

Container Integrity and Snail Inspection Procedure

The following steps are recommended as standard procedures for all exporters and container packing facilities:

- Empty containers should be inspected at the point of pick-up (carrier's facility, depot, or terminal etc.) by the truck driver or other trucking company personnel to check for container integrity and no snail infestation
 - If at the point of empty pick-up the unit is found to have snails present or is in an unfit condition, the container should be rejected and replaced with a unit that is in acceptable condition.
- Upon receipt of a container at a packing facility, an external and internal visual inspection should be performed prior to loading with cargo.
- If containers are grounded at packing facilities, the packer should take appropriate measures to ensure a snail-free environment including laying salt and bait traps, and conduct regular inspections of the ground surface and periphery of their facilities.
- Prior to despatch of packed containers to carrier's nominated place of acceptance, a final visual inspection should be performed. If snail infestation is observed, steps should be taken to ensure that the container is snail free before it is delivered to the nominated place of acceptance.

All exporters and packing facilities are asked to actively increase their vigilance before the empty container is accepted or packed with export cargo.