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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 logs bulk in containers for export.

General notes on inspecting logs
- All presented logs are sampled from stockpiles before loading.
- Logs re-presented for reinspection may be sampled from stockpiles, vessel holds or loaded containers.
- All samples are inspected using suitable equipment.
- A mallet and chisel may be used to lift bark and identify possible infestation.

Before you start
Before starting their inspection, the AO ensures that they:
- check the importing country requirements to determine the requirements for the inspection
- have the correct inspection equipment
- have access to PEMS
- wear appropriate personal protective equipment
- have the current relevant instructional and reference material.

Inspecting bulk logs in container
The following table illustrates and describes methods of taking samples of bulk logs in containers for inspection.

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<td><img src="image1.jpg" alt="Image of container with logs" /></td>
<td>All subsamples are inspected using suitable equipment and by walking around each row or lot, looking for pests, or signs of pests, and diseases.</td>
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<td>The appropriate sample of the surface area of the log is inspected for each log.</td>
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<td>For logs with bark, semi-attached bark is lifted with a knife, or hammer and chisel.</td>
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<td>The area underneath the lifted bark is inspected for pests and disease symptoms.</td>
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<td>![Image of log with tools]</td>
<td>Loose bark is inspected for pests and disease symptoms.</td>
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<td>![Image of log with tools]</td>
<td>Branch stubs, cracks and holes are probed to dislodge pests and contaminants.</td>
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**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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