



Frequently asked questions

Amendments to the DAFF documentation requirements for the clearance of imported cargo: Frequently asked questions (updated October 2012)

Date of effect

When are the new policies effective?

The Minimum Documentary Requirements (version 1.6) and Non-Commodity Information Requirements (version 1.9) policies will become effective **24 October 2012**.

What has changed?

Have there been any changes that may affect my business?

Possibly, please refer to the table of amendments for the Minimum Documentary Requirements and Non-Commodity Information Requirements Policies to ensure that your current document clearance process aligns with the new policy documents.

Annual Packing Declarations (APDs)

Will the amended policies impact my current Annual Packing Declaration? (APD)

No. If your Annual Packing Declaration was valid during the time that the Minimum Documentary Requirements (Version 1.6) and the Non-Commodity Information Requirements Policy (Version 1.9) became effective.

Packing Declarations

Why has the template changed for both APD and Consignment Specific Packing Declarations.

These documents have been amended and simplified to reflect DAFF requirements for timber/dunnage packing material to ensure that if they have not been treated to ISPM15 standard, then certification attesting to the treatment that has been undertaken can be verified. If no treatment has been undertaken then the consignment will be directed for inspection and on-shore treatment prior to release from DAFF.

Can my packer/supplier still use the old Packing Declaration template?

Yes, however it may cause unnecessary delays in cargo being cleared if the treatment information cannot be verified if timber/dunnage has been used. DAFF strongly recommends that you commence using the new Packing Declaration template as soon as feasible depending upon your business's requirements.