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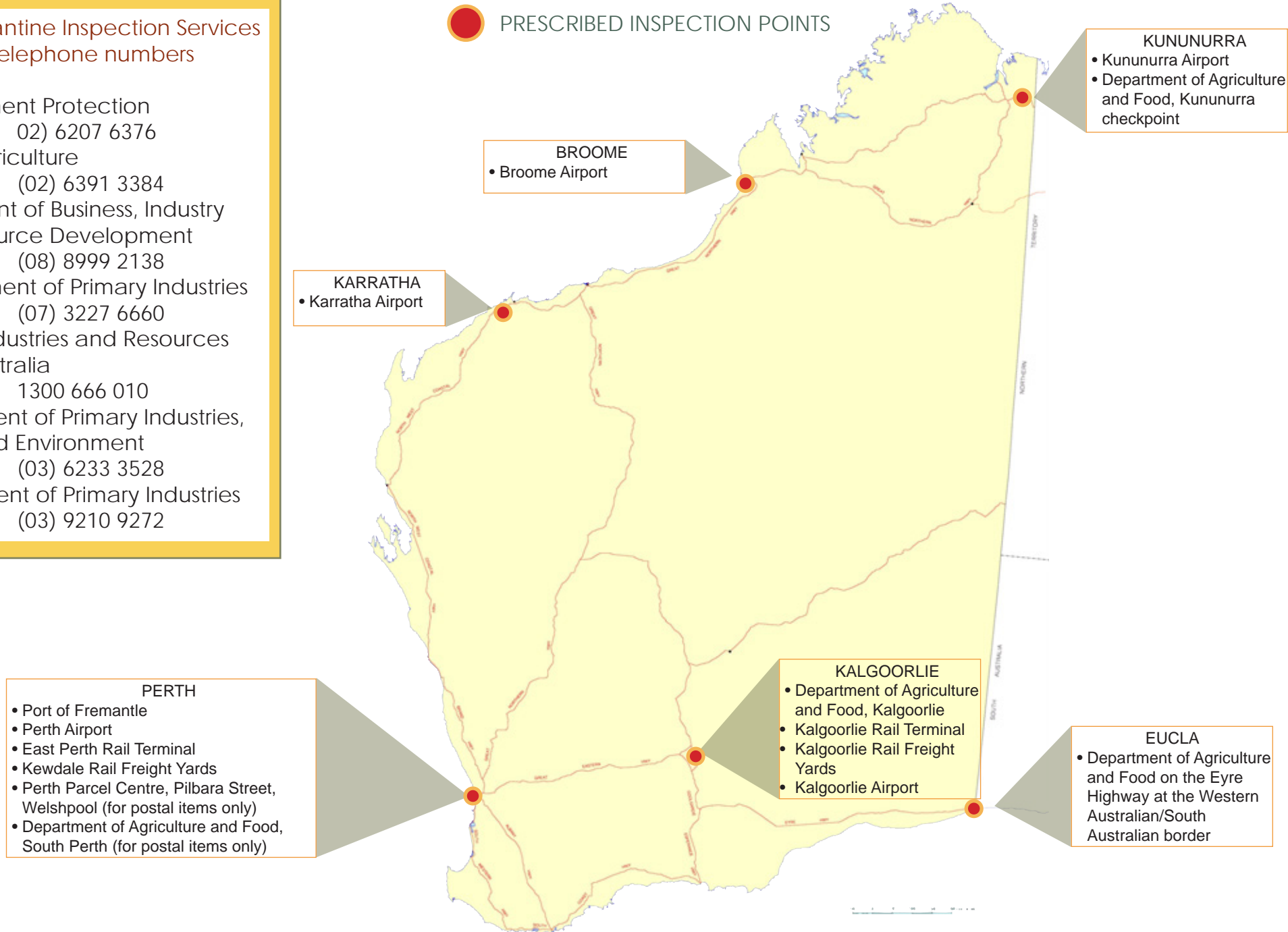
Western Australia's **Seed Import Requirements**

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**Interstate Quarantine Inspection Services
contact telephone numbers**

- ACT - Environment Protection
02) 6207 6376
- NSW - NSW Agriculture
(02) 6391 3384
- NT - Department of Business, Industry
and Resource Development
(08) 8999 2138
- QLD - Department of Primary Industries
(07) 3227 6660
- SA - Primary Industries and Resources
South Australia
1300 666 010
- TAS - Department of Primary Industries,
Water and Environment
(03) 6233 3528
- VIC - Department of Primary Industries
(03) 9210 9272

PRESCRIBED INSPECTION POINTS



PERTH

- Port of Fremantle
- Perth Airport
- East Perth Rail Terminal
- Kewdale Rail Freight Yards
- Perth Parcel Centre, Pilbara Street, Welshpool (for postal items only)
- Department of Agriculture and Food, South Perth (for postal items only)

KARRATHA
• Karratha Airport

BROOME
• Broome Airport

KALGOORLIE

- Department of Agriculture and Food, Kalgoorlie
- Kalgoorlie Rail Terminal
- Kalgoorlie Rail Freight Yards
- Kalgoorlie Airport

EUCLA

- Department of Agriculture and Food on the Eyre Highway at the Western Australian/South Australian border

KUNUNURRA

- Kununurra Airport
- Department of Agriculture and Food, Kununurra checkpoint



Introduction

Western Australia is free from a number of plant pests, diseases and weeds which are present elsewhere in Australia, such as sorghum midge, mango seed weevil, nodding thistle and horsetails. If introduced into Western Australia many of these pests, diseases and weeds would be potentially devastating to agricultural and horticultural industries through loss of production, extra production costs and reduced access to export markets.

