



MARKET ACCESS ADVICE

Reference Number: MAA0840
Date of Issue: 27 October
Date of Effect: Immediately

Attention	Industry	United States listed export establishments Peak industry bodies - MLA, AMIC ARA, PFIAA, ASHLEA, RWTA Dairy Wine
	AQIS	Central and Regional offices ATMs OPVs and Meat inspection staff
Affected Markets		USA
Further Information		Contact : Suzanna Fisher suzanna.fisher@qis.gov.au , or Laura Timmins laura.timmins@qis.gov.au

Snail contamination on shipping containers has begun to disrupt trade with the US. Currently there are reports of shipping containers being held at US ports due to the detection of vineyard/pointed snails, which has resulted in US border authorities increasing the rate of inspection on all shipping containers originating from Australia.

US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) advise that some US ports (including Philadelphia) are enforcing an inspection protocol of 25 containers per vessel originating from Australia. This increased inspection rate covers all commodities, however may lead to delays for agricultural exporters.

In addition to this general increase in inspection rates, CBP advise that there will be 100% inspection for wine containers originating from Australia.

Industry groups are strongly advised review pre-export control measures (such as pre-export container inspection) to ensure shipping containers are not contaminated by vineyard snails or other quarantine risk material.

Previously, once snail detection levels decrease, the US has lowered inspection rates to their regular levels.

Action

Industry is strongly advised to review pre-export container inspections and other control measures aimed at minimising the risk of containers being contaminated with snails or other quarantine risk material.

The information provided above is current at the time of writing and is intended for use as guidance only and should not be taken as definitive or exhaustive. The Commonwealth endeavours to keep information current and accurate, however, it may be subject to change without notice. Exporters are encouraged to verify these details with their importers prior to undertaking production/exports. The Commonwealth will not accept liability for any loss resulting from reliance on information contained in this notice.