



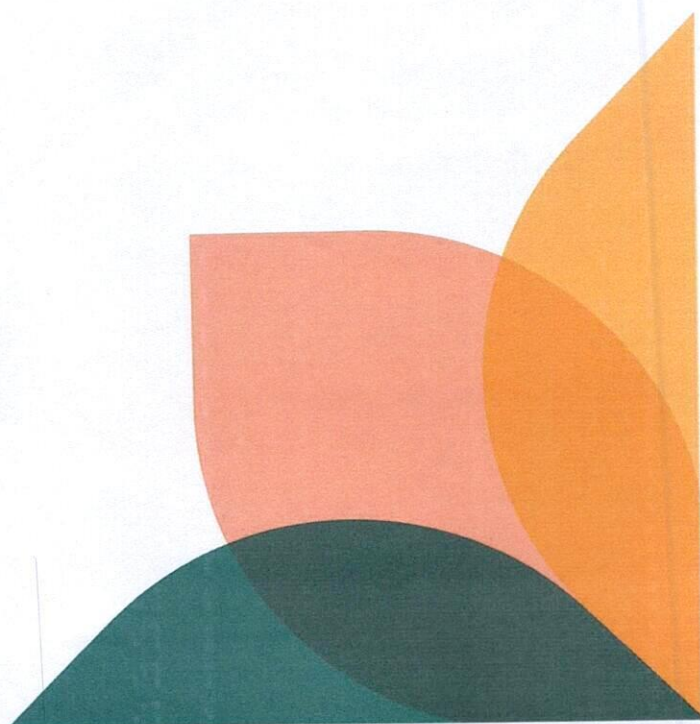
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Glossary

Term or abbreviation	Definition
Biosecurity risk material	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarantine pest • Regulated article • Contaminating pests (e.g., biological control agents not approved for release in Australia, predatory insects, hitchhiker pests) • Contaminant seed • Soil • Animal debris (e.g., hair, fur, faeces) • Plant debris (e.g., trash such as leaf, stem and other material not described in the goods description).
Consignment	A quantity of a commodity being moved from one country to another and covered, when required, by a single phytosanitary certificate. A consignment may be composed of one or more commodities or lots (FAO 2023a).
Farm	A place of production with defined boundaries. The term farm is used as the generic term for places of production that can include orchards, vineyards, greenhouses, etc.
Farm lot	A number of units of a single commodity, identifiable by its homogeneity of composition, origin, etc., that is sourced from a single farm.
Inspection	Official visual examination of plants, plant products or other regulated articles to determine if pests are present or to determine compliance with phytosanitary regulations (FAO 2023a).
Inspection lot	A number of units of a single commodity, identifiable by its homogeneity of composition, origin, etc., that is inspected under a single inspection.
Lot	A number of units of a single commodity, identifiable by its homogeneity of composition, origin, etc., forming part of a consignment (FAO 2023a).
Pest	Any species, strain or biotype of plant, animal or pathogenic agent injurious to plants or plant products. Note: In the IPPC, "plant pest" is sometimes used for the term "pest" (FAO 2023a).
Quarantine pest	A pest of potential economic importance to the area endangered thereby and not yet present there, or present but not widely distributed and being officially controlled (FAO 2023a).
Regulated article	Any plant, plant product, storage place, packaging, conveyance, container, soil and any other organism, object or material capable of harbouring or spreading pests, deemed to require phytosanitary measures, particularly where international transportation is involved (FAO 2023a).

Operational Work Plan: Overview

This document includes the joint understanding between Viet Nam and Australia of the requirements for the export of fresh horticulture produce from Viet Nam to Australia. The fresh produce covered by this document is:

Passionfruit (*Passiflora edulis*)

Revisions to the work plan must be agreed to by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development's Plant Protection Department (PPD) and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (the department) prior to implementation.

Sections 1 to 7 of this work plan describe arrangements that apply to all commodities covered by this document. Arrangements that apply to specific commodities are described in the relevant Appendix.

Goods produced under this work plan must meet import conditions as published in Australia's Biosecurity Import Conditions (BICON) database (bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0/).

