



Notification of Department of Agriculture
Re: Conditions for Import of Avocado Fruit from Australia
B.E. 2556 (2013)

The Department of Agriculture has completed pest risk analysis for commercial importation of avocado fruit from Australia.

By virtue of the provisions of Section 8 (2) and Section 10 of the Plant Quarantine Act B.E. 2507 (1964) amended by the Plant Quarantine Act (No. 3) B.E. 2551 (2008) with particular provisions that may restrict the right and freedom of any person in which Section 29 together with Section 32, Section 33, Section 41 and Section 43 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand permits by virtue of the law. The Director-General of Department of Agriculture through the recommendation of the Plant Quarantine Committee, hereby announces the conditions that have to be met in order to import avocado fruit from Australia as follows:

1. This notification shall be called “Notification of Department of Agriculture, Re: Conditions for Import of Avocado Fruit from Australia B.E. 2556 (2013)”.
2. This notification shall enter into force thirty days after the date of its proclamation in the Government Gazette.

3. Plant Species

Avocado fruit (*Persea americana*)

4. Quarantine Pests of Concern

A list of quarantine pests of current concern to the Kingdom of Thailand for avocado fruit from Australia is given in **Attachment 1**.

5. Responsible Organizations

- 5.1 Kingdom of Thailand: Department of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as DOA)
- 5.2 Australia: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (hereinafter referred to as DAFF)

6. Import Permit

Import permit issued by DOA is required.

7. Means of Conveyance

Avocado fruit must be imported from a port in Australia to a designated port in the Kingdom of Thailand by sea cargo or air cargo.

8. Production Areas

8.1 Avocado fruit must be produced and sourced from commercial orchards in Australia registered under a DAFF-approved system, where the DAFF designated as production areas for export to the Kingdom of Thailand and the DOA has approved prior to export.

8.2 Avocado fruit produced in the following states in Australia is permitted to import to the Kingdom of Thailand.

8.2.1 Avocado fruit from a fruit fly pest free area in New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria.

8.2.2 Avocado fruit from outside a fruit fly pest free area in New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia.

9. Requirements for Orchard

9.1 All orchards in designated production areas involved in the export of avocado fruit to the Kingdom of Thailand must be registered. DAFF must monitor these orchards to ensure that fruit is produced free of quarantine pests. Copies of the registration records must be made available to DOA upon requested. DAFF is required to verify orchard registration prior to commencement of exports.

9.2 Growers of registered orchards must implement good agricultural practice (GAP). This includes maintaining of orchard sanitation and the implementation of integrated pest management or other pest control measures to ensure that quarantine pests of concern to the Kingdom of Thailand are adequately managed.

9.3 DAFF must provide information on the management program undertaken for avocado fruit throughout the growing season when required by DOA.

10. Requirements for Packinghouse or Export Establishment

10.1 All packinghouses and export establishments involved in the export of avocado fruit to the Kingdom of Thailand must be registered with and monitored by DAFF. Copies of the registration records must be made available to DOA

upon requested. DAFF is required to register packinghouses and export establishments prior to commencement of exports.

- 10.2 Packinghouses and export establishments are required to source fruit only from registered commercial orchards in designated production areas to facilitate trace back of export fruit. Records of growers supplying fruit for export to the Kingdom of Thailand must be maintained by packinghouses and export establishments and made available to DOA upon request.
- 10.3 Packinghouses and export establishments are required to have a well documented Standard Operation Procedures (SOP), which describes in detail all processes related to grading, handling and packing of avocado fruit.
- 10.4 An audit must be conducted by DAFF prior to registration of packinghouses and export establishments and then done at least annually. Packinghouses and export establishments must be responsible for maintaining all documentation.
- 10.5 Cold treatment for pre-shipment disinfestation of quarantine pests must be conducted within the registered packinghouses or registered export establishments.
- 10.6 Inspection of fruit for freedom from quarantine pests must be done within the registered packinghouses or registered export establishments.

11. Requirements for Quarantine Insects

Avocado fruit export to the Kingdom of Thailand must be required one of the following risk management measures for the following fruit flies i.e. Northern Territory fruit fly (*Bactrocera aquilonis*), Jarvis' fruit fly (*Bactrocera jarvisi*), lesser Queensland fruit fly (*Bactrocera neohumeralis*), Queensland fruit fly (*Bactrocera tryoni*) and Mediterranean fruit fly (*Ceratitis capitata*).

- 11.1 Avocado fruit must originate from a fruit fly pest free area.

Or

- 11.2 Avocado fruit from outside a fruit fly pest free area must subject to pre-shipment cold disinfestation treatment or in-transit cold disinfestation treatment to eliminate fruit flies.

