



## Notice to Industry

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### **New Import conditions Bamboo, Cane, Rattan, Willow and Wicker**

This notice is to inform industry of upcoming changes to import conditions for bamboo, cane, rattan, willow and wicker effective from 2 May 2011. The new conditions apply for shipments arriving on or after the above date.

The changes are:

- The Cane and Rattan ICON case and the Willow and Wicker ICON case will combine to form one ICON case;
- Methyl bromide will no longer be an acceptable quarantine treatment for bamboo, cane, rattan, willow and wicker;
- Mandatory treatment on arrival will be required if acceptable documents/treatment certificates are not presented;

The AQIS approved treatments for bamboo, cane, rattan, willow and wicker are as follows:

- a) Heat treatment at 74°C for at least 60 minutes once the core temperature has been reached (T10025); or
- b) Kiln drying at 74°C (165°F) for 4-18 hours depending on thickness of timber (T9912) (see AQIS's ICON for detail of kiln drying treatment mentioned under T9912). Please note that treatment time does not commence until the temperature and humidity in the chamber have stabilised and the core temperature of the timber has reached at least 74°C (165°F); or
- c) Fumigated with ethylene oxide under initial minimum vacuum of 50 kilopascals at 1200g/m<sup>3</sup> for 5 hours at 50°C; or 1500g/m<sup>3</sup> for 24 hours at 21°C (T9020); or
- d) Gamma irradiation at 25 kGray (T9651); or
- e) Export or destruction.

Importers should ensure they have up to date information by regularly checking [ICON](http://www.aqis.gov.au/icon) ([www.aqis.gov.au/icon](http://www.aqis.gov.au/icon)) or by contacting AQIS. For current import conditions for [Bamboo articles](#), [Cane and rattan articles](#) and [Willow and wicker articles - Dried](#) please check ICON.

For any information or feedback on the changes to these timber ICON cases please contact the Timber and Timber Products National Co-ordination Centre in the AQIS Victorian Regional Office on 03 8318 6929 or email [timber.imports@aqis.gov.au](mailto:timber.imports@aqis.gov.au).