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Plant Export Operations Manual and Work Instruction for Grain and Plant Products

Purpose

To advise industry that new procedural resources for sampling, inspection and certification of grain and plant products for export are now accessible on the Plant Export Operations Manual (PEOM) website.

Background

The Plant Export Operations Manual (PEOM) and associated Work Instructions for the export of grain and plant products provide procedural references for the sampling, inspection and certification of export grain and plant products across Australia. PEOM and work instructions are under review to align with the *Export Control (Plant and Plant Products) Order 2011* and assist in achieving national consistency in export certification processes. Both PEOM and Work Instructions should be read in conjunction with the *Export Control (Plants and Plant Products) Order 2011*.

Key points

1. The following procedural resources will come into effect on 26th February 2013:
 - PEOM Volume 6A Pests, diseases and contaminants of grain and plant products (excluding horticulture) (<http://www.daff.gov.au/aqis/export/plants-plant-products/plantexportsmanual>)

Change for volume 6A:

- Inclusion of tables for major pests of stored products (injurious pests) and common field species (non-injurious pests)
- PEOM Volume 8 Commodity inspections - Grain, seeds, nuts and stockfeed (<http://www.daff.gov.au/aqis/export/plants-plant-products/plantexportsmanual>)

Changes for volume 8:

- Inclusion of tolerances
- Clarification of rejection principles
- Definition of flowpath changed
- Work Instruction - PGG3001 Inspection of prescribed grain and plant products (<http://www.daff.gov.au/aqis/export/plants-plant-products/plantexportsmanual/resources#a4>)

Changes for PGG3001:

- Inspection of flowpath
- Drawing samples after the loading of packages

2. From 19th March 2013 authorised officer candidates will be assessed against the above resources.

Exporter's responsibilities

1. Exporters of grain, seeds, nuts and stockfeed should familiarise themselves with PEOM Volume 6A Pests, diseases and contaminants of grain and plant products (excluding horticulture), PEOM Volume 8 Commodity inspections - Grain, seeds, nuts and stockfeed and Work Instruction PGG3001 Inspection of prescribed grain and plant products prior to presenting grain and plant products for export
2. Exporters should refer to the Manual of Importing Country Requirements (www.daff.gov.au/micor/plants) prior to exporting grain and plant products to ensure import conditions can be complied with.

Authorised Officer Responsibilities

1. Authorised Officers are to ensure they understand and comply with PEOM Volume 6A Pests, diseases and contaminants of grain and plant products (excluding horticulture), PEOM Volume 8 Commodity inspections - Grain, seeds, nuts and stockfeed and work instruction PGG3001 Inspection of prescribed grain and plant products prior to inspecting grain and plant products for export.

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