



FAK Screening – notice for industry

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MPI Procedures for Risk Screening FAK Sea Containers

MPI wish to advise that we will be adopting a new approach to risk screening FAK sea containers. This will be in place from Wednesday 7 May 2014.

This will not affect the process of making clearance applications and obtaining BACCs to move FAK containers from ports of arrival to unpack facilities.

MPI risk assesses containerised LCL consignments for 2 reasons.

1. As FAK containers aren't associated with import entries in the way that FCL consignments are we need to risk assess the sea container itself (using the quarantine declaration and the bill of lading) and enable movement from the port of arrival to a MPI approved transitional facility (which will also be a NZCS CCA).
2. MPI recognises that LCL cargo is often transferred between CCAs as part of the import process. This is done before an import entry is made. Certain types of goods are risky because they are associated with contamination that may be spread during transportation. These are the goods that MPI "holds" at the initial risk assessment.

After considering our current approach to risk screening (and improvements to the packaging and product security of LCL consignments) MPI will now hold only the following types of cargo at unpack transitional facilities:

- Seed for sowing and further processing
- Vehicles (including motorcycles associated with personal effects consignments)
- Sawn timber
- Honey
- Unknown contents

MPI reserves the right to hold any other type of consignment that might pose contamination risks during transportation but this will only be invoked in exceptional circumstances.

MPI expects that all LCL consignments will have import entries made to NCZS and that, until a Customs Delivery Order is produced, they will remain within the CCA/MPI TF system.

MPI does not expect transitional facilities to apply MPI holds to LCL consignments outside this process unless they do so because of contaminated packaging or product spillage.

The following authority clarification will appear on BACCs associated with FAK containers:

FAK manifest has been screened by MPI – all LCL consignments require an import entry for Customs and MPI risk assessment purposes – consignments specified below (if any) require a BACC prior to movement away from the unpack facility

To remove all doubt this means:

1. The FAK manifest associated with the container has been risk assessed by MPI.
2. MPI expects that all LCL consignments will have an import entry made and that this process assists NZCS and MPI to risk assess the consignment.
3. Should the BACC specify lines other than the container then MPI wants those lines held at the unpack facility.
4. The lines mentioned in 3 (above) are not to be removed from the unpack facility under any circumstances (including the production of a clean Customs Delivery Order) without a MPI BACC.

For any clarification please don't hesitate to contact:

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