12. Requirements for Fruit Fly Pest Free Area

- 12.1 Fruit fly pest free area must be conformed to requirements specified in International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 26: *Establishment of Pest Free Areas for Fruit Flies (Tephritidae)*.
- 12.2 Area freedom of fruit flies for defined avocado fruit production areas in Australia shall be established based on written submission to the DOA by DAFF. Regulatory controls are to be in place to maintain the integrity of

approved fruit fly pest free area, from which avocado fruit for the Kingdom of Thailand is sourced.

The following defined areas in Australia are recognized as a free area for Northern Territory fruit fly, Jarvis' fruit fly, lesser Queensland fruit fly, Queensland fruit fly and Mediterranean fruit fly.

12.2.1 State of Tasmania

12.2.2 The Riverina district of New South Wales: It may be defined as the area wholly encompassed by the administrative boundaries of the city of Griffith and the shires of Carrathool, Leeton, Narrandera and Murrumbidgee. This area is subdivided into two portions, the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area (MIA) and Carrathool Shire.

12.2.3 The Riverland district of South Australia: It may be defined as being wholly encompassed by the county of Hamley and the hundreds (a geographic subdivision of the county) of Bookpurnong, Cadell, Gorden, Holder, Katarapko, Loveday, Markaranka, Moorook, Murtho, Parcoola, Paringa, Pooginook, Pyap, Stuart, Waikerie, Eba, Fisher, Forster, Hay, Murbko, Nildottie, Paisley, Ridley, Skurray and the Parish of Onley in the Shire of Mildura, Victoria.

12.2.4 The Sunraysia district of Victoria and New South Wales: It may be defined as being wholly encompassed by the shires of Wentworth and Balranald in New South Wales and Mildura, Swan Hill, Wakool and Kerang and the city of Swan Hill, City of Mildura, and Borough of Kerang in Victoria.

- 12.3 Export of fruit from defined free areas will be by area freedom certification, which will obviate the need for disinfestation treatment. Regular monitoring of free areas is to be undertaken for Northern Territory fruit fly, Jarvis' fruit fly, lesser Queensland fruit fly, Queensland fruit fly and Mediterranean fruit fly.
- 12.4 DAFF must inform DOA immediately if any fruit fly outbreak is confirmed in an area, suspend certification of any untreated exports in respect of the free area, and advise DOA of the time-table for reinstatement of area freedom certification of the area concerned.
- 12.5 DAFF must notify DOA immediately if any other fruit fly species of economic importance other than Northern Territory fruit fly, Jarvis' fruit fly, lesser Queensland fruit fly, Queensland fruit fly and Mediterranean fruit fly are detected in the pest free area.

13. Requirements for Treatment

- 13.1 Where avocado fruit are sourced from outside a fruit fly pest free area or where certification of area freedom from fruit flies cannot be provided by DAFF because the area from which avocado fruit are being sourced does not qualify

for area freedom status, or has had that status temporarily suspended, In these cases, it is mandatory that avocado fruit must be subjected to phytosanitary treatment for fruit flies. The following cold treatment schedules are accepted to disinfest fruit flies of avocado fruit.

- 13.1.1 Avocado fruit originating from temporarily suspended areas or outside fruit fly pest free area in New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria and Queensland must be disinfested by using the following cold disinfestation treatment schedules to control Northern Territory fruit fly, Jarvis' fruit fly, lesser Queensland fruit fly and Queensland fruit fly.

Innermost fruit pulp temperature	Exposure period (consecutive days)
0 ° C (32 ° F) or below	13 days or more
0.56 ° C (33 ° F) or below	14 days or more
1.11 ° C (34 ° F) or below	18 days or more
1.67 ° C (35 ° F) or below	20 days or more
2.22 ° C (36 ° F) or below	22 days or more

- 13.1.2 Avocado fruit originating from outside fruit fly pest free area in Western Australia must be disinfested by using the following cold disinfestation treatment schedules to control Mediterranean fruit fly.

Innermost fruit pulp temperature	Exposure period (consecutive days)
1.11 ° C (34 ° F) or below	14 days or more
1.67 ° C (35 ° F) or below	16 days or more
2.22 ° C (36 ° F) or below	18 days or more

- 13.2 Treatment can be performed pre-shipment or in-transit. The in-transit treatment may be carried out partly as a pre-shipment treatment start in Australia and completed in-transit. In the event of a treatment failure, treatment may be completed on arrival.
- 13.3 Avocado fruit intended for in-transit cold disinfestation treatment must be pre-cooled until innermost fruit pulp temperature at or below the target treatment temperature prior to loading to assure that the fruit is chilled to the proper temperature before the mandatory cold treatment is initiated and fruit temperature must be held continuously.
- 13.4 Pre-shipment cold disinfestation treatment and in-transit cold disinfestation treatment are assessed on fruit temperature sensors only. Air temperature sensors are not used to assess cold treatment efficacy.

