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Notice to Industry

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Update to revised AQIS Inspection Arrangements for Air Cargo

Firstly, AQIS would like to thank industry for their cooperation following the implementation of Phase 1 changes to the inspection regime in Air Cargo for HVLV and ULDs.

Secondly, further to Notice to Industry 31/2009 'Revised AQIS Inspection Arrangements for Air Cargo' issued 3 July 2009, AQIS would like to remind industry that Phase 2 of the revised inspection arrangements for Air Cargo will commence on **1 November 2009**.

Phase 2 involves HVLV/ULD inspections reducing to 20 per cent from 1 November 2009 in return for more targeted surveillance. This is consistent with the recommendations of the 2008 Quarantine and Biosecurity Review, to apply "risk return" principles to AQIS inspection efforts.

Please note that there may be some adjustments to staffing arrangements in the Air Cargo areas of AQIS during the transition from 1 November 2009.

AQIS continues to work closely with the Australian Centre of Excellence for Risk Analysis (ACERA) in making decisions about the allocation of effort and resources to better target areas of biosecurity risk.

AQIS will continue to collect surveillance data on HVLV & ULDs to identify high-risk pathways and emerging risks.

As part of the new risk return process, AQIS will be increasing its random and targeted surveillance programs on various risk pathways, these activities will include:

- Random x-ray screening of air freight (other than reportable documents) at express couriers;
- ICE (Import Clearance Effectiveness) random surveillance; and
- Increased random surveillance at air cargo premises for packaging concerns

AQIS looks forward to continued cooperation from industry with the Phase 2 changes which should result in greater efficiency for both the air cargo industry and AQIS.

Further Information

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