



PUBLIC NOTICE

Implementation of Pre-Shipment Methyl Bromide Treatment by DAWE, Australia for Fresh Leaves and Rootcrops

Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF) and the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) Australia, wishes to notify members of the public, stakeholders, shipping agents and cargo agents, that effective from 18 January 2021, that the application of pre-shipment methyl bromide treatment measures will be one of the mandatory requirements set by DAWE for the importation of selected fresh horticultural produce from Fiji to Australia.

DAWE has reviewed pest non-compliance rates for all pathways and recognizes low pest rates for a number of commodities including immature coconuts, papaya and cassava.

The following commodities, however, have a high pest interception rate and will be subject to mandatory pre-shipment methyl bromide fumigation:

Fresh mustard stick, betel leaves (*Piper betel*) for human consumption:

- Betel leaves

Fresh leaves for human consumption:

- Bael leaves
- Cassava leaves
- Amaranth leaves
- Drumstick leaves
- Island cabbage
- Pandanus leaves
- Roselle leaves
- Taro leaves

Fresh root vegetables for human consumption:

- White taro
- Giant taro

Pre-shipment methyl bromide treatment will now be mandatorily applied to all shipments to Australia from 18 January 2021 at for the following goods and rate:

1. Fresh Taro (as listed above) for human consumption, at the approved rate of: 32g/m³ for 3 hours at pulp temperature of 21 Degrees Celsius or above at Normal Atmospheric Pressure (NAP).
2. Fresh leafy vegetables (as listed above) for human consumption, at the approved rate 32g/m³ for 2 hours at pulp temperature of 21 Degrees Celsius or above at Normal Atmospheric Pressure (NAP).

Goods subjected to pre-shipment methyl bromide fumigation treatments must be performed in accordance with Australia's Methyl bromide fumigation methodology (AFAS). The goods exported

must be accompanied by a valid original BAF Phytosanitary Certificate and fumigation treatment certificate on the AFAS approved treatment provider's letterhead duly endorsed and stamped.

Other Basic Requirements include:

- 1) The goods must be clean and free of biosecurity pests and disease, contaminant seed, soil, animal and plant debris and other biosecurity risk material prior to arrival in Australian territory.
- 2) For all leaves of:
 - a. **Bael leaves (*Aegle marmelos*):** Only leaves are permitted entry. If stems are present the consignment will require sorting to remove the stem material, or export or disposal of the consignment.
 - b. **Drumstick tree leaves (*Moringa oleifera*):** Only leaves, or leaves on stems are permitted entry. Where other plant parts are present, the consignment will require reconditioning, export or disposal at the importers expense.

Note: For consignments containing leaves on stems, the main stem or branch may vary up to 50 cm in length. Consignments must be free of roots, flowers, seed pods, tree trunks, and all other biosecurity risk material.

- c. **Taro leaves (*Colocasia esculenta*):** Only leaves and stems are permitted entry.
- d. **Taro corms (*Colocasia esculenta*):** Only fresh large taro tubers of the species *Colocasia esculenta* var. *esculenta* are permitted. Tubers of the small corm taro *Colocasia esculenta* var. *antiquorum* are not permitted entry.

Permitted fresh large taro tubers must comply with the morphological criteria below:

Specifically the taro must:

- i. be at least 15 cm long or be at least 7 cm in diameter at the widest point
- ii. be at least 300 g in weight
- iii. be free of lateral buds or shoots
- iv. lack shaggy hairs.

- 3) Each consignment of goods must be packed in clean and new packaging.
- 4) Each consignment must be secured prior to shipment to maintain its quarantine integrity on arrival using a secure packaging option.
- 5) All consignments are subject to inspection on arrival into Australia to verify compliance with import conditions before release.
- 6) If live insects of biosecurity concern are detected, the consignment will require treatment (where appropriate), or be exported or disposed of. Any required action will be at the importer's expense.
- 7) If disease symptoms are detected the consignment will be placed on hold and an assessment of the biosecurity risk will be made by the department to determine the options available to the importer. Options may include release, further identification, treatment, export or disposal.

- 8) If contaminants (e.g. seeds, trash, soil, feathers) are detected and determined to be of biosecurity concern, the consignment will require remedial action to remove or treat the contaminants, and will require re-inspection. If the contaminants cannot be effectively removed or treated, the consignment must be exported or disposed of. Any required action will be at the importer's expense.
- 9) In addition to the conditions for the goods being imported, non-commodity concerns must be assessed including container cleanliness, packaging and destination concerns, and may be subject to inspection and treatment on arrival.

DAWE wishes to assure all parties that due diligence will be taken and the above mentioned process are to be carried out in the direct presence of the BAF officers. Further information regarding the pre-shipment methyl bromide fumigant requirements will be available for exporters and Australian importers through BICON (<https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0>).

Fiji Treatment Providers' Current Status

([Offshore methyl bromide treatment providers list - Department of Agriculture](#))

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