

## Import case details - public listing

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<b>Commodity:</b>	Coir peat - including bales, blocks, bricks, briquettes, compressed or non-compressed
<b>Scientific name:</b>	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>
<b>Country:</b>	All countries
<b>End use:</b>	Fertiliser
<b>Date printed:</b>	Aug 26 2008
<b>ePermit:</b>	Apply for an electronic Import Permit ( <a href="#">ePermit</a> )

*The information here covers AQIS quarantine requirements only and is current on the date of transmission but may change without notice. AQIS makes no warranties or representations with respect to the accuracy or completeness of that information and will bear no liability with respect to that information. Importers must satisfy quarantine concerns and comply with quarantine conditions applicable at the time of entry. The Commonwealth through AQIS is not liable for any costs arising from or associated with decisions of importers to import based on conditions presented here which are not current at the time of importation. It is the importer's responsibility to verify the accuracy and completeness of the information at the time of importation.*

*It is the importer's responsibility to identify and to ensure it has complied with, all requirements of any other regulatory and advisory bodies prior to and after importation including the Australian Customs Service, Therapeutic Goods Administration, Department of Health and Ageing, Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority and any State agencies such as Departments of Agriculture and Health and Environmental Protection authorities.*

*Importers should note that this list is not exhaustive. Importers should also note that all foods imported into Australia must comply with the provisions of the Imported Food Control Act 1992, an Act which is administered by AQIS.*

*Notification of the import must be provided to AQIS for all imported goods other than goods imported as accompanied baggage or goods imported via the mail and not prescribed under the Customs Act 1901. Notification must be consistent with Quarantine Regulations 2000 (examples include a Quarantine Entry or a Quarantine declaration).*

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## Condition C5155

For coir fibre and coir fibre manufactured products, refer to the ICON commodity 'Coir fibre (excluding coir peat)'.

### **Non-Commercial**

1. The conditions under the Commercial section apply.

### **Commercial**

1. An Import Permit is required and must be applied for prior to importation.
2. A Quarantine Entry must be lodged for each consignment.
3. Each consignment must be accompanied by:
  - a) An official international Phytosanitary certificate endorsed with the following declaration:

'Based on inspection of representative samples, the coir peat is clean, free from soil, contaminant plant material and other extraneous matter'.
  - b) A certificate from a government inspection agency endorsed with the following declaration:

'No visible contamination with animal material'.
  - c) A certificate of analysis from an AQIS approved overseas laboratory detailing the microbiological standards as set out in C5156.
4. Each consignment must be free of live insects, soil, prohibited seeds, weed seeds, animal material and other quarantine risk material prior to arrival in Australia.
5. Any packaging used with the consignment must be clean and new.
6. Containers, timber packing, pallets or dunnage associated with the consignment will be subject to inspection and treatment on arrival, unless certified as having been treated by an AQIS approved method. (Refer to the AQIS publication ['Cargo Containers – Quarantine aspects and procedures'](#)).
7. If the above conditions are met, each consignment will be subject to inspection on arrival by a Quarantine officer to ensure it is free of live insects, soil, prohibited seeds, weed seeds, animal material and other quarantine risk material.

8. Full container load (FCL) consignments will be inspected using a tailgate inspection. The importer or a representative is to provide samples to the Quarantine officer during a tailgate inspection to facilitate the inspection. If samples cannot be provided the consignment will be directed to a Quarantine Approved Premises for a full unpack and inspection. A minimum of two samples to a maximum of five samples for non compressed products and a minimum of ten samples to a maximum of fifteen samples for compressed products must be removed from the first layer at the door end of each container. Samples will be broken open by the Quarantine officer when carrying out the inspection.