1 Roles and responsibilities

1.1 The National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO) of Viet Nam, PPD

- I. The NPPO of Viet Nam, through the Plant Protection Department (PPD), is responsible for the implementation of the pre-export requirements of this work plan. This includes:
 - a. maintaining a system of traceability and security of goods for export to Australia from farm through to export,
 - b. registering entities involved in the export supply chain,
 - c. ensuring all entities in the export supply chain are aware of Australia's import requirements,
 - d. verifying phytosanitary measures are applied effectively by ensuring appropriate training, procedural documentation, equipment, and infrastructure is in place,
 - e. having effective and accurate phytosanitary inspection and certification processes,
 - f. investigating non-compliance and implementing corrective actions in a timely manner,
 - g. verifying ongoing compliance of all registered entities through audit,
 - h. having a strong regulatory framework in place for the use of third parties and authorised personnel when undertaking activities on behalf of PPD,
 - i. notifying the NPPO of Australia of phytosanitary activities undertaken by third parties, including but not limited to:
 - i. treatments for the management of quarantine pests
 - ii. pre-export phytosanitary inspection
 - iii. diagnostic services for the identification of quarantine pests for Australia
 - iv. audit of the export supply chain (i.e., the system or phytosanitary measures)
 - j. maintaining and providing the NPPO of Australia, upon request, records of activities including (but not limited to) registration, inspection, training, audits, and approved operating procedures,
 - k. notifying the NPPO of Australia of detections of quarantine pests that are being managed by area freedom, and
 - l. supporting the NPPO of Australia undertake audit and verification of the agreed import requirements, when required.

1.2 The NPPO of Australia, the department

- I. The NPPO of Australia, through the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (the department), is responsible for:
 - a. verifying phytosanitary compliance of the goods when they arrive in Australia,
 - b. notifying PPD in a timely manner of any issues of non-compliance detected on arrival, allowing PPD to investigate and implement corrective actions as required,
 - c. notifying PPD of any changes in import conditions as published in BICON, and
 - d. verifying that the responsibilities of all participants regarding the technical commitments in these work plans are properly executed.

2 General requirements

2.1 Permitted goods

- I. The goods must be a permitted commodity under Australia's *Biosecurity Act 2015*. This means:
 - a. The goods are listed on the *List of Fresh Produce for Human Consumption with Alternative Conditions for Import* as referenced in the *Biosecurity (Conditionally Non-prohibited Goods) Determination 2021*; or
 - b. A valid import permit has been issued allowing the importation of the goods.
- II. Permitted goods have import conditions published in Australia's biosecurity import conditions database, BICON.

2.2 On-farm production

2.2.1 Commercial production

- I. Farms involved in the export of fresh produce must be commercial farms producing commercial quality fruit or vegetables.

Commercial farms are farms that have:

- a. an established hygiene program,
- b. effective record keeping enabling the traceability of the fresh produce through the production process, and
- c. pest and disease monitoring by qualified personnel.

A hygiene program includes, but is not limited to:

- d. pest management and control,
- e. cleaning and maintaining pruning and harvesting equipment,
- f. weed control, and
- g. measures to control fallen/rotten produce to reduce the risk of cross-contamination.

2.2.2 Registration

- I. Specific registration requirements for the farms (or growers) are described in the Appendices.
- II. Where farms involved in the export of fresh produce are required to be registered by PPD, PPD will:

- a. register and approve the farm before commencement of harvest each season,
 - b. assign a unique identification code to enable trace-back of the fresh produce to the farm,
 - c. maintain a list of registered farms, which is made available to the department if requested, and
 - d. have a system for the ongoing audit and verification of farms.
- III. Where specific phytosanitary measures are required to be applied at the farm (e.g., area freedom or in-field activities), PPD must apply the requirements set out above in Paragraph II, and ensure the farm:
 - a. maintains quarantine integrity (i.e., security) of the fresh produce from harvest to packing house,
 - b. has in place documentation describing the processes and procedures of the in-field activities applied that are associated with the phytosanitary measure, and
 - c. maintains records of in-field activities associated with the phytosanitary measure.
- IV. Registered farms must work with and assist PPD manage biosecurity risk, as required. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. assisting investigations into non-compliance,
 - b. implementing corrective actions when required, and
 - c. if applying a specific phytosanitary measure, notifying PPD of detections of quarantine pests for Australia that are being managed by the specific phytosanitary measure.

2.3 Packing houses

- I. Specific registration requirements for the packing houses are described in the Appendices.
- II. Packing houses involved in the export of fresh produce to Australia are required to be registered by PPD. PPD must:
 - a. register and approve the packing house before the commencement of harvest each season,
 - b. assign a unique identification code to the packhouse which will enable trace-back of the fresh produce to the packing house,
 - c. maintain a list of registered packing houses, which is made available to the department if requested, and
 - d. have a system for the ongoing audit and verification of farms.
- III. Registered packing houses must have:

- a. a documented receival process to ensure the fresh produce is from registered farms, only.
- b. a documented hygiene program that includes cleaning of equipment, pest trapping and monitoring, and removal of contaminating/non-compliant material or produce.

This must include cleaning of equipment prior to the commencement of processing fresh produce for export to Australia if the packing house also supplies to domestic or other international markets.
- c. a documented training program that includes awareness of pests of biosecurity concern for Australia and activities to manage biosecurity risk.
- d. effective record keeping of packing house activities associated with the specific phytosanitary measure.
- e. a system of record keeping enabling trace back of the packed fresh produce from the packing house to the farm and the treatment provider (if relevant).
- f. procedures and equipment to ensure the fresh produce is kept secure and free from infestation throughout processes and storage in the packing house and during transport to a treatment or export facility, as required.