It is for these reasons that conditions are in place for the interstate movement of plants and plant products such as fruits, seeds, cuttings and other plant parts. Imported consignments must be presented for inspection to Quarantine WA upon arrival in Western Australia.

Quarantine WA provides inspection and surveillance services for the import and export of Quarantine Risk Material (QRM). Consignments are inspected by quarantine inspectors at premises approved through Quarantine WA.

A freight surveillance program operates to intercept QRM at interstate road, rail, air and sea freight locations, with the aid of Quarantine detector dogs, X-ray equipment, a container declaration system and random container inspections.

Quarantine WA objectives are:

- National commitment to reducing the spread of pests, diseases and weeds.
- Independent third party to ensure certification integrity.
- Undertake certification on behalf of all States to which Western Australia exports.

On the pages that follow you will find information on:

- Seed import requirements – These requirements are subject to change. Regular verification of current requirements is recommended.
- [Approved Seed Testing Laboratories in Australia](#)
- [Summary of restricted seed types](#)

Contact telephone numbers for the Interstate Quarantine Inspection Services in Australia and WA' prescribed inspection points are listed on the previous page.

For additional information, please contact:

Quarantine WA Seeds Officer
PERTH AIRPORT
9 Fricker Road, WA 6105
Tel: (08) 9334 1815; Fax: (08) 9334 1818; Mobile: 0404 819 520
Email: seedsofficer@agric.wa.gov.au



Western Australia's seed import requirements

1. Seed must be of a permitted species

To check the permitted plant species list (which includes seed), contact the Quarantine WA Seeds Officer or visit www.agric.wa.gov.au/quarantinelist.

On arrival in Western Australia, consignments of seed should be accompanied by an original Seed Analysis Certificate (Bulk Search), identifying the genus and species of the seed and seed contaminants, issued by one of the following:

- A Seed Certification Scheme approved by the Department of Agriculture and Food (or equivalent) in the State or Territory of origin; or
- An inspector authorised by the exporting State or Territory's quarantine authority certifying that seed has been sampled and analysed by an approved laboratory in accordance with the standards prescribed by the International Seed Testing Association. See the [list of the approved seed testing laboratories](#); or
- A person approved under a Quality Assurance arrangement. Contact the Quarantine WA Quality Assurance Officer, on telephone (08) 9334 1806 or fax (08) 9334 1880.

Note 1. Where multiple consignments are sent from one seed lot number, a register based on the original certificate is held with Quarantine WA. This avoids a weed check for each consignment. Such consignments are subject to random inspections.

Note 2. Certification can be checked prior to export by faxing it to the Quarantine WA Seeds Officer. You will be advised of any problems. If consignments arrive in Western Australia with incorrect or no certification, they are subject to sampling and analysis on arrival. If requirements are not met, the consignment may be subject to re-export, seizure or destruction.



Western Australia's seed import requirements (continued)

2. Some seeds must be certified as meeting prescribed pest and/or disease freedom requirements

On arrival in Western Australia the seed must be accompanied by a Plant Health Certificate issued by an inspector from the exporting State or Territory's quarantine authority, or a person authorised under an approved quality assurance arrangement, verifying that the seed meets the prescribed pest and disease freedom requirements.

See Summary of restricted seed types.

3. Seed must be free from pests and diseases of quarantine significance

All consignments are inspected on arrival.

4. Seed must be in new containers

All consignments are inspected on arrival (all containers must be clearly labelled, with an identifying lot number, to match the Plant Health and/or the Seed Analysis Certificates).

5. Seed must be presented to Quarantine WA on arrival in Western Australia at prescribed inspection points

The prescribed inspection points are listed at Appendix 3. The inspection involves ensuring the above requirements are met and that the consignment details match any certification.

6. Seed imports from overseas must also meet Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) requirements

To contact the Western Australian office of AQIS telephone (08) 9334 1555.

