

RISK BACKGROUND

Fresh okra for human consumption

Overview



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Fresh okra (*Abelmoschus esculentus*) imported for human consumption do not require an import permit but must be:

- sourced from Fiji
- subject to pre-export inspection by the national plant protection organisation of the exporting country
- subject to either pre-shipment or on-arrival methyl bromide fumigation
- accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate
- securely packaged (i.e. insect proof)
- inspected on-arrival.

The department has not developed import conditions for countries other than Fiji.

Importers and department staff should ensure that the BICON conditions are met and that goods are free from general contamination, as well as the key risks described below.

Key risks

Fresh okra for human consumption may harbour biosecurity risk material such as live insects, disease symptoms, and contaminants such as weed seeds, soil, hitchhiker pests, trash and other non-permitted plant parts. These risks are managed through the import conditions outlined above.