IV. Registered packing houses must work with and assist PPD to manage biosecurity risk, as required. This includes, but is not limited to:

- a. assisting investigations into non-compliance,
- b. implementing corrective actions when required, and
- c. if applying a specific phytosanitary measure, notifying PPD of detections of quarantine pests for Australia that are being managed by the specific phytosanitary measure.

2.4 Treatment facilities

- I. Specific registration requirements for the treatment facilities are described in the Appendices.
- II. Treatment facilities involved in the export of fresh produce to Australia are required to be registered. PPD must:
 - a. register and approve the treatment provider for the treatment of specified goods for export to Australia.
 - b. assign a unique identification code to enable trace-back of the fresh produce to the treatment provider.
 - c. maintain a list of registered treatment providers, which is made available to the department if requested, and
 - d. have a system for the ongoing audit and verification of treatment providers.

III. Registered treatment facilities must have:

- a. a documented receival process to ensure the fresh produce is from registered packing houses, only.
- b. a documented hygiene program that includes cleaning of equipment, pest trapping and monitoring, and removal of contaminating/non-compliant material or produce.

This must include cleaning of equipment prior to the commencement of treating fresh produce for export to Australia if the treatment facility also supplies to domestic or other international markets.
- c. a documented maintenance program that includes records of maintenance activities and calibration of equipment, as required.
- d. a documented training program that includes awareness of pests of biosecurity concern for Australia and activities to manage biosecurity risk.
- e. effective record keeping of treatment activities associated with the specific phytosanitary measure.
- f. a system of record keeping enabling trace back of the fresh produce from the treatment provider to the packing house and the farm.
- g. procedures and equipment to ensure the fresh produce is kept secure and free from infestation throughout treatment and storage in the facility and during transport to the export facility, as required.

IV. Where the treatment facility is an irradiation facility, the facility must be registered by the national nuclear agencies and approved by both PPD and the department before the treatment provider is permitted to treat fresh produce for export to Australia.

- a. The department may recognise PPD's approval of other treatment facilities where it is supported by ongoing audit and verification activities by both PPD and the department.

V. Registered treatment facilities must work with and assist PPD to manage biosecurity risk as required. This includes, but is not limited to:

- a. assisting investigations into non-compliance,
- b. implementing corrective actions when required, and
- c. notifying PPD of detections of quarantine pests for Australia that are being managed by the treatment.

2.5 Packing and labelling

- I. All packaging used for the export of fresh produce to Australia must be free from biosecurity risk material.

- II. Fresh produce must be packed, stored and transported in a way that is insect proof and secure.

One of the following methods must be used:

- a. **integral cartons:** produce may be packed in integral (fully enclosed) cartons (packages) with boxes having no ventilation holes and lids tightly fixed to the bases.
- b. **ventilation holes of cartons covered:** cartons (packages) with ventilation holes must have the holes covered/sealed with a mesh/screen of no more than 1.6mm pore size (or no more than 0.98mm pore size if the produce is a host for *Drosophila suzukii*) and not less than 0.16mm strand thickness. Alternatively, the vent holes could be taped over.
- c. **polythene liners:** vented cartons (packages) with sealed polythene liners/bags within are acceptable (folded polythene bags are acceptable).
- d. **meshed or shrink-wrapped pallets or Unit Loading Devices (ULDs):** ULDs transporting cartons with open ventilation holes/gaps, or palletised cartons with ventilation holes/gaps must be fully covered or wrapped with polythene/plastic/foil sheet or mesh/screen of no more than 1.6mm diameter pore size and not less than 0.16mm strand thickness.
- e. **produce transported in fully enclosed containers:** cartons (packages) with holes as loose boxes or on pallets may be transported in fully enclosed containers. Enclosed containers include 6-sided container with solid sides, or ULDs with tarpaulin sides that have no holes or gaps. The container must be transported from Viet Nam to the inspection point in Australia intact.

Important note: Not all secure packaging methods are available for all fresh produce exported to Australia. The secure packaging methods permitted for the specified fresh produce are detailed in the Appendices.

- IV. Packaging material must be synthetic or highly processed if of plant origin. Unprocessed packaging material of plant origin, such as straw, is not allowed.
- V. All wood material used in packaging of fresh produce must comply with the department's conditions as described in BICON.
- VI. Information to support the trace back of the fresh produce must be printed or visible on the packaging. Specific labelling requirements are detailed in the Appendices.

2.6 Security and storage

- I. PPD must ensure that fresh produce that has been packed, treated (if relevant), and undergone phytosanitary inspection for export to Australia, will be:
 - a. maintained in secure conditions prior to export. This may be achieved through one or more of the following:
 - i. using secure cartons or pallets (refer Section 2.5 Packaging and labelling).

