



# e-Newsletter

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## **Quarantine Requirements for Importation of Frozen Root Tubers and Corm Products**

An Import Permit for Frozen Root Tubers and corm products is now available at the Samoa Quarantine Service (SQS) to import products of these kind from any country. The permit was developed after completion of a preliminary risk analysis which indicated that the level of risk associated with these products is acceptable to Quarantine. However there are certain quarantine requirements that must be met by the Importer prior to importation. This includes an Import permit to be obtained from the Quarantine Headquarters at Matautu and a declaration from the exporting country stating that the products were blanched or otherwise precooked prior to freezing at 18<sup>0</sup>C for a minimum of 7 days.

The products include french fries or chips, wedges, cubed in mixed vegetable packs, hash browns, mashed and formed shapes e.g smiles, potato waffles, pommes noisettes, crunchy potato puffs, roast potatoes and potato gems.

SQS would like to remind all Commercial Importers with expired import permits to renew them at our Office at Matautu and to ensure that frozen root tubers and corm products are added into the appropriate import permit to allow its access into Samoa.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT!!**

*The Samoa Quarantine Service would like to inform all our stakeholders, exporters, importers, government departments and public in general that Mr Delenato Fonoti is now the new Assistant Chief Executive Officer for the Samoa Quarantine Service. Mr Delenato has served the Ministry of Agriculture through the Research Division at Nu'u for many years. Prior to his new appointment he worked for the Development Bank of Samoa.*

*The Samoa Quarantine Service wishes Mr Delenato all the best in his new line of work and God Bless!!*

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