



Raw and sun dried tobacco

Case Description

Effective: 22 February 2018

This case describes the requirements for the importation of raw and sun dried tobacco.

Import Destination: Australia

Related Information:

- Risks associated with dried plant material (Appendix [3](#))

Alerts

Brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB) mandatory treatment for containerised goods from Italy

Effective: 11 April 2018 *to* 30 April 2018

From 17 January 2018, the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources has introduced further mandatory treatment measures to prevent BMSB arriving in Australia.

From 17 January 2018 all containerised goods from Italy will require mandatory BMSB treatment at an approved arrangement on arrival in Australian territory. These measures will remain in place to the end of the BMSB risk season, 30 April 2018 (shipped up to and including the 30 April 2018).

Importers will need to nominate a treatment location and treatment type as per the BMSB treatment requirements.

Exceptions apply to goods already treated offshore with one of the approved BMSB treatments, or that fall within one of the excluded tariff groups:

- Fresh produce (including nursery stock and live plants)
- Live animals
- Food for human consumption (including beverages)
- Seeds for sowing
- Registered pharmaceuticals

All other containerised goods (FCL/FCX or LCL) arriving from Italy will require treatment on arrival using methyl bromide, or where methyl bromide is not suitable, another approved treatment for BMSB.

ASG officers must ensure that treatment directions for BMSB are added as the first direction, prior to any further inspection or intervention. These measures are in addition to existing import conditions or requirements.

Further information

Please refer to the [department's website](#) for a list of approved treatments for BMSB.

For further information, including specific COLS lodgement advice for these entries, please refer to the relevant [Import Industry Advice Notice](#).

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Import Scenario Definition

1. Biosecurity Pathway

1.1. Import Requirements

- a. A Department of Agriculture and Water Resources import permit is not required, providing that the following conditions are met.
- b. These conditions only apply to unprocessed raw and sun dried tobacco. The importation of cut rag, cigarettes, cigars or roll your own (RYO) products are not subject to biosecurity control.



Tobacco seeds and plants are also regulated by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). More information can be found on the [ATO website](#).

- c. Tobacco is also a prohibited plant under Schedule 1 of Standard 1.4.4 'Prohibited and Restricted Plants and Fungi', of the Australian Food Standards Code. A plant, or a part or a derivative of a plant listed in schedule 1, or any substance derived there from, must not be intentionally added to food or offered for sale as food in Australia.
- d. Any packaging used with the consignment must be clean and new.
- e. All consignments will be referred to Customs, before being processed by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.
- f. Consignments will be subject to one of the following prior to release:
 1. Inspection to verify that it is free of seeds, live insects, soil and other biosecurity risk material prior to heat treatment, hot air at not less than 85 °C for at least 8 hours once the core temperature has been reached.
Caution: Products may smoulder or ignite with heat treatment.
 2. Inspection to verify that it is free of seeds, live insects, soil and other biosecurity risk material prior to ethylene oxide fumigation, under initial minimum vacuum of 50 kilopascals at 1200 g/m³ for 5 hours at 50 °C; or 1500 g/m³ for 24 hours at 21 °C.
 3. Inspection to verify that it is free of seeds, live insects, soil and other biosecurity risk material prior to processing at a class 3.0 AA site.
- g. The goods must be clean and free of contaminant seed, soil, animal and plant debris and other [biosecurity risk material](#) prior to arrival in Australian territory.
- h. Each consignment will be subject to an inspection to verify that it is free of seeds, live insects, soil and other [biosecurity risk material](#).
- i. If [biosecurity risk material](#) such as live insects, soil, seeds, animal material or faecal matter is found on inspection, the consignment must be held and the contaminants must be treated using an approved method by the department, exported or disposed of at the importer's expense.
- j. Under the [Biosecurity Charges Imposition \(General\) Regulation 2016](#) and Chapter 9, Part 2 of the [Biosecurity Regulation 2016](#), fees are payable to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources for all services. Detail on how the department applies fees and levies may

be found in the [charging guidelines](#).

- k. In addition to the conditions for the goods being imported, non-commodity concerns must be assessed including container cleanliness, packaging and destination concerns, and may be subject to inspection and treatment on arrival. Please refer to the BICON Non-Commodity Cargo Clearance case for further information.