- ii. segregating the fruit for export to Australia using physical barriers and separate storage facilities. Examples include insect-proof spaces, insect-proof shipping containers, or cool rooms.
- iii. using distance within an insect-proof space. Isolation by distance can be achieved if goods are kept in a cool room (held at 5°C or below) and are at least 0.5 metres from any other goods or if outside a cool room at a temperature of greater than 5°C at least a 1 metre separation from any other goods.
- iv. utilising an additional secure consignment method as detailed in the Appendices.

Important note:

- i. If fresh produce is sourced from a fruit fly pest free area or has been irradiated, 'secure cartons or pallets' is the only approved option for maintaining product security during storage and transport.
 - ii. If fresh produce is moved from a fruit fly pest free area to a packing house outside the fruit fly pest free area or has been irradiated and is removed from the secure cartons or pallets — the fresh produce can only be re-packed or inspected in an insect-proof space that has no other untreated product in it.
 - iii. Using distance is not permitted when, securing the fresh produce from a fruit fly pest free area in a non-fruit fly pest free area, the fresh produce has been irradiated or the fresh produce is being transported.
 - iv. If irradiated fresh produce is not in 'secure cartons or pallets', or the 'secure cartons or pallets' are split or damaged, the fresh produce will be subject to export or disposal. The department cannot verify that live pests have been irradiated or the produce has been contaminated (infested) post-treatment.
- b. Clearly identified in the packhouse and loading area as being for export to Australia. This may be achieved through signage, floor markings or electronic tracking of goods.

3 Phytosanitary inspection and certification by PPD

3.1 Pre-export phytosanitary inspection

3.1.1 Goods

- I. Fresh produce must be inspected by PPD in accordance with ISPM 23: Guidelines for inspection (FAO 2019b).
 - a. Inspection of fresh produce must use techniques that can detect all life stages of quarantine pests and regulated articles listed in the relevant Appendix.
 - b. The specific methodology of phytosanitary inspections (i.e., farm lot or consignment) is detailed in the relevant Appendix.
- II. Fresh produce must be sampled for inspection in accordance with ISPM 31: Methodologies for sampling of consignments (FAO 2016).

Australia requires sampling and inspection to provide a 95% confidence level that infestations of more than 0.5% would be detected.

Important note: Where phytosanitary treatments are used that result in pest mortality, it is Australia's preference for inspection to occur after the treatment is applied. If the treatment is irradiation or in-transit cold treatment the inspection must occur before the treatment is applied.

3.1.2 Managing non-compliance at pre-export inspection

- I. PPD, or trained authorised personnel, must identify biosecurity risk material detected at pre-export phytosanitary inspection. This includes:
 - a. Quarantine pests and regulated articles for Australia associated with the fresh produce as listed in the relevant Appendix.
 - b. Organisms not listed in the relevant Appendix. PPD may contact the department at imports@aff.gov.au to seek further information on the quarantine status of the detected organism for Australia.
 - c. Other biosecurity risk material such as trash (for example, loose stem and leaf material), contaminant seeds, soil, and animal matter.
- II. Should live quarantine pests, regulated articles and other biosecurity risk material be detected at pre-export inspection, the fresh produce of the inspection lot is considered to have failed the inspection.

PPD must manage this inspection failure by:

- a. withdrawing the fresh produce inspection lot from export to Australia, or

- b. undertaking remedial management to mitigate biosecurity risk.
 - i. Remedial management includes activities such as applying an approved treatment on the inspection lot to ensure that the pest is no longer viable or 'reconditioning' to remove contaminant material.
 - ii. Remedial treatments may be used to manage arthropod pests. Treatments must be effective in managing all life stages of the pest and result in the inspection lot passing re-inspection for export.
 - iii. Other biosecurity risk material such as trash, contaminant seeds, animal debris and soil can be managed by 'reconditioning'. After 'reconditioning', the produce must be presented for re-inspection.

Important note:

- i. If fruit fly is detected, remedial management is not permitted; unless the phytosanitary treatment is irradiation at an approved dose to manage target fruit flies.
 - ii. Where remedial management is not permitted, the fresh produce must be withdrawn from export to Australia.
 - III. Specific management actions for the fresh produce and quarantine pest are described in the relevant Appendix.
 - IV. Where specific phytosanitary measures are required to be applied to manage a quarantine pest or regulated article and the fresh produce inspection lot has failed the inspection, PPD must:
 - a. immediately investigate the source of the quarantine pest and regulated article,
 - b. implement corrective actions, and
 - i. Corrective actions may be applied at the farm, packing house and/or treatment facility depending on the outcomes of the investigation.
 - c. immediately undertake actions relevant to the phytosanitary measure as outlined below:
 - i. Where the phytosanitary measure is area freedom, PPD must immediately cease trade in the fresh produce under area freedom.
 - ii. Where the phytosanitary measure is in-field activities (or a systems approach), PPD must immediately suspend the farm and/or packing house until an investigation has been undertaken and corrective actions applied.
 - iii. Where the phytosanitary measure is a treatment, PPD must immediately suspend the treatment provider until an investigation has been undertaken and correction actions applied.
- A review of the application of the treatment across the export pathway may be required.

