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MICoR for Plant Exports

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Purpose of this document

This document outlines useful information for accessing, using and searching the Department of Agriculture’s Manual of Importing Country requirements ([MICoR](#)) database for plant exports.

Definitions

The following table defines terms used in this document.

Term	Definition
MICoR Plants	A database maintained by the department that outlines importing country requirements for a range of plants and plant products for export.
MICoR case	A case that is created based on an import permit or instrument in writing and published in the MICoR Plants database.
Import permit	A document issued by a national government authorising the importation of certain goods into its territory.
Instrument in writing	Official information from the National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO) of the importing country outlining the import conditions for the product of import. This document includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• import health standards• import regulations• ministerial decrees and written correspondence from the NPPO

Section 1: Introduction to MICoR Plants

What is MICoR Plants?

MICoR Plants is a database maintained by the department that publishes known Importing Country Requirements (ICRs) for plants and plant products.

The information published in MICoR Plants is based on import permits or instruments in writing issued by the importing NPPO. These documents are supplied to [MICoR Plants](#).

How can I find published importing country requirements on the database?

The MICoR Plants database has many search functions that can be used to locate importing country requirements. Further information on search functions are listed in this document.

I can’t find import conditions listed for my product on MICoR Plants, where can I find them?

Where there are no ICRs listed in the database, the exporter can obtain an official notification in writing from the NPPO of the importing country in form of an import permit or instrument in writing. This document can be emailed to [MICoR Plants](#) for assessment, and so the MICoR Plants database can be updated prior to any inspection or export taking place.

The conditions listed on my import permit for my product are different to the information in the database, how can I have them updated on MICoR Plants?

Import permits or instruments in writing that differ to the information in MICoR Plants can be emailed to [MICoR Plants](#) for assessment, and so the MICoR Plants database can be updated prior to any inspection or export taking place.

I need assistance interpreting conditions listed in Micor Plants, who do I contact?

If you have questions relating to conditions published in Micor Plants, you can [contact](#) the department.

Section 2: MICoR search functions

The two most common search functions of MICoR Plants are the [basic search](#) and the [refinement filter search](#).

Performing a basic search

MICoR can be searched by typing keywords such as commodity, country, end use and endorsement number, into the search bar at the top of the page.

Using the Refinement tool to search

The Refinement tool can be found by scrolling down the MICoR Plants Home page.

The Refinement tool allows you to narrow your search by selecting from 'Country', 'Group', 'End Use' and 'Scientific Name/Common Name'. To help narrow down results, you can use more than one refinement.

Note: You can click SHOW MORE to expand and scroll through the list.

Refinement	Search Results
Country	Apple <i>Scientific name: Malus spp</i> micor.agriculture.gov.au/Plants/Pages/Canada_CA/Apple.aspx
All	
Canada (CA)	
Group	Apricot, Cherry , Nectarine, Peach, Plum <i>Scientific name: Prunus spp</i> micor.agriculture.gov.au/.../Apricot_Cherry__Nectarine_Peach_Plum.a...
All	
Fruit	Berries <i>Scientific name: Rubus spp</i> micor.agriculture.gov.au/Plants/Pages/Canada_CA/Berries.aspx
End Use	Blueberries <i>Scientific name: Vaccinium spp</i> micor.agriculture.gov.au/Plants/Pages/Canada_CA/Blueberries.aspx
All	
Fresh	

Using the Refinement filter: 'Group'

The appropriate group for the plant product can be selected from the refinement tool to narrow your search to a particular group.

The following [End Use](#) types do not have a [Group](#) description associated. The below can be selected using the [End Use](#) filter only.

- Logs
- Processed timber
- Stockfeed
- Timber
- Wood packaging
- Woodchips
- Growing media

Note: The following are classed as 'Fruit' (as they develop from a flower) and any specifically listed conditions or generic phytosanitary case conditions apply: Avocado, Capsicum, Chillies, Cucumber, Eggplant, Melon, Olives, Pumpkin, Squash, Tomato and Zucchini.

Using the Refinement filter: 'End Use'

The [End Use](#) of the plant product can be selected to further refine your search. An [End Use](#) description is not associated for the following Group types:

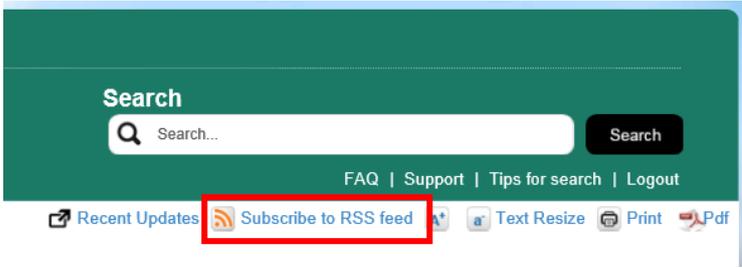
- Nuts
- Processed plant products
- Cut flowers – fresh
- Cut foliage – fresh

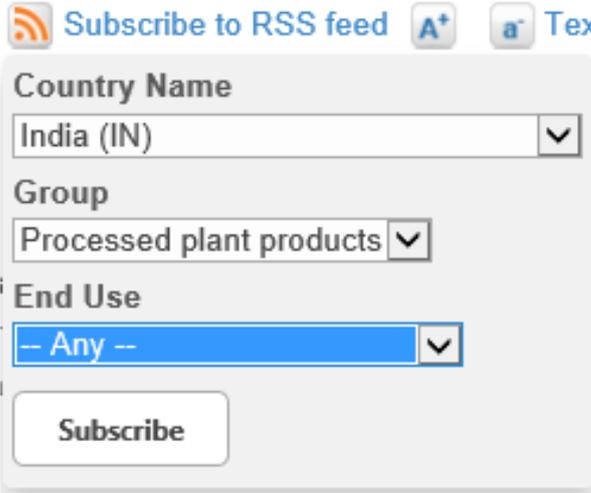
Note: The term 'Consumption' within the [End Use](#) list is only applicable to grains/seeds and refers to human consumption, not animal consumption.

