



BIOSECURITY IMPORT SPECIFICATION
IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF WHEAT GRAINS
(*Triticum aestivum*) IN SHIP HOLDS FOR PROCESSING FROM USA INTO FIJI

1. A valid and approved import permit must be obtained from the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF); a copy of the import permit must be presented for clearance of the consignment upon arrival at first port of entry in Fiji. The Fijian importer must receive the BAF import permit well in advance and prior to shipping from the USA and landing the consignment at the specified first port of entry in Fiji.
2. All wheat grain consignments must be as practically free as possible of any live pests, whole or cracked weed seeds, 'ergotty grains', soil, stones and any other extraneous materials deemed to be of biosecurity concern to Fiji. It must also be practically free of all other wheat plant matter (spikes, awn, glume, stem, leaves, roots, etc.), including wheat rachis and beard.
3. The stowage, hold, or receptacle must be:
 - i. thoroughly cleaned prior to loading to remove all extraneous matter – this includes cleaning all interior and exterior surfaces, floor and walls or sanitizing by high-pressure water wash, or
 - ii. sprayed with an appropriate insecticide prior to loading of consignment.
4. The consignment must be certified with both a Federal Grain Inspection Services (FGIS) Official Export Grain Inspection Certificate and a Plant Protection & Quarantine (PPQ), Animal & Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Export Phytosanitary Certificate.
5. The consignment of wheat must be sampled and inspected by the NPPO and found free of stored grain pests that are quarantine pests for Fiji.
6. During loading of the consignment to Fiji, all care must be taken to avoid any cross contaminations of the wheat grains by any pests, pathogens or extraneous materials.
7. If the consignment contains any timber components as packaging support materials, it must comply with International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15 requirements.

8. Ship inspection and hygiene: the ship to be loaded must be pre-inspected by FGIS. The stowage on vessel must be examined in accordance with the provisions of the US Grain Standards Act for residues of previous cargoes, rust scale and paint scale, unsanitary conditions such as animal/rodent excreta or decaying matter, unknown substances, standing water in the hold, objectionable foreign odors and any infestations with rodents or insects.
9. The consignment must be carefully sealed after inspection to prevent re-contaminations and retain fumigation treatment until arrival in Fiji or at the port of re-consolidation. The re-consolidation port must ensure the stowage, hold, or receptacle seal is not broken (tampered) and after re-consolidation must remain intact during the final journey to Fiji's first port of entry.
10. After loading, the consignment must be fumigated with phosphine gas at the rates specified on the labels under the USA Federal Government regulations and be consistent with the below specifications:
 - i. 1.5 g/m³ for 10 days at temperatures between 15°C - 25°C
 - ii. 1.5 g/m³ for 7 days at temperatures above 25°C

Fumigation shall only be conducted by U.S. State or Federal Government approved fumigators. All treatments to the wheat grain must be endorsed on the treatment certificates and on the USDA Phytosanitary Certificate.

11. The following documents must accompany the consignment:
 - i. Original BAF import permit or copy whilst the original may be withheld by the Fijian importer or agent for clearance and inspection upon arrival in Fiji;
 - ii. Fumigation certificate from approved treatment provider;
 - iii. Certificate of analysis for toxic alkaloids (mycotoxins) from FGIS - not more than 6 months old;
 - iv. A letterhead statement from FGIS as follows: "There are no transgenic barley, wheat, sorghum, sunflower seed, dry edible beans, chickpeas, lentils, peas, or rice currently or previously subject to USDA's biotechnology regulations that are for sale or in commercial production in the United States for food or feed use at this time."
 - v. Phytosanitary certificate from PPQ-APHIS, USDA.

12. Phytosanitary Certificate - Additional Declarations

If satisfied that the pre-shipment activities have been undertaken, PPQ-APHIS, USDA must confirm this by providing the following additional declaration(s) to the phytosanitary certificate:

- i. "Representative samples from the consignment for export to Fiji have been drawn and visually inspected in accordance with official procedures and determined to

- be free from all species of *Trogoderma* and free from infestation by stored product pests of quarantine concern for Fiji”.
- ii. *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici* strain Ug 99 (all races) are not present in USA;
 - iii. The consignment contains grain originating only from an area where Karnal Bunt (*Tilletia indica*) is not known to be present.
13. Upon arrival in Fiji:
- i. the consignment’s documentation will be verified;
 - ii. the consignment will be examined by BAF Officer(s) for conformity and compliance;
 - iii. representative samples will be collected for further analysis.
14. All care must be taken to ensure spillage-free transfer of wheat grain from ship stowage/hold/receptacle to receiving containers. Post-entry quarantine and/or other treatments will be executed as deemed necessary to mitigate any biosecurity risks. The importer or agent will bear costs accompanying all post-entry associated treatments or re-exportation.
15. During the transportation of the wheat grains from the first port of entry to the BAP, all necessary precautions must be taken to prevent any spillages. In case of any accidents, further BAF restrictions will be imposed immediately for risk mitigation as per the Grain Management Plan (GMP).
16. All imported USA wheat grains must be fully tipped/removed from the containers used for delivery to the receiving hopper in the BAP processing facility, and any remaining wheat grains attached/ sticking to the container shall be removed entirely before the empty container is removed from the premises. All vehicles used in the delivery logistics must also be rendered free of any wheat grains prior to leaving the BAP. Dust management and spillage conditions will be fully enforced as necessary for biosecurity risk mitigation.
17. Records must be kept by the importer for all USA wheat grains imports and its daily processing on a consignment basis and must be furnished to BAF for issuance of proceeding import permits. These records (details and consolidated) shall be furnished to BAF upon request.
18. BAF must have full access to the entire activities, logistics and premises (third parties as well) in relation to this import permit at all times for compliance and enforcement requirements.
19. The importer must comply with all additional import requirements for the management of foreign wheat grains imported into Fiji.

