

Import of fresh melon fruit from Japan

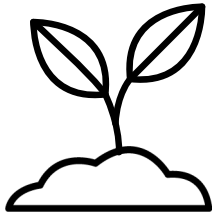
Recommended import pathway for commercially produced fresh melons for export to Australia from Japan



Reducing biosecurity risk

In Japan

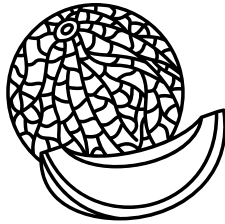
In Australia



1 Production

All growers who wish to export to Australia must be registered for export by the Japanese government.

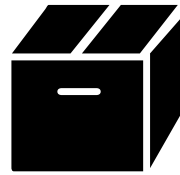
Melon plants are grown under protective covering (greenhouse or plastic tunnel).



2 Harvest

Fruit is picked by hand using scissors or sharp blades.

Each melon is placed in box (4-7 fruit per box) and transported to a nearby packing house by truck.



3 Packing

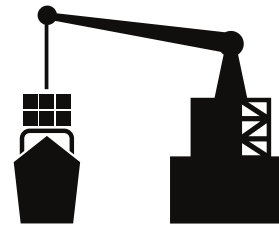
All packing houses must be registered for export by the Japanese government.

At the packing house, fruit are unpacked from the harvest boxes and undergo post-harvest processing.

The fruit are brushed clean using mechanical rollers.

Each melon is graded and checked for damage, pests and diseases. Only commercial quality fruit that are free from pests and diseases are selected for export.

Fruit of the same grade are boxed together and transported to the inspection centre in a climate-controlled truck.



4 Export

The Japanese government conducts a pre-export inspection of 600 melons to ensure the consignment is free of quarantine pests and meets Australia's import conditions.

The Japanese government must certify that the consignment meets Australia's import requirements.

Melons are transported by air freight or by sea to Australia.



5 Import

The Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry assesses documentation and conducts a 600-unit sample or equivalent inspection.

If quarantine pests are found, the consignment will be subject to a suitable remedial treatment, exported or destroyed.

Food safety

Fresh products imported for human consumption must comply with the Food Standards Code.



Recommended risk management measures

For pumpkin fruit fly (*Zeugodacus tau*):

- pest free areas, pest free places of production or pest free production sites; or
- fruit treatment considered to be effective against fruit flies

For thrips:

- pre-export visual inspection and, if found, remedial action.

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