

See Contain Report

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Supplementary Edition - Accredited Persons & Air Containers

This supplementary edition outlines some changes for Accredited Persons (APs) who work mostly with air containers. This includes an update on training, instructions on to report contamination (via the Container Checks website), MPI local office numbers and the Contamination Chart.

Role and Responsibilities of an Accredited Person

An AP holds a very important role – to check containers and cargo for contamination and pests and report finds to MPI. An AP must follow the procedures and processes in their training and their TF Manual. The Accredited Person Resource booklet that an AP receives at their training shows these processes. One is to follow the 'See, Contain, Report' actions in the Contamination and Packaging Charts when finding contamination (see [Resources](#)). This includes reporting contamination online.



Accredited Person Training for Air Containers

The training offered in the past was for both sea and air containers with the main focus on sea containers at a Transitional Facility (TF). New biosecurity requirements for air containers came into force on 5 April 2018 with the 'Import Health Standard: Air Containers from All Countries'. Training is now available for people working with air containers, particularly those working at international airports that are not a TF but are approved as a Place of First Arrival (PoFA). If this training is relevant for you, it may be advertised on a Biosecurity Partners websites but if not, contact them and discuss possible [training options](#).

Instructions on how to Report Air Container Contamination

If you work with air containers, see this [link](#) to download a PDF with instructions and use them to guide you on how APs report air container contamination. The instructions are in two sections; for APs working with air containers at a TF and at an airport PoFA.

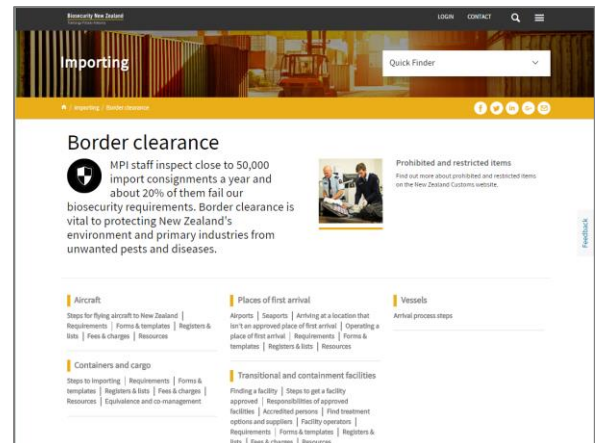
Air Container Reporting

APs use the 'Air Container Report' template to record air container contamination and then report it on the [Container Checks](#) website. You will notice some changes on the Container Checks website including a Home Page and buttons for 'Sea Containers' and 'Air Containers' (See #1-4 in this [PDF](#)). In addition, you can now access this website on your phone/tablet. If the website is not available, email the form to aklitbops@mpi.govt.nz with 'Air Container Report' in the subject line. The template is available [here](#).



Border Clearance Services Local Offices

With a change of government, Biosecurity is now a separate business unit with its own 'Biosecurity New Zealand' website and branding colour within the MPI website. To find your local office contact details, see this link [MPI Border Clearance Services](#) and note the details in your Help and Support page in your AP Resource. At airport PoFAs, timing is very important for baggage handlers, so you are advised to ring the 0800 80 99 66 number and then the local office where MPI Quarantine Officers are on duty and can respond immediately.



PoFA Manager/Supervisor

The Contamination and Packaging Charts states "Tell your TF Operator or PoFA Manager/Supervisor". At an Airport PoFA, companies are contracted by the airport for their services and so it may be more appropriate to tell your Supervisor or Manager of any contamination or pests. This person should keep the airport PoFA Operator informed of anything found. Contracted companies at airport PoFAs will not have a TF Manual so an AP needs to refer to their company's Operating Manual on the processes to take (this should align with the PoFA Manual).

Contamination Poster

The Contamination and Packaging Charts in the AP Resource have been updated to include actions for APs working with air containers at a PoFA. A series of other posters will be available soon, one for each section of the poster, for example, animal products, dead animals, live animals and live insects. They are now available from the MPI website to print as a poster to display on a workplace wall (see [Resources](#)).

Questions

If you have any questions, email seacontainer@mpi.govt.nz.

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