14. Requirements for Pre-Shipment Cold Disinfestation Treatment

- 14.1 Treatment conducted prior to shipment must be supervised by DAFF in a cold disinfestation treatment facility approved by DAFF and DOA. Avocado fruit

for export to the Kingdom of Thailand may be treated concurrently with avocado fruit destined for other markets.

- 14.2 If a consignment is to receive pre-shipment cold disinfestation treatment, DAFF must ensure compliance with conditions specified in **Attachment 2**.

15. Requirements for In-Transit Cold Disinfestation Treatment

- 15.1 In-transit cold disinfestation treatment refers to cold disinfestation treatment conducted in-transit in shipping containers.
- 15.2 In-transit cold disinfestation treatment in shipping containers may be commenced on shore and completed in-transit or completed at destination.
- 15.3 If a consignment is to receive in-transit cold disinfestation treatment, DAFF must ensure compliance with conditions specified in **Attachment 3**. In addition, certificate of calibration for in-transit cold disinfestation treatment specified in **Attachment 4** must accompany with every consignment.

16. Requirements for Packing and Labeling

- 16.1 Packing material may be made of corrugated fiber-board, polystyrene, plastic or wooden crates which can be manufactured either from recycled material or virgin material. Where cartons are used, they must be clean and new.
- 16.2 Avocado fruit must be packed in a carton which is free from soil, sand and contaminating plant materials e.g. leaves, stem, plant debris or other potential carriers of quarantine pests.
- 16.3 For avocado fruit to be air freighted, avocado fruit must be packed to meet one of the following requirements.
- 16.3.1 Avocado fruit within a carton must be either enclosed in a net bag or enclosed fully (wrapped) in netting. The diameter of the hole must not be more than 1.6 millimeters. Or
- 16.3.2 Avocado fruit must be consigned in a carton in which, when closed, all air vent holes are sealed with netting. The diameter of the hole must not be more than 1.6 millimeters. Or
- 16.3.3 When the cartons of avocado fruit are palletized or otherwise assembled as a bundle, the bundle must be fully enclosed by a net of sealed in plastic. If a net is used, the diameter of the hole must not to be more than 1.6 millimeters.
- 16.4 For avocado fruit to be sea freighted, fruit shipped in cartons to be consigned by sea container, whether palletized or otherwise bundled, are exempt from the requirements specified in 16.3.

- 16.5 The package must have necessary information to facilitate tractability. However, it is required that, at least, the following information in English language must be appeared on each package;
- Produce of Australia
 - Name of exporting company
 - Name of fruit (common name)
 - Packinghouse registration number or Export establishment registration number
 - Orchard registration number
- 16.6 If avocado fruit is shipped to the Kingdom of Thailand in loose cartons, the following information “EXPORT TO THAILAND” must be appeared on each carton. However, if avocado fruit is shipped to the Kingdom of Thailand on pallets, it is allowable to have the following information “EXPORT TO THAILAND” appearing on each side.
- 16.7 All consignments of avocado fruit destined to the Kingdom of Thailand using solid wood packing material must comply with ISPM No. 15: *Regulation of Wood Packaging Material in International Trade*.

17. Export Inspection

- 17.1 The consignment must be inspected in accordance with appropriate official procedures and found to be free from any quarantine pest specified in **Attachment 1**.
- 17.2 In case of quarantine pests as specified in **Attachment 1** are found, the following measures must be undertaken.
- 17.2.1 If any live fruit flies are found, the consignment must be rejected for export to the Kingdom of Thailand.
- 17.2.2 If live quarantine pests other than fruit flies are detected, the consignment must be exported to the Kingdom of Thailand after disinfection/disinfestations or removing all of the pests.
- 17.3 If avocado fruit does not originate from a fruit fly pest free area, the consignment must be undergone an agreed treatment specified in Section 13.

18. Phytosanitary Certification

- 18.1 A phytosanitary certificate (PC) issued by DAFF is required. The original copy must accompany every consignment to the Kingdom of Thailand and bear the following additional declaration:

“The consignment of avocado fruit was produced and prepared for export in accordance with the conditions for import of avocado fruit from Australia to Thailand.”

18.2 Fruit fly pest free area

If the consignment originates from a fruit fly pest free area, the phytosanitary certificate must bear the following additional declaration:

“The consignment of avocado fruit was produced in (name of defined area) which is a pest free area for Northern Territory fruit fly, Jarvis' fruit fly, lesser Queensland fruit fly, Queensland fruit fly and Mediterranean fruit fly in Australia.”

18.3 Pre-shipment cold disinfestation treatment

If the consignment received pre-shipment cold disinfestation treatment then the cold treatment facility, treatment temperature and period (number of consecutive days) must be inserted in the appropriate sections of the phytosanitary certificate.

