



Australian Government

Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

Notice to Industry

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Onshore Fumigation Strategy

The purpose of this notice is to advise industry of the development of the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service's (AQIS) Onshore Fumigation Strategy.

AQIS is currently developing a strategy to improve the capacity of Australian fumigators to fumigate in accordance with the requirements of the AQIS Methyl Bromide Fumigation Standard (the AQIS Standard).

Key components of the Onshore Fumigation Strategy

The Strategy will apply to fumigations performed for import and export commodities, and will replace existing co-regulatory arrangements.

Australian fumigators will be required to demonstrate competency against the AQIS Standard prior to being recognised as an AQIS-approved methyl bromide fumigator. Where competency cannot be demonstrated, fumigators will be required to undertake further training.

AQIS-approved methyl bromide fumigators will be required to demonstrate ongoing competency through an audit regime.

Only AQIS officers that have received training in methyl bromide fumigation and audit competency will undertake audits of AQIS-approved methyl bromide fumigators.

Implementation

It is anticipated that revised onshore fumigation arrangements will be implemented by the end of June 2007.

Further information

For further information regarding the Onshore Fumigation Strategy, please contact Patricia Fox by email at onshorefumigation@aqis.gov.au or on telephone, 02 6272 3251.