

Fagalii Airport Reopens

One of the airports that operates between the two Samoa and domestically has been reopened at the beginning of the month. This gives the travelers the opportunity to choose the carrier of their choice and the airport that suits their budget and nearer to their final destinations either back to their homes, business trips or just on holiday. Two airports means a new demand for Quarantine service.



Quarantine Inspectors take turns every day from 6am to 6pm

to cater for this part of the service.

The requirements for entry remains the same as Faleolo and other ports of entry. These import requirements includes complete documentations such as import permits and health certificates for the famous ham, sausages, whole turkey and cut flowers that are frequently imported from American Samoa.

Pass the scrubbing brush we have loads to brush

Despite early hours of the morning quarantine officers at the border weren't too sleepy to clean a whole box full of dirty rugby boots. This is not a new experience for the border inspectors as they are famous for scrubbing boots. Though lifeless these guys act as potential pathway for the introduction of new pests and diseases.

Samoa Quarantine wishes to remind travelers, to please wash those boots, ranging from just slippers to hiking to rugby boots and just any kind of footwear. In this manner you are assisting us in minimising the risk and also to avoid mishaps and confiscation at the border.



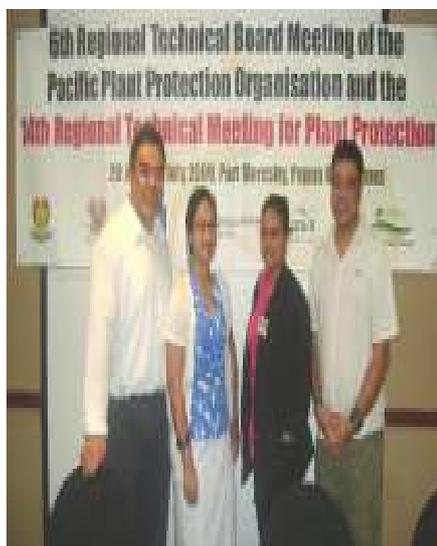
Boxful of boots and the Inspector at work in removing soil, grass

Staff corner: What's happening Near and Far at SQS??

Overseas Trainings

Two members of the Samoa Quarantine Service attended the "Sixth regional Technical Board meeting of the Pacific Plant Protection Organisation" that was held in Port Moresby, PNG. One of the main goals of the meeting was to discuss measures to protect the plants from exotic plant pests, manage pest incursions and develop management strategies for pests that are harmful to the environment.

This is an opportunity for SQS staff to expand their knowledge as well as keeping up with the rest of its Pacific neighbours in networking as well as acquiring new information for the betterment and improvement of our service



Ms Talei of SQS with other participants.

Investigators.

Five students from the National University of Samoa in the School of Horticulture are currently undertaking their work experience at Samoa Quarantine Service. This is a good opportunity for them to be exposed to the working environment and be able to put the knowledge gained from school to the real test in doing practical work. It is also an advantage for the service in its awareness as we are proud to share the Quarantine message to family, friends and the country.