18.4 In-transit cold disinfestation treatment

18.4.1 If the consignment is subjected to in-transit cold disinfestation treatment, then the phytosanitary certificate must also bear the following additional declaration:

“DAFF has supervised the calibration and the placement of fruit sensors into the fruit within the container(s) in accordance with the conditions for import of avocado fruit from Australia to Thailand and cold disinfestation treatment has been initiated”

18.4.2 The original copy of certificate of calibration for in-transit cold disinfestation treatment specified in **Attachment 4** must accompany with the phytosanitary certificate.

18.5 The common name and scientific name of the avocado fruit and container and seal numbers (for sea freight) must be recorded on the phytosanitary certificate.

19. Import Inspection

19.1 When the consignments arrive at the point of entry in the Kingdom of Thailand, the import inspection must be conducted after confirming the respective documents accompanying the consignments concerned.

19.2 A representative sample of the consignments will be randomly selected, at the inspector's discretion, and examined to determine if pests are present. If live pests are found, samples will normally be sent for laboratory identification, and the consignments held pending the results.

- 19.3 For consignments of fruit of less than 1000 units, the sample size is either 450 units or 100% of consignment. For consignments of fruit of greater than or equal to 1000 units, then 600 units are to be sampled.
- 19.4 In case of quarantine pests of the Kingdom of Thailand concern as stipulate in **Attachment 1** are found during import inspection, the following measures must be taken;
- 19.4.1 Fruit fly
- (1) If live fruit flies are found, the infested consignment must be either re-exported or destroyed at the importer's expenses. The DOA immediately suspends importation and notifies to DAFF of the interception.
 - (2) DAFF shall immediately investigate the cause of such incidence and propose corrective actions. Suspension of import will be lift when the cause of non-compliance has been clarified and corrective actions have been implemented to the satisfaction of DOA.
- 19.4.2 If live quarantine pests other than fruit flies are found, the consignment must be either destroyed or re-exported or treated with appropriated treatment (if available) at the importer's expenses.
- 19.5 If any live organism of potential quarantine concern to the Kingdom of Thailand not listed in **Attachment 1** is found, the consignment shall be re-exported, destroyed or treated with appropriated treatment (if available) at the importer's expenses. The DOA reserved the right to temporary suspension of import from the identified pathway until a risk assessment of intercepted organisms is determined.
- 19.6 DOA reserved the right to have fruit re-exported or destroyed at the importer's expenses, if one of the following cases is found.
- 19.6.1 Cold disinfestation treatment was unsuccessfully.
- 19.6.2 Container doors are not completely closed.
- 19.6.3 Container seal is broken or replaced or does not match the number on the phytosanitary certificate.
- 19.6.4 Temperature sensor extends beyond the fruit or is not located in specified positions or sensor fruit was ruptured;
- 19.6.5 Packaging labeling is missing or incorrect or incomplete.

20. Audit of Export Procedures

- 20.1 The export of avocado fruit from production areas indicated in Section 8 in Australia to the Kingdom of Thailand shall only initiate after the DOA has already audited export certification procedures. The costs of such audits must be borne by Australia.
- 20.2 In the event of a suspension of import, DOA may audit export certification procedures in Australia prior to a decision being taken on resumption of import. Where DOA has determined that such audits are necessary, the costs of these audits must be borne by Australia.

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Attachment 1

List of Quarantine Pests of Avocado Fruit from Australia
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Scientific name	Common name
Insects	
Order Coleoptera	
Family Curculionidae	
<i>Pantomorus cervinus</i>	Fuller's rose beetle
Order Diptera	
Family Tephritidae	
<i>Bactrocera aquilonis</i>	Northern Territory fruit fly
<i>Bactrocera jarvisi</i>	Jarvis's fruit fly
<i>Bactrocera neohumeralis</i>	lesser Queensland fruit fly
<i>Bactrocera tryoni</i>	Queensland fruit fly
<i>Ceratitis capitata</i>	Mediterranean fruit fly
Order Hemiptera	
Family Diaspididae	
<i>Abgrallaspis cyanophylli</i>	cyanophyllum scale
<i>Fiorinia fioriniae</i>	fiorinia scale
Order Lepidoptera	
Family Lymantriidae	
<i>Acyphas leucomelas</i>	omnivorous tussock moth
Family Tortricidae	
<i>Cryptoptila immersana</i>	ivy leafroller
<i>Epiphyas postvittana</i>	light brown apple moth
<i>Isotenes miserana</i>	orange fruit borer
<i>Thaumatotibia zophoophanes</i>	avocado fruit borer
Plant pathogens	
Fungi	
<i>Pseudocercospora purpurea</i>	spot blotch

Requirements for Pre-Shipment Cold Disinfestation Treatment
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1. Requirements for Cold Treatment Facility

