

## **CUSTOMER NOTICE**

# **Packing Declaration changes**

Dear Valued Customer,

**Re: Changes to Packing Declarations for import customs and quarantine clearance**

As per DAFF Biosecurity Notice to Industry 74/2012, **effective from the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012**, there have been changes made to requirements for Packing Declarations for import Customs and Quarantine clearance into Australia. Please see the following changes of note:

- > No longer need to differentiate between FCL/X and LCL cargo
- > ISPM 15 and Bark Questions have now been removed and replaced with other treatment questions
- > Wording in the Cleanliness Declaration / Statement on the Annual Packing Declarations have changed

DAFF would prefer Australian Importers and their supplier's / exporters begin using these new Packing Declaration formats as soon as possible. DAFF have advised they will continue to accept the old format until further notice, however have warned that this may delay or hinder import Quarantine clearance.

Further to this, DAFF have confirmed they will continue to accept any Annual Packing Declarations (APD's) which are currently approved and valid, and do not require these to be re-submitted until the validity of the approved APD's have expired.

For easy reference, please see attached the following documents / templates to this notice:

- > Packing Declaration Template
- > Annual Packing Declaration Template
- > Table of Amendments – Changes to Consignment Specific and Annual Packing Declarations
- > Frequently Asked Questions

Should you have any questions in relation to the above changes, please feel free to contact a member of the Transtar team who will be more than happy to assist.

Kind regards

**Customer Service / Customs team**

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