- V. PPD must maintain records of detections of quarantine pests and regulated articles during the pre-export inspection, and make them available to the department, if requested.

3.1.3 Containers

- I. PPD, or an authorised officer, must inspect the empty container (air or sea) to ensure it is free of biosecurity risk material before loading with consignments of fresh produce for Australia.

3.2 Phytosanitary certification by PPD

- I. PPD must only certify fresh produce for export to Australia that is free of quarantine pests, regulated articles and other biosecurity risk material.
 - a. PPD will issue a phytosanitary certificate for each consignment after the pre-export phytosanitary inspection and only if PPD has determined that the consignment meets Australia's import conditions.
- II. Each phytosanitary certificate must include:
 - a. additional declarations as described in BICON and the relevant appendix, and as required in ISPM 12: Phytosanitary certificates (FAO 2022).
 - b. sufficient information to reconcile the consignment. This may include farm, packing house and treatment facility identification codes, shipment identification codes, container, and seal numbers (for sea freight only), and volume and number of cartons.
 - c. treatment details including the treatment schedule, if a treatment was applied to the fresh produce.
- III. Other documentation (e.g., a treatment certificate) may also be required to accompany the phytosanitary certificate, as described in the Appendices and BICON.
- IV. All documentation must comply with ISPM 12: Phytosanitary certificates (FAO 2022), and Australia's *minimum documentary and import declaration requirements policy*.

3.3 Transit

- I. To comply with Australia's import conditions, goods certified for export to Australia must remain secure in transit to Australia. This means that:
 - a. Containers (sea and enclosed air-freight containers) must not be opened in transit.
 - b. A consignment must be shipped (air or sea) directly from one port or city in Viet Nam to a designated port or city in Australia or trans-shipped in sealed containers.
- II. Where a consignment is stored, split up or has its packaging changed while in transit, the NPPO in that country (or countries) must issue a 'Re-export Phytosanitary Certificate'.

- a. Where a consignment is held under bond because of the need to change conveyances, and it is kept in the original container, a 'Re-export Phytosanitary Certificate' is not required.

4 Audit by PPD

- I. PPD must have a system in place for monitoring and auditing registered farms, packing houses and treatment facilities to ensure that all requirements are met.
- II. PPD must maintain records of audits undertaken and make them available to the department, if requested.

5 On-arrival verification by the department

5.1 Phytosanitary inspection and biosecurity clearance

- I. The fresh produce will be verified by the department on arrival in Australia. The original phytosanitary certificate, treatment certificate (where required) and documentation will be examined for each consignment for verification purposes at the first port of entry in Australia prior to release from biosecurity control.
- II. The department officers will conduct an inspection of the packing, labelling and security of the consignment as well as for quarantine pests, regulated articles and biosecurity risk material.

5.2 On-arrival sampling and inspection technique

5.2.1 Sampling per consignment

- I. A random sample will be taken per phytosanitary certificate.
- II. Consignments of fresh produce will be sampled for inspection at one of the following rates:

Units of fruit listed on the phytosanitary certificate	Number of pieces of fruit randomly sampled for inspection
> 1000	600
450 – 999	450
< 450	All

- III. The fruit in the consignment will be sampled proportionally across a single phytosanitary certificate. If a consignment has multiple farm lots associated with a single phytosanitary certificate, the fruit will be sampled across all farm lots, with the number of pieces of fruit from each farm lot being proportional to the number of pieces of fruit in each farm lot to that of the consignment.

5.2.2 Inspection methodology

- I. The specific inspection methodology for the fresh produce is detailed in the Appendices.

5.3 On-arrival detections and biosecurity outcomes

- I. If quarantine pests, regulated articles and biosecurity risk material are detected, the goods will be placed on hold pending identification and assessment of the risks. If the detection is

of biosecurity concern, the consignment will require remedial management (where an effective management option is available) or be exported or destroyed. Any required action will be at the importer's expense.

- II. The department may notify PPD of any detections of quarantine pests, regulated articles, and biosecurity risk material.
- III. The department may request PPD investigate the source of the non-compliance and take appropriate action to manage the pest to ensure detections of the pest do not re-occur (as per Section 3.1.2, paragraph II.).

In addition to the actions described in Section 3.1.2, paragraph II., the department may request PPD investigate its sampling and pre-export inspection technique if pests detected on arrival should have been detected at pre-export inspection.

