



BIOSECURITY IMPORT SPECIFICATIONS

IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR MARINE SEDIMENTS SAMPLES FROM PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES

1. The marine sediment samples are subject to Biosecurity inspection and testing on arrival at the port of entry
2. Prior notification of the exact arrival details to be provided to Biosecurity Authority in advance so that appropriate arrangements can be facilitated pertaining to inspection and or testing of the marine sand and sediments samples
3. An export certificate providing the details mentioned below from the respective government of the country of origin must accompany the shipment of the said consignment.
Original of this certificate to be presented to Biosecurity Authority officers at the port of entry when clearing the sediments on arrival. Details required on the export certificate include the following: Nature of the sample, Quantity, Source of the samples, Country of origin, Visual inspection, and certified free of pest, soil and other foreign matter
4. The samples to be oven dried at a temperature of 120 deg cel for 24 hours duration prior to export from the country of origin and treatment to be endorsed clearly on the export certificate.
5. Biosecurity Authority will undertake regular follow up inspection of the imported marine sediments and Biosecurity inspectors must be allowed access to the SOPAC facility for this purpose
6. All expenses – biosecurity fees, transportation, allowances etc. incurred will be borne by the importer in this case SOPAC
7. If at any time is danger from any spread of pest, diseases and weeds from the imported marine sand samples the area/premises will be treated and all imported samples will be destroyed as directed by the Biosecurity Authority and SOPAC must bear all expenses in this regards. Biosecurity Authority or any of its officers will no responsibility and will not be liable for any compensation and claims in this respect.
8. Any non-compliance of any of the above conditions will result in revocation of the approval given and destruction of the marine sand sample and any other action as directed by Biosecurity Authority all the importers expenses
9. As conditions change and as new facts become available Biosecurity import specification:- import requirement s for marine sediments samples from pacific island countries shall be modified either by inclusion of prohibited and restrictions or removal of Biosecurity requirements found to be unnecessary.