



Australian Government
 Department of Agriculture,
 Fisheries and Forestry
 Australian Quarantine and
 Inspection Service

Agreement to Treat Goods

Entry Number

Notice to the owner/agent under Subsection 48AA(4) of the *Quarantine Act 1908*

To: **Fax:**
Importer:
Required Treatment:

Goods

This Notice is given by: **Date of Issue:**

Quarantine Officer appointed under subsection 9AA(3) or 9A(1) of the *Quarantine Act 1908*

I believe on reasonable grounds that the above mentioned Goods ("the Goods") may not be effectively treated without damaging them. In accordance with subsection 48AA(4) of the *Quarantine Act 1908*, I hereby notify you that the treatment may damage the Goods, and request that you agree to the Goods being treated.

If you do not, before the end of 30 days after the day on which you received this notice, give written notice to a Director of Quarantine stating that you agree to the Goods being treated, the Goods may be forfeited to the Commonwealth and may be sold, destroyed, exported from Australia or otherwise disposed of (subsection 48AA(5) of the *Quarantine Act 1908*).

You may give such a notice by completing the following section of this form and: giving the form to an AQIS employee at a regional AQIS office; or sending the form by pre-paid post to a regional AQIS office; or sending the form by:

Email: **Fax:**

A separate treatment direction will be issued once this Agreement is returned to AQIS

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Notice to a Director of Quarantine

I, (Printed Name), am the owner of the Goods / the agent of the Owner of the Goods (*strike out the statement that is not applicable*); and have authority to agree to the Goods being treated, or to request permission for the Goods to be exported, destroyed or otherwise dealt with.

- I agree to the Goods being treated as stated above and agree that I am aware that the treatment may cause damage to the Goods. I also understand that the Goods may have plastic wrapping cut or removed if the treatment so requires, and I agree to such action taking place; or
- I request permission, under Section 44B of the *Quarantine Act 1908*, to arrange for the Goods to be exported from (port of export) and will provide the Outward Bill following export; or
- I request permission, under Section 44B of the *Quarantine Act 1908*, to arrange for the Goods to be destroyed. The destruction will be as per the QAP's waste disposal agreement / will require AQIS supervision (*strike out the statement that is not applicable*); or
- I have contacted AQIS to discuss other options for these goods, and request permission, under section 44B of the Quarantine Act 1908, to arrange for the goods to be treated by (type of treatment)

Owner/Agent preferred quarantine approved premise treatment location

Signature **Printed Name**

Company name **Date**

Additional Information: The importer and/or owner of animals, plants or goods subject to quarantine are liable to pay any expenses connected with the examination, transportation, detention, maintenance, treatment, movement, removal, disposal or destruction of the animals, plants or goods (section 64). A person is guilty of a criminal offence if he or she contravenes a quarantine officer's direction under section 48 (section 48(5)). If goods are moved or otherwise interfered with in contravention of the *Quarantine Act 1908* they may be seized and forfeited to the Commonwealth (section 68). The Commonwealth does not accept liability for damage which may occur as a result of any necessary treatment. If the owner or agent of goods has been notified that treatment may damage the goods, and the owner or agent does not before the end of 30 days after the day on which the owner or agent receives the notice give written notice to a Director of Quarantine stating that they agree to the treatment, the goods may be forfeited to the Commonwealth [section 48AA(5)]. Any expenses of charges payable to the Commonwealth may be recovered by action in a court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due to the Commonwealth [section 66].