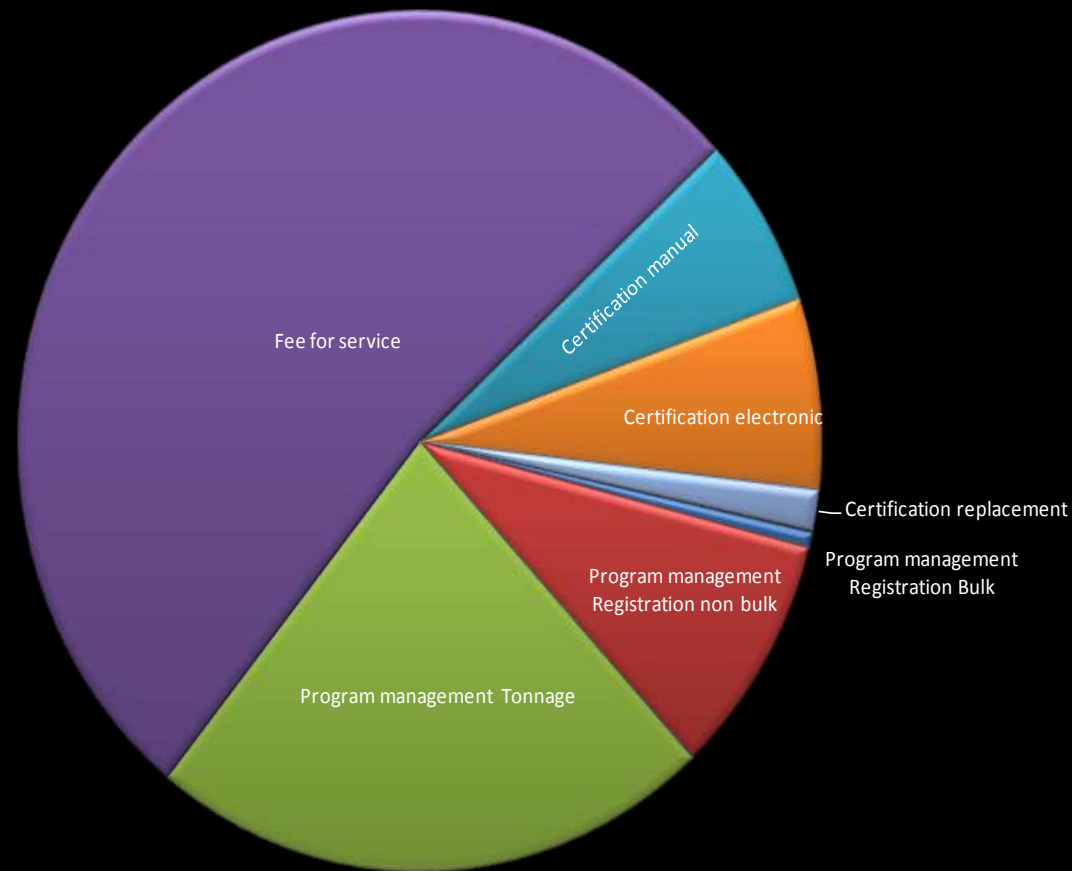
Reforms

1. AQIS budget based on an equitable and transparent allocation of costs;
2. The proposed fee structure will support AQIS programs into the future; and
3. Ensure that cost savings resulting from reform initiatives are passed on to industry.
4. The review of the fees and charges was based on the principle of 'user pays' — those who use the service pay the costs.

Fees and charges structure



User pay fee structure



Proposed fees and charges

Charge title	Charge unit	Charge value
Program Management		
Registration charge – bulk	Registration	\$4,300
Registration charge – other	Registration	\$2,500
Tonnage	Per tonne	\$0.11
Fee for service		
Fee for Service	1/4 hr units	\$36.00
Certification		
Manual permit	Per permit	\$100
Manual certificate	Per certificate	\$100
Manual other document	Per other document	\$100
Electronic permit	Per permit	\$16
Electronic certificate	Per certificate	\$16
Electronic other documents	Per other document	\$16
Replacement certificate	Per replacement cert	\$500



Outcomes

1. New fees and charges based on activity based costing, i.e. revenue aligned to identified actual cost functions.
2. Expenditure budget for the Grain Export Program for 11/12 is \$700,000 lower than actual expenditure for 10/11.
3. Minister announced the Australian Government will provide \$2.5 million in transitional support for Australian grain exporters.



To reduce certification costs

Consider:

1. Training staff to become an AQIS Authorised Officer (AAO); and/or
2. Move to electronic certification; and/or
3. Introduce various components of the reform package that suit your operational requirements.

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Communication

Information on the reforms will continue to be communicated through:

- Stakeholder register
- Website
- Industry information sessions
- Trade journals
- www.aqis.gov.au



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