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Fiji and Australia ePhyto Piloting

BAF wishes to advise all its stakeholders that effective from 20 November 2023, Fiji will initiate its pilot phase on ePhyto exchange with Australia, during which BAF will start to receive electronic phytosanitary certificates via its Generic ePhyto National System (GeNS) implemented by BAF. However, Australia will send hard copy certificates in parallel to the electronic copies during the pilot phase to ensure this smooth transition. The Pilot Phase will be for a month, ending on the 20 December 2023.

Both countries, during this pilot phase, will evaluate and review the electronic exchange and use the pilot phase as an avenue to resolve any issues that may arise in implementing paperless trade between the two countries.

This applies to all commercial consignments from Australia; hence, importers will be required to provide the Phytosanitary Certificate Number or Copy of the certificate for BAF to carry out the import clearances and, during the pilot phase still provide the hard copy of the phytosanitary certificate.

Fiji ePhyto Printing

BAF will continue to print hard-copy paper certificates and issue them to the exporters/agents for countries BAF has yet to go paperless with. BAF has ceased printing the hard copy certificates for countries where we have established paperless phytosanitary certificate exchange. Fiji is currently paperless with only the USA and exchanges ePhytos through the IPPC Hub.

BAF prints its original phytosanitary certificates on a **clear white 128gsm paper**, and should exporters/agents wish to print certificates for countries where we have established paperless exchange, you may do so at your own cost on the said paper type. BAF will no longer print the phytosanitary certificates for countries where we have established paperless ePhyto exchanges.

For further clarification, do not hesitate to contact the BAF ePhyto Team at BAF Headquarters on 331 2512 or by email at ephyto.support@baf.com.fj.



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