

CUSTOMS/QUARANTINE IMPORTING INFORMATION

Required Documentation

- Commercial Invoice
- Packing List
- Quarantine Packing Declaration – required for sea freight shipments
- Fumigation or Treatment Certificate – if wooden packaging or required for the commodity
- Original Bill of Lading, if required, or copy
- Quarantine Import Permit – if required for the commodity
- Appropriate Origin Certificate/Declaration – if applicable

Valuation

Customs Duty is calculated on the FOB (Free On Board) value of the goods, which consists of the value of the goods and ALL related charges to pack the goods into a container or to load goods on board the vessel/aircraft, whichever occurs first.

GST

GST is payable on the value of the goods, customs duty, freight and insurance at a rate of 10%. GST is payable at time of importation unless GST has been deferred.

Quarantine Packing Declarations

A Quarantine Packing Declaration is required for all FCL and LCL sea freight shipments into Australia. The Declaration must be on the Supplier's letterhead with reference to the shipment, eg. Container Number or Bill of Lading Number, and be signed and dated. The letterhead must have the Supplier's contact details eg. Full street address, etc.

New/Used Goods

Quarantine may request a Declaration from the supplier stating that "the machinery is new and has not been field tested or factory trialled".

Used goods must be inspected by Quarantine at a Quarantine Registered Premises.

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Quarantine

For information on goods subject to Quarantine and their import conditions please refer to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) website <http://www.daff.gov.au/> or alternatively http://apps.daff.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex_querycontent.asp to search for requirements on a specific commodity.

Rural FCL Deliveries

A container destined to be unpacked at a Rural address as determined by Quarantine by the Post Code must go for a Rural Tail-gate Inspection.

Air Conditioning Gases

Certain refrigerant gases (HFC, HCFC & CFC) are prohibited unless the Importer has a "Pre Charged Equipment Licence".

Trade Agreements

Australia has Trade Agreements with various countries which enables certain goods under certain conditions to be imported at a reduced duty rate.

The above information is to be used as a general guide only, and should be confirmed prior to importation.