9. If the consignment is not accompanied by an acceptable certificate of analysis the consignment will be sampled for testing. The importer or a representative is to provide samples to the Quarantine officer during a tailgate inspection. The Quarantine officer will draw random samples from these for testing. At least 5 samples of no less than 30grams will be sent to the National Measurement Institute (NMI) (formerly the Australian Government Analytical Laboratory) for microbiological testing (refer to C5156). Testing will be carried out at the importer's expense. Consignments will be held intact at a Quarantine Approved Premises pending the test results.

10. If the test results do not meet AQIS standards (C5156) then the issue will be referred to the AQIS Plant Quarantine Imports Program, Canberra office for advice. The consignment may be directed for treatment, re-export or destruction at the importer's expense.

11. If the consignment is not accompanied by an acceptable international Phytosanitary certificate or an acceptable certificate from a Government inspection agency, then the consignment will be inspected as described in point 8, prior to treatment. After this inspection, if no contamination is detected the consignment will be ordered for dry heat treatment (T9569), ethylene oxide fumigation (T9020), gamma irradiation (T9651), re-export or destruction at the importer's expense.

12. If unidentified, prohibited, diseased or live plant material (other than seeds) are found on inspection, the consignment will be ordered for dry heat treatment (T9569), ethylene oxide fumigation (T9020), gamma irradiation (T9651), re-export or destruction at the importer's expense.

13. If prohibited, or unidentified seeds are found on inspection, the consignment will be ordered for moist heat treatment (T9568 or T9574), ethylene oxide fumigation (T9020), gamma irradiation (T9651), re-export or destruction at the importer's expense.

14. If soil and other debris (faeces, animal materials, etc) are found on inspection the consignment will be subject to ethylene oxide fumigation (T9020), gamma irradiation (T9652), re-export or destruction at the importer's expense.

15. If live insects are found during the inspection they will be identified by an AQIS entomologist and the consignment will be treated with methyl bromide fumigation (T9047) or dry heat treatment (T9569). Treatment for live insects must be carried out prior to any heat treatment that may be required. Treatment will be carried out at the importer's expense.

## Condition C5156

### Quality Standards for Horticultural Coir for Use as a Growing Media

1. Each consignment must conform to the following microbial standards.
2. Consignments that have been tested overseas must be accompanied by a certificate of analysis from an acceptable government testing laboratory (see table below).

### Provisional Microbiological Analysis

*Salmonella* - absent in 25 grams.

*E. coli* - five samples must be tested and the result of **each** sample must be listed on the microbiological analysis certificate.

Three samples - must contain less than 100 bacteria per gram

Two samples - can contain 100-1000 bacteria per gram

No samples - can contain more than 1000 bacteria per gram

**Table of AQIS approved overseas laboratories** (correct at the time of printing the conditions)

Country	Laboratory name, address and approval details
India	Central Coir Research Institute, Coir Board, Ministry of MSME
India	Geo-Chem Pty Ltd
India	Suganthi Devadason Marine Research Institute (SDMRI)
Indonesia	P.T. Superintending Company of Indonesia, SUCOFINDO, Jakarta
Malaysia	Union Laboratories Sdn, Bhd
Netherlands	'RIKILT - Institute of Food Safety ' ('RIKILT - Instituut voor Voedselveiligheid')
Philippines	Department of Science and Technology, Manilla
Philippines	SGS Philippines Testing and Control Services Inc, Makai City Accredited laboratory until August 2000.
Sri Lanka	Department of Microbiology, University of Kelaniya
Sri Lanka	Coconut Research Institute, Bandirippuwa, Lunuwila
Sri Lanka	Coconut Development Authority
Sri Lanka	University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya (or Kandy)

Note: All microbiological analysis certificates must relate to each consignment exported to Australia.

