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Export of cherries to China, Taiwan, Thailand, Japan and Korea

Applications for export-approval of Cherry Orchards, Packhouses and Onshore Cold Treatment Facilities

Purpose
To advise of application requirements and due dates for cherry exports to China, Taiwan, Thailand, Japan and Korea.

Key points
Countries with protocol agreements with Australia have specific requirements for importing Australian cherries. Some protocol markets require the department to provide an export list of orchards, packhouses and onshore cold treatment facilities before commencing export from those entities.

Orchards, packhouses and onshore cold treatment facilities that wish to export cherries to China, Taiwan, Thailand, Japan or Korea for the 2016/17 season must ensure that their respective applications are submitted by the due dates specified below.

The table below shows the requirements for exporting cherries to countries with protocol conditions.

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<th>Entity to be registered</th>
<th>Country protocol requirements for export of cherry fruit</th>
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<td>Onshore Cold Treatment facility</td>
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If you are interested in exporting using the onshore cold treatment pathway for Thailand and/or Taiwan please contact the horticulture exports program at: HorticultureExportsProgramACT@agriculture.gov.au

Registration Instructions

Orchards, packhouses and onshore cold treatment facilities must submit an annual application for export approval to the peak industry body. Applications must be completed and returned by close of business on the specified due dates. Please use either the attached export application form or contact data@cherrygrowers.org.au to complete your application online.
Mainland Australia – Orchard, Packhouse and Treatment Facilities | Tasmania – Orchard and Packhouse
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**Due date:** Wednesday 3 August 2016 | **Due date:** Friday 26 August 2016
Cherry Growers Australia Inc. (CGA) | Fruit Growers Tasmania Inc (FGT)
Email: data@cherrygrowers.org.au | Email: admin@fruitgrowerstas.com.au

**On-line applications for Australian Mainland and Tasmania**
Contact data@cherrygrowers.org.au

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources can only approve an entity for export if all protocol requirements are met. Some protocol markets will be subject to an assurance and verification regime.

Growers may divide their orchard into blocks. Each block must be clearly identified on the application form and on the orchard map by its physical address or geographic co-ordinates.

**Workshops**

CGA and FGT will be holding workshops for industry interested in participating in the 2016/17 cherry export season. Attendance is recommended for crop monitors wishing to conduct official monitoring for export. Crop monitors who are unable to attend a workshop must register and successfully complete the online training course by the respective application due dates above. Please contact CGA or FGT if you require further information on the online registered crop monitoring training course for cherries.

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<td>Tuesday, 19 July 2016</td>
<td>The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel, 1 Macquarie St</td>
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<td>Wandin, Vic</td>
<td>Monday, 25 July 2016</td>
<td>Landmark, 362 Warburton Hwy</td>
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<td>Young, NSW</td>
<td>Wednesday, 27 July 2016</td>
<td>Young Services Club, 42 Cloete St</td>
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<td>Lenswood, SA</td>
<td>Tuesday, 2 August 2016</td>
<td>Lenswood Bowling Club, 12 Coldstore Rd</td>
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**Audit instructions**

Growers, packhouses and onshore cold treatment facilities applying for export approval will be subject to audit by the department to ensure compliance with the relevant protocol and workplan and must be familiar with the department’s auditing requirements.

Audits will be conducted during the fortnight commencing 12 September 2016 for growers, packhouses and treatment facilities in mainland Australia and the week commencing 24 October 2016 for growers and packhouses in Tasmania. Applicants must be available during this time and have records (electronic or hard copy) available at the time of audit (where applicable). An example of records that may be required at audit include:
**Growers**
- Spray records
- Farm diary
- Orchard hygiene records
- Crop Monitoring records
- Other evidence of control measures
- Traceability records

**Packhouses**
- Standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- Hygiene records
- List of approved growers intending to pack for during the season
- Traceability records

**General requirements**


Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Horticulture Exports Program by email [HorticultureExportsProgramACT@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:HorticultureExportsProgramACT@agriculture.gov.au).

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