

ARGENTINE ANT DISPERSAL RISK ANALYSIS

Business Name		Address			Date	Recorder	
Summarised Question Answers							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Circle the letter next to the answer that best describes the situation at the property being inspected. For ease of data entry, transpose these letters into the summary row above.

CODE	QUESTION/ANSWER
1	Where are commodities/products stored before leaving the site?
<i>a</i>	<i>No goods distributed from site (e.g. lawyers, accountants offices)</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>Entirely inside a shop or closed warehouse</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>Some product stored outside, but on a sealed surface and >5 m from nearest ant habitat (e.g. bare earth, garden, lawn, organic waste area, open cracks)</i>
<i>d</i>	<i>Stored outside on gravel or sealed surface <5m from nearest ant habitat</i>
<i>e</i>	<i>Stored on or immediately adjacent to bare earth, weedy, or overgrown areas</i>
2	On average, how long do goods stay on the site before leaving (i.e. dwell time)
<i>a</i>	<i>No goods distributed or office documents only (e.g. lawyers, accountants office)</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>Same day turn-around (e.g. fast courier, wof station)</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>1 – 3 days</i>
<i>d</i>	<i>4 – 7 days</i>
<i>e</i>	<i>>7 days</i>
3	How tidy are the property grounds?
<i>a</i>	<i>Clean and tidy, no overgrown/neglected areas, no rubbish piles, and neighboring properties also tidy.</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>Clean and tidy, no overgrown/neglected areas, no rubbish piles, but neighboring properties noticeably less tidy.</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>Generally tidy, but boundaries overgrown or some light weedy areas present, and/or some rubbish lying about edges.</i>
<i>d</i>	<i>Generally untidy, with weedy areas around yard and noticeable rubbish around buildings and boundaries.</i>
<i>e</i>	<i>Very untidy, plenty of discarded packaging, rubbish and/or old machinery, and overgrown areas.</i>
4	How much good ant habitat is on the site?
<i>a</i>	<i>Almost entirely sealed with concrete/bitumen, no gardens or lawn</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>Mostly sealed with concrete/bitumen, but some small garden areas present (<5%)</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>Substantially sealed, but gardens/ lawn/unsealed ground covering 5 –20%</i>
<i>d</i>	<i>Unsealed ground/ gardens/ lawn occupy >20%, but <50% of property</i>
<i>e</i>	<i>Unsealed earth/gardens/or lawn occupy 50% or more of property</i>

5	Is ant control undertaken on the site?
<i>a</i>	<i>Yes, professional pest controllers undertake treatments for ants at regular intervals</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>Yes, professional pest controllers are contracted to undertake treatment of ants when we notice ants on site</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>Yes, when ants are a problem we sometimes lay bait ourselves over most of the property</i>
<i>d</i>	<i>Yes, we sometimes lay a few baits around the building or use fly spray on ant trails</i>
<i>e</i>	<i>No, the ants don't worry us; or we don't have ants</i>
6	What packaging materials leave the site?
<i>a</i>	<i>No packaging, office envelopes, or plastic shopping bags only</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>Factory sealed commercial cartons</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>Unsealed cartons or plastic crates</i>
<i>d</i>	<i>Wooden boxes/crates</i>
<i>e</i>	<i>Pallets or shipping containers</i>
7	What is the highest risk commodity leaving the property? (See Guide)
<i>a</i>	<i>Negligible risk</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>Low risk</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>Medium risk</i>
<i>d</i>	<i>High risk</i>
<i>e</i>	<i>Very high risk</i>
8	How abundant are Argentine ants on the property?
<i>a</i>	<i>None seen on property after 5 person-mins searching, and none on adjacent properties either.</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>None seen on property after 5 person-mins searching, but present on neighboring properties (determine later).</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>No obvious activity, but a few (1-3) small nests found around property after 5 person-mins of searching</i>
<i>d</i>	<i>No or small areas of minor activity seen, and/or more than 3 nests found by searching up to 5 person minutes</i>
<i>e</i>	<i>Activity/trails easily seen around property without searching for nests</i>
Additional Notes	