

Off-shore Pre-shipment Inspection Withdrawal and CBIS implementation
Meeting of Department of Agriculture and Water Resources and the Ministry for Primary industries
Tuesday 15 May 9:30 – 16:00
7 London Circuit, Canberra ACT L1.06 Conference Room

Outcomes

Communications:

Key messages

All goods undergo the same on-arrival procedures and processes whether under a Compliance-based scheme (CBIS) or not CBIS. CBIS provides an additional option of reduced inspection for compliant goods.

Communique:

The New Zealand (NZ) Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (the department) met on 15 May 2018 in Canberra.

MPI raised NZ concerns relating to the transition from Offshore Pre-shipment Inspection (OPI) to on-arrival inspection. In particular, delays at the Australian border and implementation of CBIS on horticultural fresh produce.

The department has listened to these concerns and recognises that there are issues that require addressing in the transition away from OPI.

MPI and the department have agreed to the following activities:

1. The department will produce an agreed pest list for avocados from NZ in consultation with MPI. This may be followed by actions to enhance on-arrival pest identification.
2. The department will provide information to NZ exporters on Australia's import processes and procedures. How the system works, what the export industry needs to be aware of when non-compliance is detected, and what options are available at stages in the process.
3. MPI will undertake a review of avocado supplier operations with the participation of the department.
4. The department will provide regular non-compliance reporting to assist both MPI and the department identify improvement opportunities.
5. The department will consider an increase in OPI officers for the final year of OPI.
6. Both MPI and the department commit to ongoing review and enhancements of systems and processes throughout the transition.

MPI and the department will meet again at bilateral discussions in July 2018. Any further actions deemed necessary will be agreed then.

Actions:

Action		Description	When	Who	
1.	Data sharing	a. Share OPI data	5 years of data	June 2018	MPI
		b. Share on-arrival pest interception data.	5 years of data. Includes summary of % of failures due to incomplete id.	June 2018	DAWR
		c. Share pest data from MAO inspections	-	June 2018	MPI
		d. Share pest list compiled by NZ avocado industry	-	July 2018	MPI
2.	Reporting	a. Produce end of season Avocado report	Includes as much information as possible on supplier	June 2018	DAWR
		b. Produce regular reporting on all NZ horticultural fresh produce pathways	-	Ongoing	DAWR
3.	Pest lists	a. Produce agreed pest list	List of pests considered to be on the avocado pathway and the actionable/non-actionable status of the organisms	June-July 2018	DAWR (in consultation with MPI)
4.	Import procedures and processes	a. Document Australia's import processes and procedures. How the system works, what the export industry needs to be aware of when non-compliance is detected, and what options are available at stages in the process.	-	July 2018	DAWR
		b. Investigate issues with reporting of inspection outcomes	What information does the importer/broker get? Can AIMS be modified to record actual reasons for intervention failure, e.g. documentation, whether pest/s are actionable/non-actionable? Can suppliers get information?	July-August 2018	DAWR

		c. Investigate the issue of not releasing a consignment following fumigation pending pest id.	Can the process be modified to allow release of the consignment pending pest identification?	July-August 2018	DAWR
		d. MPI to forward list of import issues from NZ exporters for traceback	-	June 2018	MPI
5.	Diagnosics	a. Sharing of diagnostic resources	With a focus on avocado	June 2018	MPI
		b. Issues of identifying wet mites pre-export	-	July-August 2018	MPI
6.	Investigation and information sharing	a. MPI to investigate if there has been any change in export behaviours/disciplines	-	July-August 2018	MPI
7.		a. The department to explore if there have been any changes in import processes and procedures that could lead to difference between failure rates under OPI and on-arrival from 2015.	Includes graph of import volume and failure rates under OPI and on-arrival.	July-August 2018	DAWR
8.	Audit and verification	a. MPI to lead an review of MAO operations with DAWR participation	Includes review of recent IVA audit reports	July-December 2018	MPI
9.	Resources	a. The department to investigate a possibility to increase the number of OPI officers available in the last year of OPI (2018/19).	Provision of additional OPI inspectors while the investigation into issues raised is ongoing.	July 2018 – May 2019	DAWR