



Australian Government
**Department of Agriculture
and Water Resources**

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Import Industry Advice Notice

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**Update information on approved laboratories to test for viruses in
imported raw frozen prawns**

Who does this notice affect?

This notice is to inform the prawn import industry regarding approved laboratories available to test for viruses in imported raw frozen prawns.

What has changed?

The department approved a new laboratory on 5 May 2016 (Import Industry Advice Notice 27/2016). This notice is to provide the prawn import industry with the information on all approved laboratories available to test for viruses in imported raw frozen prawns (with the head and shell removed, but not highly processed) to meet Australia's biosecurity import conditions.

The contact details of the three screening laboratories are as follows:

Advanced Analytical Australia Pty Ltd:

Quarantine Approved Premises Number: N1428 & N1838

Address: 11 Julius Avenue, North Ryde NSW 2113

Telephone: +61 02 9888 9077

Facsimile: +61 2 9888 9577

Email: sydney@advancedanalytical.com.au

Agrigen Pty Ltd:

Quarantine Approved Premises Number: N2813

Address: Unit 1 of 6, Chaplin Drive, Lane Cove West, NSW 2066

Telephone: +61 2 8856 0988

Facsimile: +61 2 8856 0988

Email: info@agrigen.com.au

Elizabeth MacArthur Agricultural Institute:

Quarantine Approved Premises Number: N2388

Address: Virology Laboratory, Elizabeth MacArthur Agricultural Institute, Woodbridge Rd, Menangle NSW 2568

Telephone: +61 2 4640 6337

Facsimile: +61 2 4640 6429

Email: virology.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au

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As per the existing policy, the Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL) is available only for re-testing samples that have been tested positive by screening laboratories (confirmatory testing). Importers may request a confirmatory testing and all costs are borne by importers. No laboratories other than AAHL may carry out confirmatory testing.

Further information?

Biosecurity import conditions for prawns can be accessed via Australia's biosecurity import conditions database (BICON) at <https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0>.

For further information on approved laboratories for testing imported prawns, please contact:

Email: imports@agriculture.gov.au

Telephone: 1800 900 090