Entry Management EM0044

Commodity Docs	Direction	AIMS Comments	Notes/QAPs
<b>Mandatory:</b>	<b>All Docs OK</b>		
<p>1)A valid <b>Import Permit</b> - see permit conditions for specific requirements</p> <p>2)A valid <b>Phytosanitary Certificate</b> stating to the effect “Based on inspection of representative samples, the coir peat is clean, free from soil, contaminant plant material and other extraneous matter”</p> <p>3)A valid <b>Government Certificate</b> stating to the effect: “No visible contamination with animal material”</p>	<b>All Cargo Types</b>		<p>Class: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 21.1</p> <p>EM processing officer to choose correct sampling rate based on whether or not product is in compressed form.</p>
	1) Documentation - Present all Documentation		
	2) Relevant Inspection Direction. a) FCL – Tailgate b )LCL - LCL Inspection c) Airfreight - Air Freight Inspection d) Break Bulk - Break Bulk Inspection	<p><b>Standard Comments for Inspection Direction</b></p> <p>Coir Peat ex &lt;country of origin&gt;. Inspect for live insects, seeds, soil, mud, clay, animal material, plant material and other debris. Importer/agents responsibility to draw samples for inspection. Samples must be broken open for inspection</p> <p><b>Additional Direction Comments</b> <b>As above Plus</b> <b>a. Compressed product</b> Minimum of ten (10) to a maximum of fifteen (15) samples for compressed products; or <b>b. Non Compressed product</b> Minimum of two (2) to a maximum of five (5) for non compressed products</p>	
<b>All Docs NOT OK</b>			
<p>4)<b>Certificate of Analysis</b> from AQIS approved overseas Laboratory - see permit conditions for specific requirements</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Import</p>	<b>All Cargo Types, nil valid import permit</b>		<p>Class: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 21.1</p> <p>If a valid Import Permit does not exist, the consignment must be re-exported or destroyed or held until a valid Import Permit is presented.</p> <p>Contact Plant Programs on: Phone: (02) 6272 3917 Fax: (02) 6272 3745</p>
	1) Documentation - Present all Documentation	<p><b>Standard Comments Documentation Direction</b></p> <p>Present all documents including valid Import Permit for coir peat as per ICON to AQIS. Alternatively the goods may be re-exported or destroyed at importers expense</p>	

permit requirements outweigh ICON conditions and work instructions unless otherwise stated within the permit.	<b>All Cargo Types, nil valid phytosanitary/government certificate</b>		Email: <a href="mailto:plantquar@aqis.gov.au">plantquar@aqis.gov.au</a>
	1) Documentation - Present all Documentation		
	2) Relevant inspection direction. a) FCL - Inspect (unpack) b )LCL - LCL Inspection c) Airfreight - Air Freight Inspection d) Break Bulk - Break Bulk Inspection	<b>Standard Comments for Inspection Direction</b> Coir Peat ex <country of origin>. Inspect for live insects, seeds, soil, mud, clay, animal material, plant material and other debris  <b>Additional Direction Comments</b> Importer/agents responsibility to draw samples for inspection. Samples must be broken open for inspection. Direction 1 of 2  <b>As above Plus</b> <b>c. Compressed product</b> Minimum of ten (10) to a maximum of fifteen (15) samples for compressed products; or <b>d. Non Compressed product</b> Minimum of two (2) to a maximum of five (5) for non compressed products	
3) Other Treatments - Mandatory Treatment Required	<b>Standard Comments for Treatment Direction</b> AQIS to be advised of selected treatment option at inspection: (ETO/Heat/Gamma). CH3Br not suitable for consignments coated with an impervious surface. Direction 2 of 2		

