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Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

Notice to Industry
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Update to import conditions for mined and chemical fertiliser in bags less than or equal to 100kg

Who is affected by this notice?

Importers, brokers and others involved in the importation of manufactured chemical fertilisers and mined raw materials used in the making of fertiliser.

What are the issues?

All fertiliser imported into Australia has the potential to be contaminated with quarantine risk material such as animal and plant material and associated pathogens, seeds and soil which may introduce exotic pests and diseases into Australia.

A review of the level of intervention on manufactured chemical fertilisers and mined raw materials used in the making of fertiliser has highlighted the need to increase the inspection rate for small bagged consignments.

Imports of fertiliser in bags less than or equal to 100kg have been subject to random inspection for some time. AQIS is now formalising this requirement and a small percentage of these consignments will be automatically referred to a quarantine approved premises for inspection to ensure they are free of quarantine risk material. These inspections will incur normal AQIS fee for service rates.

The AQIS Import Conditions database (ICON) case for Fertilisers - Mined & chemical - Bags less than or equal to 100kg has been amended to reflect this change.

When will this industry notice become effective?

These changes will take effect from 12 October 2011.

Need further information?

Any queries can be directed to the AQIS Air and Sea Cargo Program in Canberra via email at sea.cargo@aqis.gov.au or the AQIS Bulk Commodity NCC, Newcastle at fertiliser.chemical@aqis.gov.au