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Quarantine Staff posing with their Awards after the Certificate Presentation
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Biosecurity Certificates Awarded

By John Burton

After much hard work and study, 12 Quarantine Officers reached the standard of training required by the Samoa Quarantine Improvement Project and were awarded their Level 1 Certificates in Biosecurity. This puts them all firmly on the path to further study and eventual full Biosecurity qualification.

The CEO of MAFFM, Seumanutafa A.M Iakopo, presented these awards at a ceremony especially for the occasion where he spoke of Quarantine, the uniformed section of MAFFM, "as being like an army protecting Samoa against harmful things".

Word from the Editor

"Imports with proper documentation will be enforced as of January 1st 2004".

All importers must obtain an import permit to import goods such as animals and animal products, plants and plant products. This permit specifies the conditions, which are to be met by the authorities in the country of origin.

When the goods are brought into the country, they are to be declared at the port of entry, with the import permit and the health certification document from the supply country.

These quarantine requirements will be enforced as of January 1st 2004. It means that all imports without the required documents will be held and confiscated by quarantine. The other possible option is to re-ship to the country of origin.

This enforcement action is to fulfill our commitment to the protection of Samoa from invasion by any pest by keeping that risk offshore.

O le aso 1 Ianuari 2004, e amata faamamaluina ai pepa moomia mo le faaulufaleina mai o soo se ituaiga oloa tau laau ma manu i totonu o le atunuu. O lona uiga, o le a le toe taliaina ni oloa e faaulufaleina mai e aunoa ma se pemita faataga mai Samoa nei, pepa faaasu mai le atunuu o lo o aumai ai oloa ma le faailoa pe a taunuu..

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Quarantine Procedure for Sea Cargo Clearance

By Sami Faatonu

Quarantine procedure for cargo clearance at the port of entry, such as the Apia Wharf, is as follows:

The shipping agent submits the manifest to quarantine, where it is screened for quarantine risk items. A withholding stamp is put on the manifest for consignments that need to be inspected.

At the wharf, quarantine inspects the outside of the container for any pest or soil which may be attached on to the container. The container is then delivered to the depot where its contents are to be inspected.

Quarantine's focus is on goods which may provide an avenue for pests into the country. Such goods include: plants and plant products, animal and animal products, machinery, tools, sport gears, farm equipments, old tyres, etc.

The consignments are released when the quarantine officer is reasonably sure of their pest free status. When there is an interception of a pest, the consignment may be treated and then either released, destroyed, or reshipped.

O le tiute fai a le Vaega e Puipuia Oloa Felauai mai Faamai ma Iniseti Faalafua (Quarantine) o le siakiina o oloa i le uafu i Apia. O nisi nei o galuega mo le faatinoina o lenei auaunaga.

E ao lava i a i latou o loo aumaia oloa, ona avatu pepa o oloa i le ofisa autu i le uafu i Matautu Tai. Ona siaki loa lea e le ofisa, mo oloa e faigofie ona auala mai ai se faafitauli po o se manu faalafua i totonu o le atunuu. A i ai loa ni oloa faapena, ona tuu loa lea i ai o le faailoga (stamp), e faailoa atu ai i a i latou o loo aumaia oloa, le moomia o le siakiina o oloa faato'a ave



Quarantine Officer inspecting cargo at PFL Shipping Agent.

ai i tua.

O oloa e tataua ona siaki e aofia ai laau ma oloa e maua mai ai, manu ma oloa e maua mai ai, masini, mea faigaluega, mea taalo, mea e faaaoga i faatoaga, pa'u tuai ma isi ituai oloa. A faamalieina loa le Ofisa ua saogalemu oloa mai

fa'ama'i ma iniseti faalafua, ona mafai loa lea ona ave i tua.

Afai e i ai se faaletonu, ona taofi loa lea e fai i ai se togafiti faatoa faataga lea ona ave i tua, faaleaogaina, pe toe faafo'i i le atunuu na aumai ai.

Fumigation Requirements for Importation of Wooden Pallets from Samoa into Australia

By Sami Faatonu

Australian Quarantine and Inspectorate Services (AQIS) has established new fumigation requirements for importing wooden pallets from Samoa into Australia. The pallets must be fumigated within three weeks prior to export. Certification must be provided on the details of treatment applied. Fumigation requirement with methyl bromide is 48gms per cubic metre for 24 hours @ 21°C.

All exporters using wooden pallets are to make arrangements with the Samoa Quarantine Service for fumigation treatment

prior to export.

