



Notice to Industry
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**Update to Notice to Industry [18/2011](#)
Changes to Certificates issued by the People's Republic of China**

Who is affected by this notice?

This notice to provide AQIS clients a further update concerning inspection and quarantine certificates issued by China.

What is the update?

AQIS advises that there are still large volumes of certificates from China with serious non-conformities being presented to regional offices. AQIS is aware of the difficulties associated with the verification of the new Chinese certification and will continue to work with China to find better solutions to verify the authenticity of certificates.

As a means of dealing with current problems AQIS is creating 'Supplier Profiles' for non-compliant certificates. Upon identification of a non-compliant certificate the next five consignments from the identified supplier will be required to have the original documents presented to AQIS for assessment. Once five consecutive passes have been obtained AQIS and industry will be able to gain assurance that the Supplier has rectified the issue of non-conformity in China.

To avoid delays in having consignments released from Quarantine, AQIS recommends clients obtain original certificates, as there are additional security features that can be used to verify the authenticity of the certificate that are not available on scanned versions or photocopies. AQIS will continue to provide updates to industry to ensure any issues are addressed accordingly.

For further information please contact the [Entry Management Program](#) or please phone 02 6272 3933.