



## Advisory Update: Sea Container Risk Profile Review

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has conducted a review of the level of compliance within the sea container pathway against the Import Health Standard.

The review has resulted in changes to the on arrival inspection rates for containers imported to New Zealand. The new profiles target countries or load ports that show continual compliance or noncompliance.

### High-Risk Profiles

As of the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017, all loaded and empty containers from countries or load ports of high regulatory interest will be subject to a 6 sided external inspection on arrival (and internal for empties), unless an approved 'Equivalent System' is in place.

Countries or load ports of high regulatory interest are reviewed biannually and are as follows:

• American Samoa (Pago Pago)	• Western Samoa
• Guam	• Vanuatu
• Papua New Guinea	• Wallis and Futuna
• Solomon Islands	• Tonga
• Kiribati	• Cook Islands

Containers from countries or load ports of high regulatory interest that are managed via an MPI approved Equivalent System the contamination thresholds are:

• 5.00% general contamination
• 0.50% for Regulated ants
• 0.02% for Giant African Snails (GAS)

### Variable-Risk Profiles

All empty containers not deemed as high regulatory interest are on variable intervention rates, based on shipping line/ load port compliance. The randomly selected samples of containers are subject to a 6 sided external and internal inspection on arrival. The remainder of a consignment will require an AP check at a Transitional Facility (TF). All variable-risk profiles are reviewed 6 monthly.

For more information relating to this change or on offshore Equivalent Systems please contact Bridget Roberts (National Sea Container Coordinator) [bridget.roberts@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:bridget.roberts@mpi.govt.nz) or Dave Nendick (Senior Biosecurity Advisor) [dave.nendick@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:dave.nendick@mpi.govt.nz).

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