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Thailand Food and Drug Administration requirements for packhouses

## Scope

Fresh fruit and vegetable packhouses must comply with the 'good practices' outlined in Thailand Ministry of Public Health Food and Drug Administration (MoPH FDA) [Notification No. 386 BE 2560 \(2017\) Re: The requirements for production processes, production equipment, storage and labelling of some fruits and vegetables.](#)

All imports of these fresh fruit and vegetables must comply with these requirements from 25 August 2019.

## Requirements

All Thai importers registered with the Thailand MoPH FDA, must provide a copy of the accredited food safety scheme certification for packhouses that handle the fruit and vegetables listed in **Annex 1** of the requirements.

The following food safety schemes have been recognised by Thailand MoPH FDA. These accredited schemes demonstrate that industry control systems comply with the good practice requirements for packhouses outlined in **Annex 2** of the requirements.

- [BRC Global Standards for Food Safety](#)
- [Freshcare Food Safety and Quality Code of Practice](#)
- [SQF Food Safety Code for Primary Production](#)
- [GLOBALG.A.P.](#)

Certificates must be issued by bodies accredited by the [Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand](#) (JAS-ANZ). Accredited bodies that provide food safety auditing services for fresh produce businesses in Australia can be found on the [JAS-ANZ Register](#).

These packhouse requirements are in addition to any phytosanitary export requirements or import requirements of the Thailand Department of Agriculture.

## Background

The Thailand MoPH FDA notified all trading partners of the *Requirements for Production Processes, production Equipment, Storage and Labelling of some fruit and vegetables No. 386 BE 2560 (2017)* in November 2016.

- **Annex 1** of the notification provided a list of fruit and vegetables.
- **Annex 2** of the notification stipulated the 'good practice' requirements for packhouses.

Thailand MoPH FDA accepted the Australian Department of Agriculture's submission describing Australia's food control system, which demonstrated that industry food safety accredited schemes comply with Thailand's 'good practices' requirements for packhouses.

The Australian Department of Agriculture does not issue certification to the schemes listed above. Contact the food safety scheme providers for information on how to obtain certification to these accredited schemes.