

GTA MARKET NOTIFICATIONS



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Topic: IAN 2023-69 Plant Export Operations - Changes to RFPs raised for Horticulture or Grain to Fiji

DISTRIBUTION: GTA Members – primary contact list. Please circulate to all appropriate internal parties.

1. Purpose

This Industry Advice Notice (IAN) is to notify exporters and EDI users of a technical pilot for electronic phytosanitary certificates (ePhyto) to Fiji.

2. Key Points

- Australia will be piloting the technical use of electronic phytosanitary certificates (ePhyto) with Fiji from 19 November 2023.
- New fields will be visible in your software system when raising Horticulture or Grain Request for Permits (RFPs). These fields relate to future alignment with the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and do not need to be populated for any RFPs at this stage.
- New certificate templates will be required for Horticulture and Grain RFPs to Fiji only. Clients will need to use relevant certificate templates for Fiji RFPs as follows:
- RFPs for horticulture products to Fiji will need to use Certificate H16E.
- RFPs for grain and seed products to Fiji will need to use Certificate E16E.
- Horticulture and grain RFPs to Fiji that are not at COMP or HCRD status by 6.00pm (AEDT) Sunday 19 November 2023 will need the certificate template updated after 9.00am (AEDT) Monday 20 November 2023.

3. Background

The department is transitioning to the use of electronic phytosanitary certification (ePhyto) via the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Hub, with a technical pilot with Fiji as the first release.

Further information will be provided as the department moves to full implementation of ePhyto with Fiji and other countries.

4. Exporter responsibilities

- Acknowledge that RFPs that are not at COMP by 6.00pm (AEDT) Sunday 19 November 2023, will need to be updated after 9.00am (AEDT) Monday 20 November 2023.
- Familiarise yourself with the timing of the change to the certificate template numbers for Horticulture and Grain RFPs to Fiji.
- Acknowledge that you do not need to populate new fields within the RFP at this stage.

5. Authorised Officer responsibilities

- There is no change for Authorised Officers.

6. Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding this IAN, please email the [EXDOC Plant Programs Helpdesk](#).