- 1.1 Pre-shipment disinfestation treatment must be only permitted in a cold treatment facility approved by DAFF and DOA. The cost of DOA officer (s) to visit and approve cold treatment facilities must be born by Australia.
- 1.2 DAFF is responsible for ensuring that cold treatment facilities used by exporters are of a suitable standard, have refrigeration equipment capable of achieving and holding the fruit at the required temperature and must be lockable to ensure the security and integrity of the fruit being treated.
- 1.3 DAFF must keep a register of cold treatment facilities approved for pre-shipment treatment. This register will include documentation covering;
- 1.3.1 location and construction plans of all facilities, including owner/operator contact detail,
- 1.3.2 dimensions of the facilities and room capacity,
- 1.3.3 type of insulation used in walls, ceiling and floors,
- 1.3.4 maker, model, type and capacity of the refrigeration condenser and evaporator air circulation,
- 1.3.5 the temperature range of the equipment, defrost cycle control and specifications and details of any integrated temperature recording equipment.
- 1.4 DAFF will forward to DOA names and addresses of currently registered cold treatment facilities before the start of each export season.

2. Requirements for Temperature Recording System

DAFF must ensure that temperature recording system, the combination of the cold treatment data recorders and fruit pulp temperature sensors, must meet the following criteria:

- 2.1 The system must be suitable for cold disinfestation treatment. The accuracy of the system must be within plus or minus 0.3 ° C of the true temperature in the range of minus 3 ° C to plus 3 ° C.

- 2.2 The system must be capable of automatic operation and able to accommodate a minimum of four fruit temperature sensors.
- 2.3 The system must be capable of continuous recording of date, time, identification of sensor number, and temperature during all calibrations and for the duration of treatment period.
- 2.4 The system must be capable of recording all temperature sensors at least once every hourly, with a resolution of 0.1 ° C and storing data until the information can be examined by an authority.
- 2.5 The system must be capable of producing printout which identifies each sensor, time and the temperature, as well as the identification number of the cold treatment facility.

3. Requirements for Temperature Sensors

- 3.1 Sensor's type must have an optimal accuracy for the temperature range of this cold treatment.
- 3.2 Sensors must have an outer sheath diameter of 6.4 millimeters or less. The sensing unit must be located within the first 25 millimeters or less of the sensor's tip. Sensors must be accurate to within plus or minus 0.3 ° C in the range of minus 3 ° C to plus 3 ° C.
- 3.3 Each sensor must be tagged with a number identical to sensor's number accompanying it readings in the printout produced by the temperature recording system.

4. Calibration of Temperature Sensors

- 4.1 Calibration of the temperature sensors must be conducted under the supervision of DAFF.
- 4.2 Calibration must be conducted using a mixture of crushed ice and distilled water in clean insulated container prior to the temperature sensors being placed in fruit.
- 4.3 Crushed ice must completely fill the container. Enough water should be added to stir the mixture. The percentage of ice is estimated at 80-85 percent while the water fills the air void (15-20 percent).
- 4.4 The mixture must be thoroughly stirred to ensure the water is completely cooled and good mixing has occurred. At least 10 minutes of adaptation period, is required to reach a steady state of 0 °C.
- 4.5 During the calibration, all the temperature sensors and the calibrated thermometer must be immersed in the ice water slurry without touching the sides or bottom of the container. The mixture must be constantly stirred while

testing is being carried out. Only after the readings are stabilized at the lowest constant temperature, the calibration readings can be conducted.

- 4.6 Two consecutive reading must be recorded for each sensor at the lowest temperature obtainable. There shall be at least a 60 second interval between the two readings for any one sensor; however, the interval should not exceed 5 minutes. The variance between the two readings must not exceed 0.1 ° C.
- 4.7 Any sensor which reading shows a deviation of more than plus and minus 0.3 ° C from the standard 0 ° C must be replaced and rejected for further use for cold treatment.

5. Placement of Temperature Sensors

- 5.1 Placement of temperature sensors and connection of temperature sensors to a data logger must be conducted under the supervision of DAFF.
- 5.2 Palletized fruit must be loaded into cold room under the supervision of DAFF and may be pre-cooled at the exporter's discretion.
- 5.3 Records for pre-shipment cold disinfestation treatment are required at least four temperature sensors to monitor fruit pulp temperature in a cool room.
- 5.4 The temperature sensor used to measure the fruit pulp temperature must be inserted carefully into the center of a test fruit. The test fruit shall be selected from the largest fruit size in the lot. With small fruit, the sensor shall penetrate two or more fruit. The sensor's tip must not be extended beyond the fruit, as well as fruit rupture and opened by sensor insertion, to prevent measuring air temperature instead of fruit pulp temperature. In these cases, the cold treatment is rejected.
- 5.5 Temperature sensors must be placed in a cool room in the following locations.
 - 5.5.1 A minimum of two sensors at the inlet (return air) and the outlet (supply air) point of air circulation must be used to measure room temperature.
 - 5.5.2 A minimum of four sensors must be used to measure innermost fruit pulp temperature in the following locations.
 - (1) one at the center of the stack, in the center of the cold room,
 - (2) one at the corner of the top stack, in the center of the cold room,
 - (3) one at the center of the stack near the outlet of cold air, and
 - (4) one at the corner of the top stack near the outlet of cold air