- IV. If consignments are repeatedly found to arrive with live quarantine pests and/or regulated articles, the department may review the trade in fresh produce from Viet Nam and consider enhanced phytosanitary measures, including mandatory phytosanitary treatment.
- V. Other actions, including partial or complete suspension of the import of fresh produce from Viet Nam, may be implemented. The department's decision to suspend trade partially or completely will depend on the importance of the pest found in the consignment. For example, if the pest is identified to be a quarantine fruit fly; or is identified to be a quarantine pest for Australia that Viet Nam is recorded to be free from.
- VI. The department reserves the right to suspend the trade of fresh produce from Viet Nam, pending an investigation by PPD and a review by the department. Trade will recommence when the department is satisfied with the outcome of PPD's investigation and confirmation that appropriate corrective action has been undertaken.
- VII. If an organism is detected on fresh produce from Viet Nam that has not been assessed in the final import risk analysis report, the department will undertake an assessment to determine its quarantine status and if phytosanitary action is required.

6 Audit by the department

- I. The department may request to audit the implementation of the agreed import requirements, which could include, for example, registration, pest management, the system of monitoring/auditing and trace-back system.
- II. Audit may be via desk audit and/or site visit as required.
- III. Where a site audit is deemed necessary, costs associated with travel will be funded by PPD and/or Viet Nam's industry (relevant to the specific fresh produce). Travel costs include:
 - a. International and domestic flights (including domestic travel)
 - b. Accommodation
 - c. Meals
 - d. Travel insurance
- IV. The department will fund costs associated with salaries of departmental officers.

7 Review of policy

- I. The department reserves the right to review the import policy at any time after trade commences or when there is reason to believe that the phytosanitary status of Viet Nam has changed.
- II. PPD must inform the department immediately on detection of any new pests or diseases of fresh produce in Viet Nam that may be of potential biosecurity concern to Australia.

Appendix A: Passionfruit (*Passiflora edulis*)

This appendix includes the joint understanding between Viet Nam and Australia of the requirements for the export of passionfruit from Viet Nam to Australia. This appendix is based on the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's *Passionfruit from Viet Nam: biosecurity import requirements final report* (the report) and refer Viet Nam National Technical Standard (TCVN) 11411:2016 issued by Ministry of Science and Technology of Viet Nam regarding the quality of fresh passionfruit for commerce.

Revisions to the appendix must be agreed to by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development's Plant Protection Department (PPD) and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (the department) prior to implementation.

Both PPD and the department retain the right to withdraw from the workplan upon notice to the corresponding country.

A1. Applicable goods

Passionfruit (*Passiflora edulis*)

The permitted applicable good is passionfruit (*Passiflora edulis*) that is commercially produced in Viet Nam for export to Australia, for human consumption.

Passionfruit is defined as the entire fruit comprising the skin, flesh, seeds, with or without a small portion of peduncle (up to 3cm).

A2. Registration of entities

Packing houses and treatment facilities approved by PPD to export passionfruit to Australia must be registered as outlined in Sections 2.3 (Packing houses) and 2.4 (Treatment facilities) of this work plan and PPD's *Guidance document no. 1776/BNN-BVTV on registration procedure and management for orchards and packing houses of agricultural products for exporting*.

Farms producing passionfruit for export to Australia may be registered by PPD in accordance with guidance document no. 1776/BNN-BVTV.

A3. Quarantine pests

The following organisms are considered by the department to be quarantine pests and/or regulated articles for Australia associated with passionfruit from Viet Nam. This list is not exhaustive and additional quarantine pests or regulated articles may be added later. Any quarantine pests or regulated articles intercepted on arrival in Australia will be actioned.

Note: *Selenaspidus articulatus*, a quarantine pest for Australia, was assessed in the report as being associated with passionfruit from Viet Nam. *Selenispidus articulatus* is also a quarantine pest for

Viet Nam. This pest has not been included in the operational work plan, noting Suh's (2016) record of *S. articulatus* on coffee beans from Viet Nam is the only record of the pest from Viet Nam.

Pest	Common Name
Arthropods	
Diptera [Flies]	
<i>Bactrocera dorsalis</i>	Oriental fruit fly
<i>Zeugodacus cucurbitae</i>	Melon fly
<i>Zeugodacus tau</i>	Pumpkin fruit fly
Hemiptera [Bugs]	
<i>Planococcus minor</i> ^{WA}	Pacific mealybug
<i>Chrysomphalus dictyospermi</i> ^{WA}	Dictyospermum scale
<i>Pseudaulacaspis pentagona</i> ^{WA}	Mulberry scale
Thysanoptera [Thrips]	
<i>Frankliniella schultzei</i> species complex ^a	Cotton thrips
<i>Scirtothrips dorsalis</i> ^{RA}	Chilli thrips
<i>Thrips palmi</i> ^{a, SA, WA}	Melon thrips
Acariformes [Mites]	
<i>Brevipalpus phoenicis</i> species complex ^a	False spider mite
<i>Tetranychus piercei</i>	Spider mite

^a Quarantine species that is also identified as a regulated article for Australia as it vectors quarantine viruses.

