



# Plant Exports Management System Information for industry, exporters and Authorised Officers



If you export plants or plant products from Australia or are a plant exports Authorised Officer, you need to know that there is a new IT system to simplify the plant export documentation process—the Plant Exports Management System (PEMS).

PEMS will reduce the average documentation time for commodity inspections—saving you time and money. It will facilitate a range of processes that will enable efficient export of plants and plant products from Australia.

PEMS will optimise the export inspection and documentation process through the efficient storage, transmission and reporting of inspection records and supporting documentation.

PEMS is being developed by the Department of Agriculture.

## What does this mean for me?

PEMS will make plant export operations more efficient and reliable by:

- reducing data entry times
- validating Authorised Officer competencies automatically
- storing inspection records and supporting documentation
- eliminating double handling of documents
- allowing you to electronically request authorisation of your RFP (due for inclusion in release two of PEMS, April 2014)
- being available 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- providing inspection documentation to exporters electronically.

## When will PEMS be available?

Release one is scheduled for November 2013 and PEMS will be rolled out across Australia between November 2013 and June 2014.

Release two is scheduled for April 2014 which will include the capacity to use PEMS when offline and contain provisions to record Export Compliant Goods Storage documentation.

## Key points

- PEMS will work on a range of devices such as desktop computers, laptops and tablets
- PEMS will make documentation processes more efficient, reducing export time
- PEMS will centralise and store export documentation. This will make keeping accurate records easier and accessing them faster
- PEMS will have an offline mode (release two)
- exporters will be able to request inspection appointments from the Department of Agriculture electronically through PEMS (release two)
- RFP authorisation will be requested from the Department of Agriculture electronically through PEMS (release two).



#### Quick facts

- proforma phytosanitary certificates will no longer be issued
- adjustments to records saved in PEMS can be made by Authorised Officers or some departmental staff if required
- PEMS can create reports for your establishment based on inspection data. This data will be stored in PEMS for seven years.

## How will I know how to use it?

Instructional material will be available in December 2013, available online at: [daff.gov.au/plantexportmanual](http://daff.gov.au/plantexportmanual). PEMS will also include an inbuilt help system to help you learn how to use it.

Face-to-face training will be available for internal and external Authorised Officers. Authorised Officers will be informed of training details and will be able to register themselves for training.

## For more information

For more information go to [daff.gov.au/plantexports](http://daff.gov.au/plantexports) or contact DAFF Plant Export Operations.

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