1.2. On-Arrival Assessment

The following table lists the possible onshore outcomes for this import scenario:

Table 1:

Onshore Outcomes		Section
If goods arrive as full container load sea freight	For processing at an approved arrangement site	1.2.1
	Not for processing at an approved arrangement site	1.2.2
If goods arrive as less than container load sea freight (exceeds dutiable Customs value)	For processing at an approved arrangement site	1.2.3
	Not for processing at an approved arrangement site	1.2.4
If goods arrive as air freight (exceeds dutiable Customs value)	For processing at an approved arrangement site	1.2.5
	Not for processing at an approved arrangement site	1.2.6
If goods arrive as mail or passenger baggage	For processing at an approved arrangement site	1.2.7
	Not for processing at an approved arrangement site	1.2.8
If goods arrive as freight (below dutiable Customs value)		1.2.9
If goods arrive as break bulk or bulk sea freight		1.2.10

1.2.1. If goods arrive as full container load sea freight — For processing at an approved arrangement site

- a. Present all documentation
The importer or nominated agent must present all required documentation to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources as part of the import procedure.
AA Site: 20.0 - Department of Agriculture and Water Resources Regional Office
- b. Inspection
The goods must be unpacked from the container and inspected by a biosecurity officer at the designated approved arrangement site (AA site).
AA Sites: 1.1 - Sea and Air Freight Depot Operations
1.3 - Sea and Air Freight Depot Operations (Restricted - Including

Personal and Household Effects)
2.2 - Agricultural Products Premises

- c. Processing
The goods are to be treated as directed.
AA Site: 3.0 - Produce Processing
- d. Subject to import permit conditions
The goods are to have their entries finalised and will remain under biosecurity control subject to import permit conditions.

1.2.2. If goods arrive as full container load sea freight — Not for processing at an approved arrangement site

- a. Present all documentation
The importer or nominated agent must present all required documentation to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources as part of the import procedure.
AA Site: 20.0 - Department of Agriculture and Water Resources Regional Office
- b. Inspection
The goods must be unpacked from the container and inspected by a biosecurity officer at the designated approved arrangement site (AA site).
AA Sites: 1.1 - Sea and Air Freight Depot Operations
1.3 - Sea and Air Freight Depot Operations (Restricted - Including Personal and Household Effects)
2.2 - Agricultural Products Premises
- c. Mandatory treatment
The goods require mandatory treatment with either:
 - 1. Heat treatment at 85°C for 8 hours, or
 - 2. Ethylene oxide fumigation under initial minimum vacuum of 50 kilopascals at 1200 g/m³ for 5 hours at 50°C; or 1500 g/m³ for 24 hours at 21°C.
- d. Release
The department will release the goods once all of the biosecurity requirements have been met.

1.2.3. If goods arrive as less than container load sea freight (exceeds dutiable Customs value) — For processing at an approved arrangement site

- a. Present all documentation
The importer or nominated agent must present all required documentation to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources as part of the import procedure.
AA Site: 20.0 - Department of Agriculture and Water Resources Regional Office
- b. Inspection
The goods must be inspected by a biosecurity officer.

- AA Sites: 1.1 - Sea and Air Freight Depot Operations
1.3 - Sea and Air Freight Depot Operations (Restricted - Including Personal and Household Effects)
2.2 - Agricultural Products Premises
- c. Processing
The goods are to be treated as directed.
AA Site: 3.0 - Produce Processing
- d. Subject to import permit conditions
The goods are to have their entries finalised and will remain under biosecurity control subject to import permit conditions.

1.2.4. If goods arrive as less than container load sea freight (exceeds dutiable Customs value) — Not for processing at an approved arrangement site

- a. Present all documentation
The importer or nominated agent must present all required documentation to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources as part of the import procedure.
AA Site: 20.0 - Department of Agriculture and Water Resources Regional Office
- b. Inspection
The goods must be inspected by a biosecurity officer.
AA Sites: 1.1 - Sea and Air Freight Depot Operations
1.3 - Sea and Air Freight Depot Operations (Restricted - Including Personal and Household Effects)
2.2 - Agricultural Products Premises
- c. Mandatory treatment
The goods require mandatory treatment with either:
1. Heat treatment at 85°C for 8 hours, or
2. Ethylene oxide fumigation under initial minimum vacuum of 50 kilopascals at 1200 g/m³ for 5 hours at 50°C; or 1500 g/m³ for 24 hours at 21°C.
- d. Release
The department will release the goods once all of the biosecurity requirements have been met.

1.2.5. If goods arrive as air freight (exceeds dutiable Customs value) — For processing at an approved arrangement site

- a. Present all documentation
The importer or nominated agent must present all required documentation to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources as part of the import procedure.
AA Site: 20.0 - Department of Agriculture and Water Resources Regional Office
- b. Inspection

The goods must be inspected by a biosecurity officer.

AA Sites: 1.1 - Sea and Air Freight Depot Operations
 1.2 - Class A Air Cargo Terminal and Air Freight Depot Operations
 (Unrestricted)
 1.3 - Sea and Air Freight Depot Operations (Restricted - Including
 Personal and Household Effects)
 2.2 - Agricultural Products Premises

c. Processing

The goods are to be treated as directed.