- 5.6 Data logger records may commence at any time, however the treatment time will be deemed to have begun only after all fruit temperature sensors have attained the nominated treatment temperature.
- 5.7 Where only the minimum of sensors have been used, and in the event that any fruit probes fails to record a temperature for a period of more than four consecutive hours, the treatment must be declared void and must be started again.

6. Confirmation of Treatment

- 6.1 The treatment shall be considered to have been successfully completed if the record of treatment indicates that the treatment parameters have been met and re-calibration of the sensors has been passed. Sensors are to be re-calibrated using the procedures in Section 4. Records must be kept for DOA audit.
- 6.2 If any sensor shows a higher calibration factor at the completion of the treatment than at the initial calibration setting, the recordings from the sensor (s) will be adjusted accordingly. If this adjustment reveals that the nominated treatment schedule is not met, the treatment must be deemed to have failed. There is the option of re-treating this fruit at the discretion of DAFF and the exporter.
- 6.3 Printouts of temperature records are to be accompanied by suitable data summaries that indicate that the required cold disinfestation treatment of the product has been achieved.
- 6.4 DAFF must endorse these records and summaries before confirm that the treatment has been successful. These are to be available for DOA audit when required.
- 6.5 If the required cold disinfestation treatment of the product has not been achieved, the logger may be reconnected and the treatment continued provides that:
- 6.5.1 DAFF confirms the maintenance of the required conditions as per Section 6.3 or
- 6.5.2 The elapsed time since treatment cessation and re-commencement is less than 24 hours.

In both cases, data will continue to be collected from the time the logger is reconnected.

7. Loading into Containers

- 7.1 Containers must be inspected by DAFF before loading to ensure pest freedom and that any vents are covered to prevent the entry of pests unless the vents are closed.

- 7.2 Fruit should be loaded within an insect proof building or using an insect proof enclosure between the cool room entrance and the container.

8. Sealing of Containers

- 8.1 After completion of loading, the container door must be closed properly and sealed with a numbered metal seal under DAFF supervision. The seal must be intact until arrival at the port of entry in the Kingdom of Thailand, where the DOA inspectors only are authorized to open it. Containers with a broken seal must be rejected.
- 8.2 The seal number must be recorded on the phytosanitary certificate.

9. Storage of Fruit If Not Immediately Loaded

Treated fruit not intended for immediate loading may be stored for subsequent shipment provided security conditions are maintained by DAFF:

- 9.1 If fruit is stored in the treatment room, the room's doors must be sealed.
- 9.2 If fruit is to be transferred to another room for storage, it must be transferred in a secure manner approved by DAFF and the room must contain no other fruit, and
- 9.3 Subsequent container loading must be performed under the supervision of DAFF in accordance with Section 7.

Requirements for In-Transit Cold Disinfestation Treatment
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1. Requirements for Containers

- 1.1 Container's types and series must be suitable for in-transit cold disinfestation treatment.
- 1.2 Containers must be self refrigerated shipping containers and must be equipped with a recording device. DAFF is responsible for ensuring that containers used by exporters are of a suitable type, and have refrigerator equipment capable of achieving and holding the required temperatures.

2. Requirements for Temperature Recording System

DAFF must ensure that temperature recording system, the combination of the cold treatment data recorders and fruit pulp temperature sensors, must meet the following criteria:

- 2.1 The system must be suitable for cold disinfestation treatment. The accuracy of the system must be within plus or minus 0.3 ° C of the true temperature in the range of minus 3 ° C to plus 3 ° C.
- 2.2 The system must be capable of automatic operation and able to accommodate a minimum of three fruit temperature sensors.
- 2.3 The system must be capable of continuous recording of date, time, sensor number, and temperature during all calibrations and for the duration of treatment period.
- 2.4 The system must be capable of recording all temperature sensors at least once every hourly, with a resolution of 0.1 ° C and storing data until the information can be examined by a DOA officer.
- 2.5 The system must be capable of producing printout which identifies each sensor, time and the temperature, as well as the identification number of the recorder and the container.

3. Requirements for Temperature Sensors

- 3.1 Sensor's type must have an optimal accuracy for the temperature range of this cold treatment.

