



Commodity	00 - Containers
Scientific Name	
Format	Not applicable
State	Any

Important Notes Important Notes

- All organisms must be listed as 'Permitted (s11)' to be allowed entry into Western Australia. If the organism is not listed as 'Permitted (s11)' an application for an Import Permit must be submitted. To check the status of the organism or to apply for an Import Permit check the [WA Organism List](#). Some species may also require an import permit under the Wildlife Conservation Act, please check with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions on +61 (0)8 9219 9000.
- Where certification is stated to be an import requirement, each consignment to be accompanied by an Interstate Plant Health Certificate issued by the quarantine authority in the exporting state or territory or under a quality assurance scheme approved by the Director of Plant Biosecurity for the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Western Australia. Approved quality assurance schemes include an accepted Interstate Certification Assurance arrangement, Certification Assurance arrangement or Biosecure HACCP. Certificates must be originals and be presented to a Quarantine WA Inspector prior to inspection, unless import conditions or ICA procedures state that copies are permitted.
- All consignments to Western Australia must be labelled with 'Product name (full botanical name where applicable), Producer (Packer or Agent) and the district of production.'
- The chemical treatments listed as satisfying import requirements is not meant to imply that these products are registered or approved by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA). This will need to be confirmed with the APVMA for the particular jurisdiction in which the treatment is planned. Uses approved by the APVMA are changing all the time and confirmation of approved uses can be made via their Pubcris database at www.apvma.gov.au. Some treatments required on imported commodities and plants, and in particular fumigation with methyl bromide, may be phytotoxic and damage, kill or render the goods unsaleable.
- The identification of products as suitable treatments does not constitute an endorsement.
- Import requirements displayed apply to goods sourced from the selected state, where those goods have not been subject to possible infection or contamination whilst in transit through other states. Where goods have been stored, unpacked, re-packed or otherwise disturbed whilst in transit, additional requirements specific to the transit state(s) may apply.

Condition ID: 00 - Containers

Title: Containers/Packaging

1. Fruit, vegetable, seed, plants and plant material must be transported in containers/packaging:

a. that are

- i. new; or
- ii. clean and constructed of solid plastic; or
- iii. clean and constructed of solid polystyrene; or
- iv. constructed and treated in a manner approved by the Chief Plant Biosecurity Officer.

AND

b. that are clearly labelled with the following information printed on an external surface in letters not less than 5mm in height:

Fruit and vegetable containers/packages

- i. name of commodity; and
- ii. a registration number in accordance with an arrangement approved by the Chief Plant Biosecurity Officer.

OR

- i. name of commodity; and
- ii. name and address of the grower (subject to note¹); and
- iii. name and address of packing house.

Seed, plants and plant material containers/packaging

- i. name of commodity, identified by their scientific name (genus and species) -see note²; and
- ii. a registration number in accordance with an arrangement approved by the Chief Plant Biosecurity Officer.

OR

- i. name of commodity, identified by their scientific name (genus and species) -see note²; and

- ii. name and address of the grower (subject to note¹); and
- iii. name and address of packing house.

Note¹ . If the name and address of the property on which the product was grown is not provided, corrective action will be taken at the level of the packing house.

Note² . Alternatively, the scientific name of the commodity can be provided on the accompanying documentation.

2. Used plastic seedling trays and pots must be accompanied by an Interstate Health Certificate issued by the quarantine authority in the exporting state or territory or under a quality assurance arrangement approved by the Chief Plant Biosecurity Officer as:-

- a. steam sterilised at 70°C for 30 minutes;
OR
- b. cleaned of organic matter and treated with a broad spectrum disinfectant in accordance with label or Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) permit instructions;
OR
- c. constructed and treated in a manner approved by the Chief Plant Biosecurity Officer.

Further information:

Container: means an article in which a plant or plant product is, or has been, contained, wrapped or packaged and includes bulk containers.

Containers subject to the above requirement are those used to contain the raw product, for example:

- pots / trays used for potted plants;
- plastic / polystyrene / cardboard cartons, boxes and crates used to hold fruit / vegetable / flowers;
- bins that do not contain a disposable lining and used to hold bulk (unpacked) fruit / vegetables / bare-rooted plants;
- bags, drums used to hold seed / vegetables / wool / mineral samples.

Transport containers used to hold product that is already potted or containerised for ease of transport (for example: bins/metal cages used to hold potted plants) are not subject to the requirements above however must be clean and will be inspected upon arrival for contamination.

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