



## Fact sheet



### Export Control Act 2020

If your project involves exporting goods, including agricultural products and food, from Australian territory, you must meet applicable permit, registration, certification and licencing requirements under this Act.

#### 1. What approvals do I need?

An export permit is generally required before goods specified as ‘prescribed goods’ can be exported from Australia in accordance with the [Export Control Act 2020](#) (the Act).

Most goods within the following commodity types are prescribed:

- live animals
- eggs and their products
- fish and their products
- milk and their products
- meat and their products
- organic products
- plants and their products
- poultry meat and their products
- rabbit and ratite meat and their products
- wild game meat and their products
- wood and woodchips.

The [Export Control Rules](#) of each commodity type specify the goods within that type that are and are not prescribed.

Generally, premises used to prepare and store prescribed goods for export must be [registered](#) as an establishment for export operations in relation to those goods. Most premises also need to obtain an [approved arrangement](#) documenting how the premises will meet legal requirements for export.

Individual requirements for certification, accreditation and licencing may apply depending on the goods involved and importing country requirements. A specific trade description or official mark may need to be applied to certain goods.

Non-prescribed goods do not require an export permit, but they must meet [importing country requirements](#) for certification and/or preparation at an [export-listed establishment](#).

To determine the specific requirements that apply to the goods you wish to export, please refer to the [Step by Step Export Guides](#) available on the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) website.

#### 2. Who provides the approvals?

DAFF regulates the export of agricultural goods under the Act and oversees approval requirements. The Secretary of DAFF, or their delegate, makes decisions on whether to:

- grant an export permit or licence
- register an export establishment
- issue government certification
- approve a proposed arrangement
- accredit a property.

#### 3. How do I apply for the approvals?

Applications for export permits, certificates and related documents for prescribed primary produce are made online using either DAFF’s Next Export Documentation System (NEXDOC) or Export Documentation System

(EXDOC). Please refer to DAFF's website for guidance on the registration and application process for [NEXDOC](#) and [EXDOC](#).

Some approvals and documentation for plant and plant products are made in DAFF's online Plant Exports Management System (PEMS), in accordance with the [process](#) outlined on the DAFF website.

Applications to register, vary or revoke an export establishment are managed in the online [Export Service](#).

#### **4. More information**

##### **Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**

Further information on exporting agricultural goods from Australia is available on the DAFF [website](#).

DAFF can be contacted by email at [exportlegislation@aff.gov.au](mailto:exportlegislation@aff.gov.au).

##### **Major Projects Facilitation Agency**

If you would like assistance to identify potential Australian Government regulatory approvals required for your project, please refer to the [Major projects help tool](#) self-assessment.

The MPFA team can be contacted by email at [MPFA@industry.gov.au](mailto:MPFA@industry.gov.au).