



# REFERENCE

## Plant exports guide—inspection techniques for logs bulk in vessels

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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 logs in vessels 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 logs bulk in vessel



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

**Note:** Logs fumigated onboard the vessel are reinspected on the wharf. Refer to the Work Instruction: [Inspecting forest products for exports](#) for instructions on sampling.

What does this look like	Description
	The appropriate sample of logs is inspected on the wharf for pests and contaminants.

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	<p>Both ends of the log samples can be visually inspected by walking along the ends of the logs.</p>
	<p>The surface area of the log is inspected for each log.</p>
	<p>For logs with bark, semi-attached bark is lifted with a knife, or hammer and chisel.</p>

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	<p>The area underneath the lifted bark is inspected for pests and disease symptoms.</p>
	<p>Branch stubs, cracks and holes are probed to dislodge pests.</p>

## 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 exports*
  - *Reference: Plant exports guide – equipment*
  - *Reference: Plant exports guide – specimen collection*

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