Ua manaomia le faaasuina o pailate laupapa, o lo o faaaoga e ave ai oloa i Ausetalia. Ua taatia nei i le Vaega e Puipuia Oloa Fela'ua'i i Samoa aiaiga uma mo le faatinoina ma le faasuina o pailate ao lei auina atu mo Ausetalia.

Faamolemole kamupani o lo o latou auina atu oloa i pailate mo Ausetalia, e moomia le faafesootai muamua mai o le tatou Ofisa ao lei auina atu nei pailate oloa mo Ausetalia.

Imports not meeting quarantine requirements will be seized and confiscated – enforced as of January 1st 2004

By Sami Faatonu

The Samoa Quarantine Service has advised the public that as of 1st January 2004, imports brought into Samoa without meeting quarantine requirements will be seized and confiscated. Quarantine requirements are as follows:

<i>SUMMARY OF QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS</i>	
COMMODITY	REQUIREMENT
Fresh Meat	Permit + Health Certificate from country of origin + Declare
Canned Meat	Subject to Inspection
Fresh Eggs	Permit + Health Certificate from country of origin + Declare
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables	Permit + Phytosanitary Certificate from country of Origin
Dairy Products (Cheese, Yogurt etc)	Permit + Certification from country of origin + Declare
Seeds/Passenger Carried	Subject to Inspection
Seeds/Commercial	Permit + Certification from country of origin + Declare
Nursery Stock	Permit + Certification from Country of Origin + Declare
Fresh Plant Material (Non propagatable)	Subject to Inspection
Honey & Honey products	Permit + Certification from country of origin + Declare
Nuts and Dried Fruit	Subject to Inspection
Handicrafts and Wood Items	Subject to Inspection
Raw Skins and Hides	Permit + Certification from country of origin + Declare
Equipment used with Animals	Permit + Certification from country of origin + Declare
Fish, Fresh or Frozen	Subject to Inspection
Spices	Subject to Inspection

Quarantine's strategy is to keep the risk offshore.

For more information please contact the Samoa Quarantine Service at telephone number:-

42048 - Faleolo International Airport
20924 - Matautu Wharf

24467 - Fagalii Airport
22561 - Main Office, 3rd Floor, ACB Building

Quarantine Requirements for Importation of live animals into Samoa

By Sami Faatonu

An example of a live animal that can be imported into Samoa under Quarantine Requirements.

Review of Import Conditions

By Sami Faatonu

The Samoa Quarantine Service of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forests, Fisheries and Meteorology is continuing a thorough review of import conditions of plants, plant products, animals and animal products. This applies to importation of non-commercial and commercial consignments.

Samoa is currently free from many of the damaging fruit fly species that could seriously effect the capacity of Samoans to grow and export fresh fruit and vegetables.

There is serious concern in relation to some of the currently approved imports of fruits that are known hosts of damaging fruit flies in their countries of origin.

As a result of this update review of fruit fly host material, some

import permits have been revoked and amended. Import Permit conditions for Cut flowers and Vegetables which used to be in one document was also revised under the process and has now split into two separate permits. Importers holding these permits will be consulted during this process, and every attempt will be made to ensure that trade is facilitated and disruptions are minimised.

O lo o faauauina pea e le Vaega e Puipuia Oloa Fela'ua'i le toe iloiloina aemaise o le mataituina o nisi o aiaiga, ina ia taofia le ono sao mai o lago tui matautia (fruit fly) i totonu o le atunuu, e aofia ai le tapenaina maeaea o taiala ina ia aua nei aveva oloa faaulufaleina mai ma auala e sao mai ai nisi o fili faalafua. O lo o galulue faatas i le Matagaluega ma le aufaioloa ma logoina foi i latou i ni suiga e ono tulai mai.

There have been a number of applications to import live animals into Samoa. The legislation requirement is to import through either Australia, New Zealand or Fiji. Therefore, the quarantine requirements for these countries must be met.

The legislation has been reviewed and trade is based on a pest risk analysis.

E toatele le mamalu o le atunuu sa faaoo mai talosaga mo pemita e faaulufale mai ai a latou manu fafaga. I le tulafono o loo i ai nei, e tatau lava ona aumai manu e auala mai i Ausetalia, Niu Sila poo Fiti. E tatau lava la ona faamalieina aiaiga a le Vaega o lo o Puipuia Oloa Fela'ua'i.

Ua toe lauliliuina le tulafono, ina ia faagaioi le feaveaia o oloa i manaoga a atunuu o le World Trade Organisation.

Quarantine Charter

The next time you visit a Quarantine office, have a quick look on the wall and you will see some words in a "Quarantine Charter" penned by the staff.

The words and sentiments expressed in the document are their commitments and statements to stakeholders on how they will conduct themselves and how they will operate as a team.

It's worth reading.