



Commonwealth Fact Sheet



IMPORTING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

If your project involves importing machinery and equipment, you must meet the required import conditions as outlined in BICON in accordance with the Biosecurity Act 2015.

1. What import conditions do I need to meet?

Imported machinery and equipment become subject to biosecurity controls upon entering Australian waters. This equates to 12 nautical miles offshore.

Biosecurity legislation also applies to packaging materials associated with the importation of machinery or equipment.

Used machinery that has come into contact with biosecurity contaminants including soil and plant material must be cleaned prior to arrival in Australia.

Pre-arrival evidence must be supplied prior to arrival in Australia. You will be advised as to whether the consignment can be imported or whether further cleaning is required.

2. Who assesses the pre-arrival information?

The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (the Department) regulates the import of goods under the *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

3. How do I comply with Commonwealth requirements?

Guidelines and import conditions are available online through the [BICON portal](#).

The Department has provided a number of cleaning guides and checklists to assist with offshore cleaning of machinery. These can be located on the department's [website](#).

The department has the power to direct the export of contaminated machinery from Australia or to order its cleaning at the importer's or owner's expense if pre-arrival cleaning requirements have not been met.

A Biosecurity Management [template](#) is available to assist importers to manage biosecurity risks offshore to assist with clearance upon arrival in to Australia.

4. More information

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For more information, visit the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment website or contact:

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