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# Information Sheet: Proposed improvements to the Export Control (Plants and Plant Products) Rules 2021

## Introduction

Australia's agricultural export legislation came into effect on 28 March 2021. This framework comprises the *Export Control Act 2020* (the Act), and the Export Control Rules for various commodities (the Rules). These set out the operational requirements that must be met to export specific goods from Australia (e.g. vegetables).

The Export Control (Plants and Plant Products) Rules 2021 (the Plant Rules) specify how plants and plant products prepared for export are regulated. They set out:

- which plants and plant products are regulated
- how they will be regulated
- high-level operational requirements for people and entities in the export supply chain.

At the commencement of the new legislation, the Plant Rules replaced the previous plant export legislation, including:

- Export Control (Plants and Plant Products) Order 2011
- Export Control (Plants and Plant Products—Norfolk Island) Order 2016
- Export Control (Prescribed Goods—General) Order 2005 (i.e. relevant sections).

Proposed amendments to the Plant Rules are outlined below and should be read with the [Act](#) and the [Rules](#).

## Official marks

The Plant Rules provides for official marks for plants and plant products that are intended to be exported from Australia.

### 'Australia Approved' official mark

Section 8-14 of the Plant Rules provides for the design of the 'Australia Approved' official mark, including the required dimensions for a normal size mark and small size mark.

It is proposed the Plant Rules be improved to include a provision for the dimensions of a large size mark and a computer-generated tag mark that are 'Australia Approved' official marks. It is proposed the large size mark would be applied in the same circumstances as a normal size mark. The computer-generated tag mark would be applied to a computer-generated tag, with the following dimensions:

Section	Large size mark (mm)	Computer-generated tag mark (mm)
Width of mark	65	24

Height of mark	45	17
Height of letters	8	2
Height of establishment registration number	10	5

This change will allow for greater flexibility for the sizing of official marks.

## Further information

Email [exportlegislation@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:exportlegislation@agriculture.gov.au)

Website: [Improved agricultural export legislation](#)

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