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Plant exports guide—bulk woodchips inspection techniques

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**Purpose of this document**

This document has been written for authorised officers (AOs) as a reference guide on techniques to use when inspecting bulk woodchips for export.

**General notes on inspecting bulk woodchips**

Bulk woodchips presented for export inspection can only be sampled during the loading of containers or vessels.

Subsamples can be combined, provided that no more than one litre is screened at any one time.

Inspect all samples using suitable equipment.

Perform the inspection in an area that has adequate light and is not compromised by the environment.

**Inspecting bulk woodchips**

The following table illustrates and describes various methods of taking samples of bulk woodchips for inspection.

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| ![Bulk woodchips](image1.png) | **Bulk woodchips**  
Bulk woodchips in piles from which they are loaded. |
| ![Sampling](image2.png) | **Sampling**  
An authorised officer poured the woodchips sample from a white plastic bucket into a sieve. |
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<td>Sieving technique</td>
<td>The sieve is sufficiently shaken to enable the woodchips to move across the mesh for effective sieving.</td>
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<td>Inspection of material on the pan</td>
<td>Shaking allows small particles to fall through the sieve to the pan.</td>
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<td>Surface examination of woodchips</td>
<td>The surface of the woodchips is examined to identify any pests or contaminants that have not passed through the sieve.</td>
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| ![Examination of pan contents](image) | **Examination of pan contents**  
All contents in the pan are examined for pests and contaminants. |
| ![Pest examination](image) | **Pest examination**  
Small pests are examined closely by using a torch and hand lens. |
| ![Return samples to product source](image) | **Return samples to product source**  
The inspected samples are returned to the product source, if requested by the client. |
Related material

- Export Control Act 2020
- Export Control (Plants and Plant Products) Rules 2021
- Manual of Importing Country Requirement (Micor—Plants)
- Plant exports operations manual (PEOM)
  - Guideline: Inspection of forest products for export
  - Work Instruction: Inspecting forest products for export
  - Reference: Plant exports guide – equipment
  - Reference: Plant exports guide – specimen collection

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