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# Maintaining clean sea containers

Sea containers are essential for the movement of cargo around the Pacific but can also carry exotic pests, disease, and contaminants.

If not detected, these pests and contaminants can pose a serious biosecurity risk for importing countries.

## What makes for a clean sea container?

Clean sea containers are free of pests and contaminants, like plant and animal material, weeds, seeds, insects, and soil that can hide in or on a container.

## Where can you get help?

PACER Plus, alongside our Pacific partners, are raising awareness about clean sea containers. Contact the PacerPlus Implementation Unit (PPIU) for more guidance or visit [pacerplus.org](http://pacerplus.org).

## What happens to unclean sea containers?

Shipping cargo in unclean sea containers may result in your goods, cargo and container, being stopped on arrival for inspection and cleaning. The treatment process for contaminated containers and cargo takes time, meaning costly delays and added charges.

## Where can you learn more?

To learn the basics of inspecting and cleaning sea containers, see our **“How to keep a container clean”** factsheet and instructional video.



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