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## QUARANTINE PREMISES CRITERIA

### 6.1 *Closed Quarantine facilities for medium risk Nursery Stock*

#### Purpose

These criteria apply to any standard plant house which is to be used for quarantine of nursery stock. Closed quarantine facilities might include glasshouses, polyhouses, igloos, tunnelhouses, etc (excludes screenhouses).

#### Premises Location

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56	To be located within range of quarantine supervision and inspection of the plants by specialists as required, nominally 50km. Applications from establishments located outside of this area will be subject to approval by the Regional Manager in conjunction with AQIS (Canberra Office) and will be considered on their individual merits.

#### Construction

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72	The Quarantine house must be of a size commensurate with the proposed quantity of imports to be quarantined at the facility and have a minimum of ten square metres of floor space.
88	All doors and doorways into the quarantine area are to be properly constructed and fitted with appropriate seals on the top, bottom and sides. The doors are to be provided with locks and handles enabling them to be opened and closed from either side. A self-closing fitting is required on either the internal or external door.
92	Where a facility is deemed to be insecure and adequate repairs cannot be carried out immediately, the plant material present must be ordered to a secure quarantine premises until all repairs have been carried out to the satisfaction of the Quarantine Officer.
100	Access to the facility in which the plants are grown is to be restricted to those persons required to carry out essential work only. Members of the public and persons other than nursery staff are not permitted entry.
944	The Quarantine house must be a separate unit used only for the post-entry quarantine of plants for which approval has been granted whilst it is approved for the introduction of plants. The Quarantine house may be adjacent to existing facilities provided a functional/structural barrier is maintained between each area. The barrier must effectively prevent the flow of air and the possible spread of fungal spores from the quarantine area to plants of a similar species.
948	Access to the Quarantine house must not be through any other areas where plant material is being grown, ie the quarantine house must have it's own entrance.
956	The Quarantine house must be a substantial, properly constructed, insect-proof glasshouse, polyhouse, or approved tunnel house with an insect-proof door entrance porch or 'lock'. The entrance porch or 'lock' must be of sufficient area to permit the entry of people, plants and trolley into the 'lock', to ensure that only one door may be open at any one time.
960	The Quarantine house and the quarantine "lock" must be fully equipped with a concrete floor (or acceptable impervious substitute), drained to a suitable soil trap which is connected to sewerage or septic tank. A footbath containing a suitable disinfect, eg copper oxychloride to a depth of 10mm, must be maintained for the disinfection of footwear, in the quarantine "lock".
964	NOTE: Plastic floors are permitted for tunnel houses for cacti, certain bulbs and other medium risk material as may be determined by Canberra Office. The minimum requirement is a double layer of 200 micron thick poly film. Inspecting officers should be mindful of the high risk of damage associated with this type of floor. Therefore facilities with this type of floor should be carefully assessed at every visit and a determination made as to its ability to hold material securely.



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968	The cladding must be substantial and affixed in an insect-proof manner. Whilst rigid material is preferred, film plastics may be used. The minimum requirement for film plastic cladding is a double layer of 200 micron thick poly film. Providing they meet the minimum requirements, plastic films can be approved by the office of the Senior Inspector. Renewal should only be made after an inspection to ascertain that the structure is in good condition and likely to remain intact for the year.
972	All openings (including evaporative cooling systems) must be covered with permanently fixed gauze with a maximum aperture of 0.5mm or 500 microns. Whilst metal gauze is preferred, synthetic meshes may be used. Synthetic meshes can be approved by the States provided they retain the minimum aperture dimensions when affixed in place. For this reason welded mesh is preferred to woven mesh types. Where plastic mesh is used, the responsible officer must ensure that the mesh is maintained intact to specification for the duration of approval.
980	Plants in the Quarantine house are to be held on a single-tiered mesh platform raised off the floor to allow for adequate drainage and maintenance. Benches should be spaced to allow adequate access for quarantine inspection.
984	The quarantine plant-house is to be kept locked at all times except when access by authorised persons is required.
996	Fungicides are not to be used on the plants without quarantine approval.
1000	All access and egress points to post entry quarantine facilities must display a quarantine sign. These signs are to be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* permanently affixed,</li> <li>* professionally made,</li> <li>* state 'Quarantine Area - Authorised Persons Only',</li> <li>* on a yellow background, with black lettering approximately 5cm in height,</li> <li>* secured on gates and/or doors.</li> </ul>

### Waste Disposal

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1004	An insect proof bin of an appropriate size labelled "Quarantine Waste" is to be provided for all quarantine waste, including packaging residue. Alternatively, quarantine waste must be double-bagged, clearly identified and securely stored while waiting for disposal.
1008	All quarantine waste must be disposed of in a manner approved by AQIS.

### Office and Record Requirements

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8	Records are to be made available for inspection by quarantine officers. In addition, these records must be retained at these premises for a minimum period of eighteen months during which time they will, upon request, be made available to a quarantine officer.
16	The premises must have a fully stocked and maintained first aid cabinet.
124	A register must be maintained recording plants inwards, outwards, deaths and inspection dates.
132	Records (electronic or manual) for each consignment of goods must include: a copy of the Quarantine Entry, Import Permit number, name and address of owner, date of arrival, plant varieties (including scientific name) and numbers, country of origin, treatment details, and release details.

### Administration

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28	It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the premises and all operations comply with all Local, State and Federal regulations and the relevant State Environmental Protection Agency requirements. Documented evidence of compliance with these requirements must be produced to AQIS on request.



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36	Premises must be securely locked when unattended and after hour access to the premises must be limited to authorised persons only.
44	It is a condition of approval that Management of the premises must be willing to enter into a Compliance Agreement with AQIS, including training courses and/or electronic initiatives as required.
48	Non-compliance of the criteria or any breach of 'The Quarantine Act 1908' may result in approval of the premises being withdrawn or suspended and legal action instigated.
52	Parking to be made available for visiting AQIS officer.
81	Control and security of the quarantine area is the responsibility of the nominated senior person of the company. The name, designation/position title and contact details of the nominated person must be supplied with the application and at each renewal.
267	AQIS is to be notified in writing, at least 30 days prior to changes in ownership, senior management, operating procedures/arrangements relating to quarantineable goods or where modifications to those parts of the premises where quarantineable goods are stored or treated are contemplated.
525	All quarantine instructions and relevant AQIS Import Permit conditions must be complied with. Where goods are handled for a third party, it is a requirement of registration that establishment operators have an arrangement in place, which ensures that permit conditions are communicated to both parties. Please note that a breach of this clause may lead to suspension of the approval as a Quarantine Approved Premises.
680	All applications to be accompanied by scale drawings of the proposed area and facilities for treatments. In the case of new applications, these plans must be approved before any construction is undertaken.