- 3.2 Sensors must have an outer sheath diameter of 6.4 millimeters or less. The sensing unit must be located within the first 25 millimeters or less of the sensor's tip. Sensors must be accurate to within plus or minus 0.3 ° C in the range of minus 3 ° C to plus 3 ° C.
- 3.3 Each sensor must be tagged with a number identical to sensor's number accompanying its readings in the printout produced by the temperature recording system.

4. Calibration of Temperature Sensors

- 4.1 Calibration of the temperature sensors must be conducted under the supervision of DAFF.
- 4.2 Calibration must be conducted using a mixture of crushed ice and distilled water in a clean insulated container prior to the temperature sensors being placed in fruit.
- 4.3 Crushed ice must completely fill the container. Enough water should be added to stir the mixture. The percentage of ice is estimated at 80-85 percent while the water fills the air voids (15-20 percent).
- 4.4 The mixture must be thoroughly stirred to ensure the water is completely cooled and good mixing has occurred. At least 10 minutes of adaptation period, is required to reach a steady state of 0 ° C.
- 4.5 During the calibration, all the temperature sensors and the calibrated thermometer must be immersed in the ice water slurry without touching the sides or bottom of the container. The mixture must be constantly stirred while testing is being carried out. Only after the readings are stabilized at the lowest constant temperature, the calibration readings can be conducted.
- 4.6 Two consecutive readings must be recorded for each sensor at the lowest temperature obtainable. There shall be at least a 60 second interval between the two readings for any one sensor; however, the interval should not exceed 5 minutes. The variance between the two readings must not exceed 0.1 ° C.
- 4.7 Any sensor which reading shows a deviation of more than plus and minus 0.3 ° C from the standard 0 ° C must be replaced and rejected for further use for cold treatment.
- 4.8 A "Certificate of calibration for in-transit cold disinfestation treatment in self-refrigerated container" as shown in **Attachment 4** must be prepared for each container by a DAFF officer. The original copy must be attached to the phytosanitary certificate which accompanies the consignment.

5. Placement of Temperature Sensors

- 5.1 Loading of packed fruit into containers and placement of temperature sensors must be conducted under the supervision of DAFF.
- 5.2 Containers must be packed in an appropriate manner which ensures that there is even airflow under and around all pallets and loose stacked cartons.
- 5.3 Records for in-transit cold disinfestation treatment are required at least three temperature sensors to monitor innermost fruit pulp temperature in a container. These sensors must be distributed throughout the fruit in a representative cross section of the container that enables an adequate monitoring of the temperature.
- 5.4 The temperature sensor used to measure the fruit pulp temperature must be inserted carefully into the center of a test fruit. The test fruit shall be selected from the largest fruit size in the lot. With small fruit, the sensor shall penetrate two or more fruit. The sensor's tip must not be extended beyond the fruit, as well as fruit rupture and opened by sensor insertion, to prevent measuring air temperature instead of fruit pulp temperature. In these cases, the cold treatment is rejected.
- 5.5 Fruit temperature sensors must be placed in a 6 meter (20 foot) container and a 12 meter (40 foot) container in the following locations, as depicted in **Figure 1**.
 - 5.5.1 Two fruit pulp temperature sensors must be placed in boxes diagonally opposite at the side walls approximately 1 meter from the end of the load for a 6 meter container and approximately 1.5 meters from the end of the load for a 12 meter container.
 - 5.5.2 One fruit pulp temperature sensors must be placed in a box in the center of the container
 - 5.5.3 All three sensors must be placed at mid-height of the stack.

6. Sealing of Containers

- 6.1 After completion of loading, the container door must be closed properly and sealed with a numbered metal seal under DAFF supervision. The seal must be intact until arrival at the port of entry in the Kingdom of Thailand, where the DOA inspectors only are authorized to open it. Containers with a broken seal must be rejected.
- 6.2 The seal number must be recorded on the phytosanitary certificate.

7. Confirmation of Treatment

- 7.1 The in-transit arrangement is for the cold disinfestation treatment to be completed during the voyage between exporting country and the port of discharge in the Kingdom of Thailand. The Shipping Company shall download

the computer records of the cold disinfestation treatment and forward them to officer at port of entry.

- 7.2 DOA Bangkok Office must verify whether the treatment records meet disinfestation requirements and advise the DOA officer at the port of arrival that, subject to calibration of sensors, the treatment is complete.
- 7.3 On arrival DOA must check the calibration of the fruit temperature sensors using the method referred to in Section 4 and verify that the treatment records meet disinfestation requirements.
- 7.4 Re-calibration of the fruit sensors at the completion of the treatment which shows a higher than initial calibration setting, the recordings from the probe(s) will be adjusted accordingly.
- 7.5 If this adjustment reveals that the nominated treatment schedule was not met, the treatment will be deemed to have failed. The consignment must be re-exported or destroy at the importer's expenses.