^{RA} Regulated article

^{WA} Regional quarantine pest for Western Australia

^{SA} Regional quarantine pest for South Australia

A4. Risk management measures for quarantine pests

The report recommended specific phytosanitary risk management measures to reduce the biosecurity risk to an acceptable level for the following quarantine pests and regulated articles associated with fresh passionfruit from Viet Nam.

A4.1 Fruit flies, mealybugs, scale insects and false spider mites (*Bactrocera dorsalis*, *Zeugodacus cucurbitae*, *Zeugodacus tau*, *Planococcus minor*, *Chrysomphalus dictyospermi*, *Pseudaulacaspis pentagona* and *Brevipalpus phoenicis* species complex)

Fruit treatment - Irradiation

The passionfruit must undergo irradiation treatment at an approved facility (refer section A6.1), at the following schedule:

- Minimum absorbed dose of 400 Gy.

A4.2 Thrips and spider mites (*Frankliniella schultzei* species complex, *Scirtothrips dorsalis*, *Thrips palmi*, and *Tetranychus piercei*)

Pre-export visual inspection and, if found, remedial action

Pre-export visual inspection and remedial action, if required, must be undertaken as per section 3.1 Pre-export phytosanitary inspection in this document and Section A9. Managing detections of quarantine pests, regulated articles, and biosecurity risk material in this Appendix.

A5. Packing house processes

A5.1 Registration

The packing houses are registered in accordance with Viet Nam's guidance document 1776/BNN-BVTV. The process includes:

- Packing houses submit an application for an export registration to the local plant protection authority.
- PPD evaluates whether the packing house complies with the regulations and meets the requirements of Viet Nam and the importing country.
- Assign unique registration numbers to the qualified packing houses and notify the importing country.
- Conduct annual monitoring.

A6. Treatment processes

The irradiation treatment will be applied as outlined in the Irradiation Work Plan.

A6.1 Approved facilities

The irradiation facilities approved to treat passionfruit for export to Australia are:

- Son Son Corporation (002)
E4/52 Binh Tri Dong B Ward
Binh Tan District
Ho Chi Minh City
- Toan Phat Irradiation (03/IRR-BVTV)
Block A24-1, Horizontal Road 1st
Phu An Thanh Industrial Park
An Thanh Commune
Ben Luc District
Long An Province

A7. Packing and labelling

Passionfruit for export to Australia will be secured using one of the following secure consignment methods:

- a. **integral cartons:** produce may be packed in integral (fully enclosed) cartons (packages) with boxes having no ventilation holes and lids tightly fixed to the bases.
- b. **ventilation holes of cartons covered:** cartons (packages) with ventilation holes must have the holes covered/sealed with a mesh/screen of no more than 1.6mm pore size and not less than 0.16mm strand thickness. Alternatively, the vent holes could be taped over.

Passionfruit for export to Australia will be labelled with the following details:

- The statement “Product of Viet Nam”
- Fruit type (i.e., Passionfruit)
- Packing house code / name / registration number
- Treatment facility code / name / registration number
- Treatment identification code (TIN)

A8. Pre-export phytosanitary inspection

The pre-export phytosanitary inspection for fresh passionfruit will be conducted according to the procedures regulated in Circular No. 33/2014/TT-BNNPTNT dated October 30, 2014, on procedures for plant quarantine upon import, export and transit and post-import quarantine of articles subject to plant quarantine.

The sampling process for inspection will be regulated in National technical regulation QCVN 01-141:2013/BNNPTNT “National technical regulation on phytosanitary sampling methods”. The national technical regulation was developed in accordance with ISPM No. 31 Methodologies for sampling of consignments.

A9. Managing detections of quarantine pests, regulated articles, and biosecurity risk material at pre-export inspection

A9.1 Quarantine fruit flies, mealybugs, scale insects and false spider mites

If quarantine fruit flies (*Bactrocera dorsalis*, *Zeugodacus cucurbitae*, *Z. tau*), mealybugs (*Planococcus minor*), scale insects (*Chrysomphalus dictyospermi*, *Pseudaulacaspis pentagona*, and false spider mites (*Brevipalpus phoenicis* species complex) are detected during pre-treatment phytosanitary inspection¹, PPD may proceed to treat passionfruit with irradiation treatment.

¹ Pre-treatment phytosanitary inspection is the pre-export inspection for goods undergoing irradiation treatment.

Once treated, passionfruit must be kept secure and insect-proof, and the cartons must remain integral until passionfruit arrives in Australia.