Section 3: Tips on using MICoR Plants

The following table lists useful tips to maximise search results in MICoR Plants and information on additional functions of MICoR Plants.

If you want to...	Then...
Narrow or expand search results	<p>Search using a Boolean operator.</p> <p>Boolean operators are simple words (AND, OR, NOT) used as conjunctions to combine or exclude keywords in a search are used in the search bar to narrow or expand the search results.</p> <p>How to do this</p> <p>Type your keywords and a Boolean operator into the basic search bar at the top of the page and click 'Search'.</p>

If you want to...	Then...
	<p>Note: For the Boolean operators to work correctly they need to be written in capitals.</p> <p>For example,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheat AND sorghum – displays the MICoR Plants cases that include the words wheat and sorghum. • Grain NOT consumption – displays the MICoR Plants grain cases that do not have the word consumption in them. • Methyl bromide OR cold treatment – displays MICoR Plants cases that contain both of treatment options.
<p>Capture all variations of a search term</p>	<p>Search using a wildcard.</p> <p>A wildcard is a symbol used to replace or represent one or more characters. Using a wildcard (*) is useful for returning variations of the term you are looking for, or if you are not sure about the spelling.</p> <p>How to do this</p> <p>Type your keyword/s and wildcard into the search bar and click ‘Search’. All cases containing variations of the term you are looking for will be displayed.</p> <p>Note: To perform a single character wildcard search use the "?" symbol. To perform a multiple character wildcard search use the "*" symbol.</p> <p>For example, searching hybrid* will return results for hybrid, hybrids, hybridise, hybridisation and so on.</p>
<p>Find exact phrases</p>	<p>Search using double quotes ("") to find exact phrases if you are searching for a specific phrase.</p> <p>How to do this</p> <p>Type your keyword/s and double quotes into the search bar and click ‘Search’.</p> <p>All cases containing that exact phrase in the title or content will be displayed.</p> <p>For example, searching “Black leaf” returns only those results containing the exact phrase.</p>
<p>Subscribe to MICoR Plants updates</p>	<p>The <i>Subscribe to RSS feed</i> button will allow you to subscribe based on country name, group and end use.</p>  <p>The screenshot shows a search bar with the text 'Search' and a search button. Below the search bar are links for 'FAQ Support Tips for search Logout'. At the bottom of the screenshot, there are several utility buttons: 'Recent Updates', 'Subscribe to RSS feed' (highlighted with a red box), 'Text Resize', 'Print', and 'Pdf'.</p>

If you want to...	Then...
	 <p>Once details are entered, all cases that were updated will be displayed.</p> <p>Sandalwood powder Thursday, 16 May 2019, 10:22:04 AM → India (IN) - Processed plant products</p> <p>Wheat flour Monday, 10 December 2018, 1:34:04 PM → India (IN) - Processed plant products</p> <p>Malt Friday, 23 November 2018, 2:04:33 PM → India (IN) - Processed plant products</p>
<p>Find an answer to a question relating to MICoR Plants</p>	<p>View the Frequently Asked Questions by clicking the FAQ button. A list of frequently asked questions will then appear to assist with troubleshooting.</p> 
<p>View or save a PDF copy of the MICoR Plants case</p>	<p>Select the 'Pdf' tab, located under the search bar at the top of the page.</p>  <p>Select 'Open' or 'Save' from the pop-up box.</p>

If you want to...	Then...
Get technical support	<p>Select 'Support', located under the search bar at the top of the page.</p>  <p>MICoR support contact details will then appear.</p>

Section 4: Access to MICoR Plants

The MICoR Plants database is available publicly, however Workplans and Protocols are restricted and can only be viewed by requesting access to the documents section.

The Documents section of MICoR Plants can be found by scrolling down the MICoR Plants home page.

This section contains the following documents relevant to plant exports:

- Member States of the European Union (EU)
- Countries and International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) Codes
- Work Plans and Protocols

These documents can be accessed by selecting ['View the documents'](#).

Documents

This section contains documents relevant to plant exports, but which are not country or commodity specific. Within this section are 'Protocols' - the bilateral agreements between the Department of Agriculture and the importing country NPPO and Workplans, which have been developed from the protocols.

Not all Protocols have had a Workplan developed, and not all Workplans have a Protocol.

[View the documents](#)

Access can be requested by registering with Plant Exports and completing the online application form.

DOCUMENTS

This section contains documents relevant to plant exports.

- [Member States of the European Union \(EU\)](#)
- [Countries and ISO Codes](#)
- [Thailand Food and Drug Administration requirements for packhouses](#) (PDF)

Work Plans and Protocols

This section contains the bilaterally agreed documents between the Department of Agriculture and the importing country NPPO. As this section is restricted, to access these documents users are required to [register with Plant Exports](#)

[View the Work Plans and Protocols](#)

Related material

The following related material is available on the department's website:

- MICoR
- MICoR Plants Documents section (protocols and work plans)

Contact information

- MICoR Plants: micorplants@agriculture.gov.au
- Horticulture Exports Program for all Horticulture cases: horticultureexports@agriculture.gov.au
- Grain and Seed Export Program for all Grain and Seed cases: grain.export@agriculture.gov.au

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