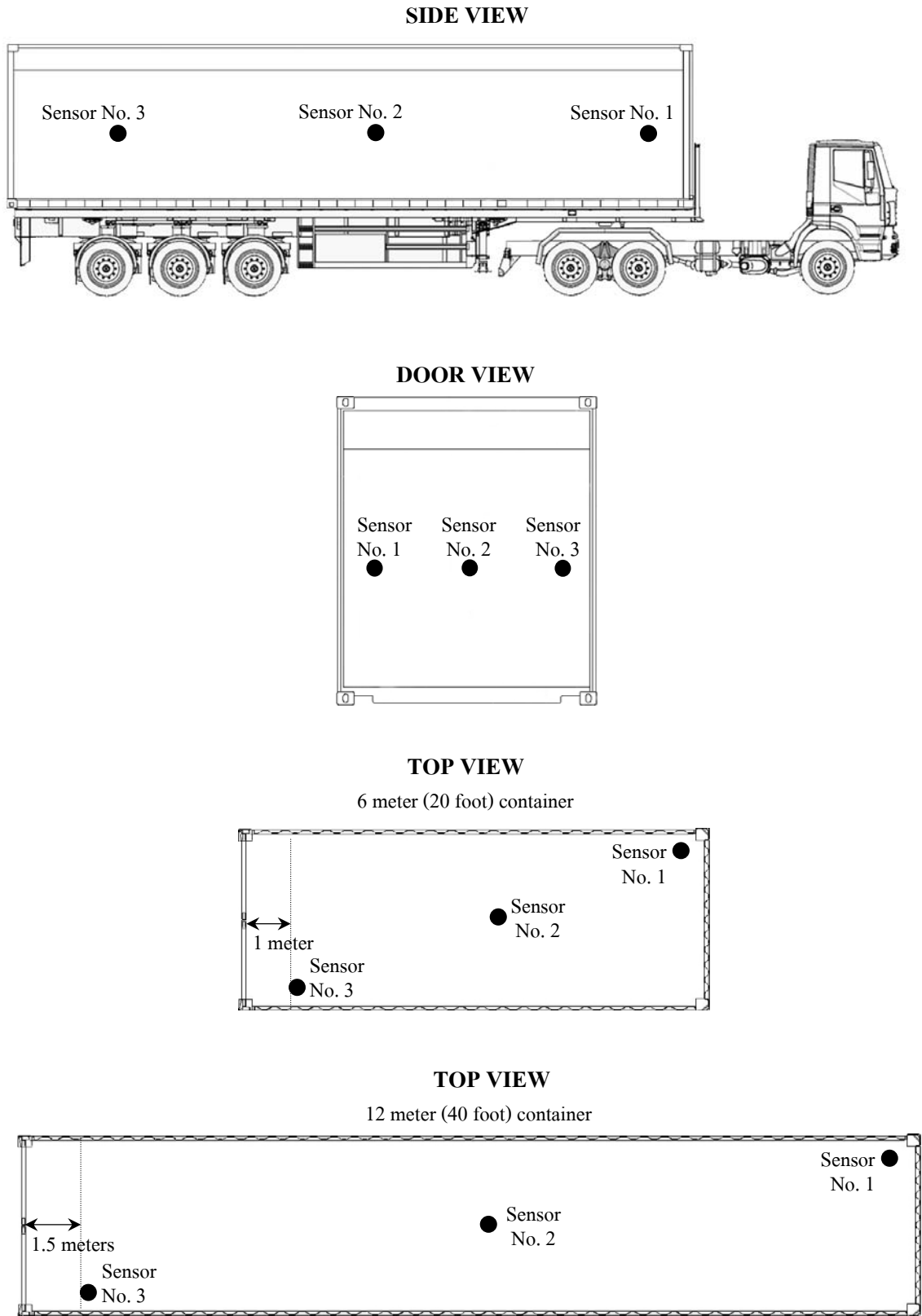


Figure 1. Placement of fruit temperature sensors in a container for in-transit cold disinfestation treatment.

Attachment 4

Certificate of Calibration for In-Transit Cold Disinfestation Treatment
in Self-Refrigerated Container for Thailand
Attached to Notification of Department of Agriculture
Re: Conditions for Import of Avocado Fruit from Australia B.E. 2556 (2013)

Exporter name:

Phytosanitary certificate number:

Container number:

Seal number:

Recorder serial number:

Date calibrated (dd/mm/yy):

1. Sensor calibration (at 0 °C):

Sensor Identification	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Correction factor
1
2
3

2. Sensor placement:

Sensor placement	Pulp temperature
1 Degrees Celsius
2 Degrees Celsius
3 Degrees Celsius

3. Container sealed:

Time: Date (dd/mm/yy):

Inspector name Inspector signature Stamp

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