AA Site: 3.0 - Produce Processing

d. Subject to import permit conditions

The goods are to have their entries finalised and will remain under biosecurity control subject to import permit conditions.

1.2.6. If goods arrive as air freight (exceeds dutiable Customs value) — Not for processing at an approved arrangement site

a. Present all documentation

The importer or nominated agent must present all required documentation to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources as part of the import procedure.

AA Site: 20.0 - Department of Agriculture and Water Resources Regional Office

b. Inspection

The goods must be inspected by a biosecurity officer.

AA Sites: 1.1 - Sea and Air Freight Depot Operations
 1.2 - Class A Air Cargo Terminal and Air Freight Depot Operations
 (Unrestricted)
 1.3 - Sea and Air Freight Depot Operations (Restricted - Including
 Personal and Household Effects)
 2.2 - Agricultural Products Premises

c. Mandatory treatment

The goods require mandatory treatment with either:

1. Heat treatment at 85°C for 8 hours, or
2. Ethylene oxide fumigation under initial minimum vacuum of 50 kilopascals at 1200 g/m³ for 5 hours at 50°C; or 1500 g/m³ for 24 hours at 21°C.

d. Release

The department will release the goods once all of the biosecurity requirements have been met.

1.2.7. If goods arrive as mail or passenger baggage — For processing at an approved arrangement site

a. Inspection

The goods are subject to an inspection by a Biosecurity officer.

AA Sites: 21.1 - Sea Ports
 21.2 - Airports
 22.0 - Mail
 3.0 - Produce Processing

b. Processing

The goods are to be treated as directed.

AA Site: 3.0 - Produce Processing

c. Subject to import permit conditions

The goods are to have their entries finalised and will remain under biosecurity control subject to import permit conditions.

1.2.8. If goods arrive as mail or passenger baggage — Not for processing at an approved arrangement site

a. Inspection

The goods are subject to an inspection by a Biosecurity officer.

AA Sites: 21.1 - Sea Ports
 21.2 - Airports
 22.0 - Mail

b. Mandatory treatment

The goods require mandatory treatment with either:

1. Heat treatment at 85°C for 8 hours, or
2. Ethylene oxide fumigation under initial minimum vacuum of 50 kilopascals at 1200 g/m³ for 5 hours at 50°C; or 1500 g/m³ for 24 hours at 21°C.

c. Release

The department will release the goods once all of the biosecurity requirements have been met.

1.2.9. If goods arrive as freight (below dutiable Customs value)

a. Self Assessed Clearance (SAC) assessment

Any goods, and accompanying documentation, arriving into Australia, are subject to [Self assessed clearance \(SAC\) declaration processing](#).

If this assessment reveals remedial action is required, the importer will be informed.

Remedial action could include treatment of the goods, export or disposal.

If the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources has not approved import conditions for goods that arrive in Australia, these goods will be subject to export or disposal at the importer's expense.

1.2.10. If goods arrive as break bulk or bulk sea freight



This mode of arrival is not commonly used with this consignment type. As a result, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources biosecurity has not developed decision support for this arrival mode. Please either choose an alternative arrival mode or contact the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources for further information.

Appendix 1: Scientific Names

This appendix provides a list of Scientific Names that are covered by, or excluded from, this case.

Included Scientific Names

<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i>		
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Appendix 2: References

This appendix contains a consolidated list of referenced items:

ATO website

1. [https://www.ato.gov.au/law/view/document?docid="AID/AID2009118/00001"](https://www.ato.gov.au/law/view/document?docid=)

Biosecurity Charges Imposition (General) Regulation 2016

1. <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2016L00727>

Biosecurity Regulation 2016

1. <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/F2016L00756>

biosecurity risk material

1. <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/arrival/treatments/contamination-treatment-guide>

charging guidelines

1. <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/fees/charging-guidelines>

Appendix 3: Rationale

This appendix contains information that gives further details about the risk assessment or decisions relevant to the importation of the goods specified in this case or procedure:

Risks associated with dried plant material

Consignments of dried plant material can consist of a variety of plant matter, including viable seeds that may pose a biosecurity risk. Dried plant material may also be infested with insects, contaminated with soil or carry fungal spores that can introduce serious animal and plant pathogens.

Appendix 4: Glossary

The following provides a definition of words or phrases that are found within the text. Some of these have a special meaning in relation to the importation or treatment of goods entering Australia and may be important to understand in meeting the conditions for import.

Approved Arrangement Site (AA Site)	An arrangement approved under Section 406 of the Biosecurity Act 2015 (Cwlth) which permits a biosecurity industry participant to carry out specified activities to manage biosecurity risks associated with particular goods, premises or other things.
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Appendix 5: Document Options

Context & Inclusions

User Context: External

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