Approved Seed Testing Laboratories in Australia

- AGWEST Plant Laboratories
Department of Agriculture and Food
3 Baron-Hay Court
SOUTH PERTH WA 6151

Contact: Marcia Vistisen
Tel: (08) 9368 3844; Fax: (08) 9474 2658
Email: mvistisen@agric.wa.gov.au

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- Queensland Seed Technology Laboratory,
University of Queensland
GATTON QLD 4343
ContactS: Toni Romeo, Karen Hill
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Email: seedlab@uq.edu.au
- Seed Services Australia
Primary Industries and Resources South Australia
GPO Box 1671
ADELAIDE SA 5001
ContactS: Heather Lawrie, Peter Smith, Annie Dale
Tel: (08) 8303 9549; Fax: (08) 8303 9508
Email: seeds@ruralsolutions.sa.gov.au
- Seed Testing Laboratory Mt Pleasant
Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water
and Environment
165 Westbury Road
PROSPECT TAS 7250
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SUMMARY OF RESTRICTED SEED TYPES

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY INTO WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Restrictions specified under the *Plant Diseases Regulations 1989*

COMMODITY	SEED TYPE (Pest/Disease risk)	CONDITIONS*
CORN, MAIZE and SWEETCORN (<i>Zea mays</i>)	SEED FOR PLANTING (Boil smut - <i>Ustilaggo maydis</i>)	To be certified by the Department of Primary Industry in the State or Territory of origin that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the seed is from an area which is free from boil smut ; or the seed has been treated with Vitavax 200FF® at the rate of 500 mL/100 kg of seed.
COTTON (<i>Gossypium spp.</i>)	SEED (<i>Verticillium</i> wilts - <i>Verticillium dahliae</i> and <i>V. alboatum</i>)	To be certified as having been acid de-linted to the satisfaction of an inspector.
LUCERNE (<i>Medicago sativa</i>)	SEED (Bacterial wilt - <i>Clavibacter michiganense ssp. insidiosum</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grown in South Australia – to be certified as from a property that has been inspected and found free from bacterial wilt or PCR tested and found free from bacterial wilt. Note – property inspection and PCR testing is permitted subject to South Australia maintaining bacterial wilt area freedom requirements. Grown in State or Territory other than South Australia – Prohibited
MANGO (<i>Mangifera indica</i>)	SEED (Mango seed weevil - <i>Sternochaetus mangiferae</i>)	To be certified as <ol style="list-style-type: none"> grown in a state, territory or country where mango seed weevil is not known to occur, or to comply with an import protocol approved by the Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australia.
PALM (<i>Arecaceae</i> - all genera)	(Fruit flies)	Palm seed with a fleshy pericarp may be subject to fruit fly requirements.
RICE (<i>Oryza sp.</i>)	UNMILLED (Warehouse beetle - <i>Trogoderma variabile</i>)	To be certified that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the rice was produced and packed in an area that is free from the pest warehouse beetle; or the rice and associated bulk containers including pallets, crates and bins have, within five days prior to dispatch, been fumigated with methyl bromide at the rate of 48 g/m³ at 20°C for 24 hours and any associated railway wagons have been treated within three days prior to loading with either Reldan, Alfacron or Actellic at a rate of one gram active ingredient per square metre.

* Note: In every case, the seed must not contain seeds of plants not listed in the schedules

SUMMARY OF RESTRICTED SEED TYPES (continued)

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY INTO WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Restrictions specified under the *Plant Diseases Regulations 1989*

COMMODITY	SEED TYPE (Pest/Disease risk)	CONDITIONS*
SORGHUM (<i>Sorghum</i> spp.)	SEED (<i>Sorghum</i> midge - <i>Contarina sorghicola</i>) General diseases (Rust - <i>Puccinia purpurea</i>) (Smut - <i>Sporisorium reilianum</i>)	<p>1. To be certified that the seed has been fumigated with</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> phosphine in a sealed enclosure at 1.5 g/m³: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> for seven days at above 25°C; or for 10 days at 15°C-25°C; or methyl bromide for 2 hours in a sealed enclosure at one of the following rates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 24 g/m³ at 26°C - 31.9°C; 32 g/m³ at 21°C - 25.9°C; 40 g/m³ at 15°C - 20.9°C; 48 g/m³ at 10°C - 14.9°C; or irradiated at minimum dose of KGy 25.0 and accompanied by a pre-shipment certificate of irradiation. <p>Note: Seed to contain less than one per cent by weight of chaff consisting of pieces of vegetative parts of plants other than seed or seed fragments</p> <p>2. Sorghum seed for sowing to be certified by an officer from the exporting State, Territory or country's quarantine authority as</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> dipped in 2% available chlorine for five minutes; or dusted with Thiram 80% at the rate of 200 g/100 kg of seed
SOYBEAN (<i>Glycine max</i>)	SEED FOR PLANTING (Black leaf blight - <i>Arkoala nigra</i>) (Stem rot - <i>Phytophthora megasperma</i> f.sp. <i>glycines</i>)	To be certified as <ol style="list-style-type: none"> grown in a area where black leaf blight has not been recorded; and treated with 35% metalaxyl at the rate of 300 g/100 kg of seed.
SUGAR CANE (<i>Saccharum officinarum</i>)	SEED (Ratoon stunting virus; Sugar cane Fiji disease)	Sugar cane plants or parts of plants (including seed) are prohibited from entering Western Australia from other parts of Australia without the prior approval of the Director General.
WALNUTS (<i>Juglans</i> spp.)	IN THE SHELL (Codling moth - <i>Cydia pomonella</i>)	To be certified as fumigated with methyl bromide at 32 g/m ³ at 20°C for 24 hours.

* Note: In every case, the seed must not contain seeds of plants not listed in the schedules