

# GTA MARKET NOTIFICATIONS



No. 9 of 20 Industry Advice Notice—2020-56 - Plant Export Operations – Nationally harmonised framework for managing biosecurity treatments

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## **IAN 2020 - 56 Plant Export Operations—Nationally harmonised framework for managing biosecurity treatments**

- Has been published on the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment website and can be accessed via the following [link](#).
- Import Industry Advice Notices are available from the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment [website](#).

### **The Proposal**

- The proposal outlined in the IAN has the potential to impact on a wide range of industry fumigators and stakeholders, and **we urge completion of the DAWE survey**, that can be accessed via the IAN.
- The IAN has been released to seek industry comments on the proposal to standardise the fumigation biosecurity treatments across imports and exports. Initially it will focus on methyl bromide.

- This process is expected to progress towards all biosecurity treatments including phosphine, inert gases/ atmospheres etc.
- The proposal will standardise a range of procedural issues relating to treatment of goods for import and export using methyl bromide. Hence the proposal will impact on requirements as outlined in the latest version of DAWE Methyl bromide fumigation methodology ([here](#)) that all exporters/fumigators must meet when applying methyl bromide as a quarantine treatment.
- The proposal is expected to include a range of future endeavours outlining best practice, for example, the requirement to have electronic monitoring of treatments throughout the course of the treatment period to ensure required rates are met for the full treatment period.
- Existing quarantine treatments will not be affected, however when conducting those treatments, any changes and all procedures as implemented by this IAN process will need to be complied with.
- As this IAN proposal has the potential to impact on a wide range of industry fumigators and stakeholders relying on those quarantine treatments, we urge you to have your say by **completing the survey (30 minutes) by the due date of 11 September 2020.**