



e-Newsletter

Information from the Samoa Quarantine Service

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2006 has been a hectic but challenging year for Samoa Quarantine as there have been many risks of pests and diseases threatening to cross our borders into our beautiful country. All in all, Quarantine has succeeded and there have been no known establishment of any pests/diseases.

This is a result of support from Quarantine stakeholders and especially the general public. Quarantine currently employs 33 staff members and casuals who man the main office at Matautu, the office at Faleolo International Airport, the office at Mulifanua wharf, including over ten quarantine inspection sites where goods are inspected outside the wharf.

In addition, there has been good feedback from radio talk-backs and local television interviews with Quarantine officers. Spots on the radio, newspaper and television describing Quarantine information for import and export of goods has shown positive response. The relation and understanding between the public and the importance of Quarantine is growing and is promising a safe Samoa.

The Christmas charge has finished and the New Year rush is approaching the end and, interestingly, Samoa Quarantine statistics reveal that there have been low counts of non-compliance. This is useful information hopefully promising 2007 to have an increasing number of travellers complying with Samoa Quarantine's rules and regulations.

We hope that everyone who travels to Samoa will remember the importance of Samoa's flora and fauna and continue to abide by Samoa's Quarantine rules.

The Samoa Quarantine Service wishes you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and hopes that we all continue to work together.



Sincerely Yours

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