

**Note to AICCC Secretariat
11th October 2005**

PROFILING DEFECT – AQIS

Background

An ICS defect has been identified whereby the supply of a Customs treatment code (TRT) on a declaration adversely affects profile matching. The effect of this defect seems to be that both potential risk and high risk profiles are being bypassed. A fix for this defect has been identified by Customs and due for promotion to production at COB today 11TH October 2005. In the interim, AQIS has established an 'evaluation only' profile in the ICS for the purpose of identifying all declarations affected by this defect.

Issues

The establishment of the profile allows AQIS the ability to pinpoint from the broad list (via the tariff code) exactly which profiles are/may be of Quarantine concern. A problem arises however in the case of potential risk profiles. *We are unfortunately unable to ascertain what response the client has provided to the potential risk CP questions, and therefore unable to determine if the response rendered the risk high or no risk due to downgrading.*

Strategy

To minimise the impact upon industry that this defect introduces, *AQIS is proposing to contact relevant clients to determine the provision of answers to potential risk profile questions.* This will enable us to identify and manually refer to AQIS systems any declarations containing consignments determined to be of quarantine concern due to a high risk response provided by the client. *This strategy, though laborious, will negate the need for all potentially high risk consignments (affected by this defect) being referred to AQIS with a further requirement for industry to attend the AQIS office for clearance.*

We would appreciate if you made the industry players aware that AQIS may be in contact with them to obtain this profile information in order for us to make an appropriate assessment.

Kind Regards,

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