Transport of Quarantine Items to ANH QAP

While in the country of origin, quarantine materials are to be placed in labeled plastic bags, then either double-bagged or placed in sealed boxes.

ANH quarantine materials enter the country via one of three pathways:

i) as part of the importer’s luggage through one of the international airports where they are declared and issued with an Order into Quarantine document (be sure to have a copy of our Permit to Import with you when declaring the materials)

ii) as an air-shipment, most commonly via DHL or UPS

iii) as mail sent via Australia Post and the ANU Mail Room (not recommended).

In all cases, transport subsequent to arrival at an airport is expected to be via sealed road. Importers are encouraged to read the “Quarantine Import Hints and Suggestions” document for tips that may ease the import process.

Transport Accident/Spillage

Quarantine materials in transport as an air shipment are the responsibility of the shipping company and accidents will be handled in accordance with shipping company procedures.

Quarantine materials included with the importer’s luggage are small quantities of solids not likely to be widely dispersed in the event of an accident during transport. The items are also double-bagged or -boxed prior to entry into the country. Should spillage occur while the materials are under the control of the importer, the importer will clean up and re-package the spilled material. Dry material may be swept up, while wet material may be cleaned using paper towels and an approved disinfectant (bleach is available in the quarantine labs). Always treat swept up material, paper towels and other cleaning debris as quarantine waste, and discard in the appropriate waste containers available in our quarantine labs. In the unlikely event that there remains a significant risk of contamination, AQIS will be notified.