Important note: If other quarantine pests or regulated articles are detected with fruit flies, mealybugs and scale insects during pre-treatment phytosanitary inspection, the other quarantine pests and regulated articles must be managed as outlined below in sections A9.2 and A9.3, before passionfruit can be treated with irradiation to manage the fruit flies, mealybugs and scale insects.

A9.2 Quarantine thrips and spider mites

If live quarantine and regulated thrips (*Frankliniella schultzei* species complex, *Scirtothrips dorsalis*, *Thrips palmi*), and spider mites (*Tetranychus piercei*) are detected during pre-export phytosanitary inspection, PPD must:

- withdraw the consignment from export to Australia, or
- undertake remedial management to mitigate biosecurity risk.

Remedial management can include activities such as applying an approved treatment on the consignment to ensure that a pest is no longer viable.

Records of thrips and spider mite detections made during the inspection (live or dead of any life stage) are to be maintained by PPD and made available to the department, if requested.

Section A9.4 describes further requirements in the event of a detection of quarantine and regulated thrips, false spider mites and spider mites.

A9.3 Other quarantine pests and biosecurity risk material

If other pests of biosecurity concern to Australia and/or biosecurity risk material such as trash (for example, loose stem and leaf material), contaminant seeds, soil, and animal matter are detected during pre-export phytosanitary inspection, PPD must undertake remedial management to mitigate biosecurity risk.

Remedial management can include activities such as applying an approved treatment to the consignment to ensure that a pest is no longer viable or 'reconditioning' to remove contaminant material.

Where 'reconditioning' occurs, the goods must be presented for re-inspection.

A9.4 Corrective actions

A9.4.1 Quarantine fruit flies, mealybugs, scale insects and false spider mites

If quarantine fruit flies, mealybugs, scale insects and false spider mites are detected during pre-treatment phytosanitary inspection², PPD may proceed to treat the passionfruit with irradiation treatment.

² Pre-treatment phytosanitary inspection is the pre-export inspection for goods undergoing irradiation treatment.

Once treated, the passionfruit must be kept secure and insect-proof, and the cartons must remain integral until the passionfruit arrives in Australia.

Records of detections of fruit flies at pre-treatment phytosanitary inspection should be kept to inform PPD and farms of fruit fly prevalence in export consignments.

A9.4.2 Quarantine thrips and spider mites

Records of corrective actions made in response to detections of quarantine or regulated thrips and spider mites during the inspection are to be maintained by PPD and made available to the department, if requested.

Records of detections of these quarantine pests should be kept to inform PPD, farms and packing houses to assist in managing these pests.

A10. Phytosanitary certification

Passionfruit for export to Australia will be certified by PPD as per Section 3.2 (Phytosanitary certification by PPD).

The following additional declaration must be recorded on the phytosanitary certificate issued by PPD:

- "Irradiated at a minimum of 400 Gy."

The following information must be detailed in the treatment section of the phytosanitary certificate:

- The date of treatment
- The treatment facility registered name and/or number
- The treatment identification number (TIN)

The following information must be detailed on the irradiation treatment certificate:

- The minimum and maximum (D_{min} and D_{max}) irradiation dose for the treatment.

A11. On-arrival verification inspection

Sampling undertaken by the department for on-arrival verification inspection will be carried out as per Section 5.2.1 (On-arrival sampling and inspection technique).

The inspection method used by the department to inspect fresh passionfruit on arrival will consist of:

- an examination of 90% of the sample (e.g., 540 units out of 600 units sampled) visually using a maggylamp.
- examination of 10% of the sample (e.g., 60 units out of 600 units sampled) with a minimum of 10x magnification using a microscope.

Fruit with any suspect signs will be investigated with higher magnification and may be cut to examine for internal feeders.

Any sheltered sites will also be examined under higher magnification for the presence of mites, thrips and scale insects.

A12. On-arrival detections and biosecurity outcomes

The department may report to PPD any quarantine pests, regulated articles and biosecurity risk material detected during on-arrival inspection. The department may request PPD to manage the quarantine pests, regulated articles and biosecurity risk material as outlined in Section 5.3 (On-arrival detections and biosecurity outcomes).

If the passionfruit is not in 'secure cartons or pallets', or the 'secure cartons or pallets' are split or damaged, the fruit will be subject to export or disposal. This is because the department cannot verify that live pests detected during on-arrival inspection have been subject to irradiation treatment or the fruit has been exposed to and contaminated (infested) with pests post-treatment.

A13. Agreement

The department and PPD agree to the conditions set out in this operational work plan and Appendix A – Passionfruit.

This agreement is executed by duly authorised representatives of the department and PPD.

Signed on behalf of PPD:

Name: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____

Huỳnh Cận Đạt
09/9/2024

Signed on behalf of the department:

Name: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____

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Appendix B: *New commodity to be added*

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