<b>All Cargo Types, nil valid analysis certificate</b>		
1) Documentation – Present all Documentation		
2) Relevant inspection direction. a) FCL – Tailgate b) LCL - LCL Inspection c) Airfreight - Air Freight Inspection d) Break Bulk - Break Bulk Inspection	<p><b>Standard Comments for Inspection Direction</b></p> <p>Coir Peat ex &lt;Country&gt;. Inspect for live insects, seeds, soil, mud, clay, animal material, plant material and other debris</p> <p><b>Additional Direction Comments</b></p> <p>The importer/agent is to provide samples at tailgate. AQIS officer to choose at least 5 random samples of no less than 30grams to be sent to the National Measurement Institute (NMI) for microbiological testing</p> <p>Direction 1 of 2</p>	
3) Testing - Microbiological Testing	<p><b>Standard Comments for Testing Direction</b></p> <p>&lt;number&gt; 30g samples of &lt;commodity&gt; to be sent to the National Measurement Institute (NMI) for microbiological testing</p> <p><b>Additional Direction Comments</b></p> <p>Testing will be carried out at the importers expense. Consignment must be held intact under quarantine pending results of the testing</p> <p>Direction 2 of 2</p>	<p>If the NMI test results do not meet AQIS standards, the issue to be referred to Plant Programs for advice. Phone: (02) 6272 3917 Fax: (02) 6272 3745 Email: <a href="mailto:plantquar@aqis.gov.au">plantquar@aqis.gov.au</a></p>

Treatment T9569

**Hot air**

Hot air at not less than 85°C for at least 8 hours once the core temperature has been reached.

Caution: Products may smoulder or ignite with this treatment.

Treatment T9652

**Gamma irradiation**

Gamma irradiate at 50 kGray (5 Mrad).

Treatment T9568

**Hot moist air**

At not less than 85°C for not less than 48 hours (50% relative humidity) once the core temperature has been reached.

Caution: Products may smoulder or ignite with this treatment.

Treatment T9574

**Hot moist air**

At not less than 95°C for not less than 24 hours (50% relative humidity) once the core temperature has been reached.

Caution: Products may smoulder or ignite with this treatment.

Treatment T9651

**Gamma irradiation**

Gamma irradiate at 25 kGray (2.5 Mrad).

Treatment T9047

**Methyl bromide**

The Methyl Bromide rate required is 48g/m<sup>3</sup> for 24 hours at 21°C and above at normal atmospheric pressure (NAP).

For each 5°C (or part of 5°C) the temperature is expected to fall below 21°C, 8g/m<sup>3</sup> must be added to the dosage rate, unless otherwise specified by AQIS. It is the minimum temperature during the course of the fumigation that is to be used for the calculation of the dose.

Methyl Bromide fumigation for quarantine purposes is not permitted if the ambient minimum temperature falls below 10°C.

**AQIS does not allow dosage compensation where the ambient temperature is above 21°C or below 10°C.**

For example the acceptable range at NAP is:

48g/m<sup>3</sup> for 24 hours at 21°C and above (standard dosage)

56g/m<sup>3</sup> for 24 hours at 16°C - 20°C

64g/m<sup>3</sup> for 24 hours at 11°C - 15°C

72g/m<sup>3</sup> for 24 hours at 10°C

[AQIS Methyl Bromide Standard](#)

Treatment T9020

### **Ethylene oxide**

Under initial minimum vacuum of 50 kilopascals at 1500g/m<sup>3</sup> for 4 hours at 50°C; or 1500g/m<sup>3</sup> for 24 hours at 21°C.

Note: The Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) regulate ethylene oxide residues and may limit use on commodities that have direct contact with human skin. For information to determine if this treatment option is available for the commodity of import refer to the [APVMA](#) website.

Import Permit Fee IPF0002

### **Import Permit Fees (where applicable) – Category 1**

This commodity is classified as a Category 1 assessment for the purposes of determining the Import Permit fee rate that applies. If your application is lodged manually, the fee rate is \$40.00 per assessable item in addition to the manual lodgement fee of \$130.00 applies. No assessment fee will apply for applications lodged [electronically](#).

An assessable item means an item identified on an Import Permit application as consisting of goods of a class imported, or to be imported, from a particular country for a particular use.

Further information on AQIS fees and charges can be found on the [AQIS website](#).

Import Permit issuing fees are specified in the [Quarantine Service Fees Determination 2008](#).