

Specifications for the Import of Honey Products AUSTRALIA

Range of honey products: natural honey and honey combs

In addition to the general import requirements as well as general labeling requirements, see the below information.

Commercial import conditions

1. An Import Permit is not required for honey and honey products that are pure and free from extraneous matter and are:
 - a) Commercially processed, packaged and ready for retail sale; or
 - b) Bulk containers imported for re-packaging within Australia, that have been processed to remove any potential contaminants (i.e. dead bees, plant material etc.); or
 - c) Packaged samples for laboratory analysis.
2. Any honey products that are not covered by the above three points will require an Import Permit. [Permit applications](#) must be sent to the Biological Imports Program, AQIS Canberra office for assessment.
3. Each consignment must be accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration stating that:
 - a) The honey has been processed to remove any potential contaminants (i.e. dead bees, plant material etc.); or
 - b) The honey is a sample and for laboratory analysis only.
4. The manufacturer's declaration must comply with the requirements of the [Minimum Documentary Requirements Policy](#).
5. If a manufacturer's declaration that satisfies the above requirements is provided, the consignment will be released from quarantine without any further requirements.
6. If a manufacturer's declaration that satisfies the above requirements cannot be provided, the importer must apply for an Import Permit. [Permit applications](#) must be sent to the Biological Imports Program, AQIS Canberra office for assessment.
7. Each consignment must be packed in clean and new packaging and must be free of live insects, seeds, soil, mud, clay, animal material (such as feces), plant material (such as straw, twigs, leaves, roots, bark) and other debris prior to arrival in Australia.

8. Western Australia currently has a higher quarantine status with respect to bees. As such, products imported into Western Australia must meet WA State quarantine entry requirements. Importers should contact Western Australia Agriculture Department on 08 9368 3535 or AQIS Western Australia on 08 9334 1800.

9. Passengers arriving at ports outside of Western Australia should be aware that Western Australia has State quarantine entry requirements should they intend taking the material into Western Australia.

10. Importers should be aware of the need for care in the disposal of discarded honey and of any legal obligations with respect to disposal. This includes disposal of containers. In all cases, disposal should be done in a manner that mitigates robbing by bees with consequent risks of spread of disease. Certain States have legal requirements covering disposal.

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AQIS minimum documentary requirements to support assessment of all documentation

All documentation presented to AQIS as part of the import process must meet the requirements of the [Minimum Documentary Requirements Policy](#). These requirements include:

1. Overarching Requirements (e.g. legible, in English, signed, dated, linked to the consignment);
2. Document Format Requirements (e.g. as per nationally accepted practice and standards, or on company letterhead); and
3. Prescribed Information Requirements (e.g. treatment certificates must include a description of the goods/packaging treated)

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AQIS information requirements to support assessment of non-commodity concerns associated with imported cargo

All documentation presented to AQIS to assist in determining the level of quarantine risk posed by transportation pathways and packaging must meet the requirements of the [Non-Commodity Information Requirements Policy](#). These requirements address:

1. Container cleanliness;
2. Packaging concerns (e.g. presence of timber or prohibited packaging material); and
3. Destination concerns (e.g. destined for a rural unpack location).
4. Import Permit Fee IPF0003
5. Import Permit Fees (where applicable) – Category 2

6. This commodity is classified as a Category 2 assessment for the purposes of determining the Import Permit fee rate that applies. The fee rate is \$80.00 (for any assessment period up to 1 hour) and \$40.00 for each quarter hour, or part of a quarter hour, after the 1-hour period. Note that in addition to the assessment fee, an [electronic](#) lodgment fee of \$85.00 or a manual lodgment fee of \$150.00 also applies.
7. An assessable item means an item identified on an Import Permit application as consisting of goods of a class imported, or to be imported, from a particular country for a particular use.

Other Useful Links

Wood packaging

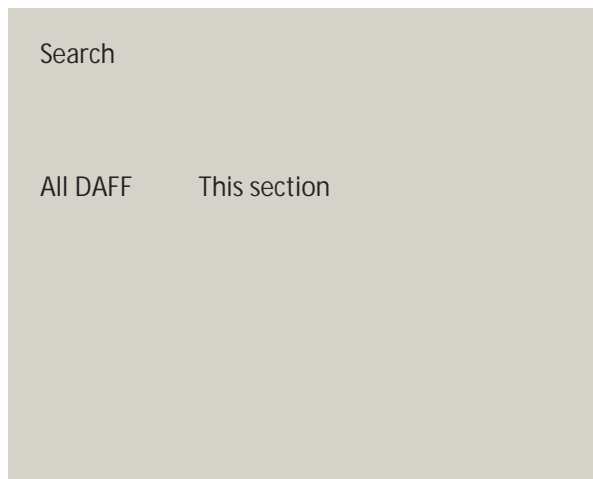
<http://www.daff.gov.au/aqis/export/wood-packaging>

ICON is AQIS's import conditions database.

Please refer to the [AQIS Food](#) web page for further information.

<http://www.daff.gov.au/aqis/import/icon-icd>

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Application to Import Biological Materials

Importers now have more options to complete, submit and pay for an application to import biological materials:

1. Complete and submit electronic application form online - ePermit materials
2. Complete and submit electronic application form online (eLodge)
3. Download [application form](#) and submit by fax or post.

Please note: processing of all import permit applications will not begin until the prescribed fee is paid in full. Applicants should also go to the [Checklist for Importing Biological Materials](#) for more information on the documents needed for the assessment of biological import permit applications.

1 Complete and submit application form for ePermits materials

Import Permit applications for certain Biological Materials may be submitted using the ePermits system.

ePermits allows applicants to submit applications online within our electronically secure environment and will deliver the final permit to a nominated email address.

In general applications submitted using ePermits will be turned around quickly due to reduced administrative and assessment processes. **Note: not all commodities are available through ePermits.**

Please search for your commodity using the [ICON database](#) to see if it is eligible for ePermit application.

Please note: Payment for online applications must be made by credit card. The **minimum** fee for online lodgement is \$85.00 and **other charges will apply**. Please refer to the Charging Schedule for Import Permit Applications for further information.

Apply via [ePermits](#).

Please refer to the [Charging Schedule for Import Permit Applications](#) for further information.

2 Complete and submit application form online (eLodge)

You can apply online for an Import Permit for Biological Materials that are not available through ePermits using the eLodgement system.

Simply **fill out the application** to import Biological Materials form and submit the form including payment within our secure environment.

The application form is made up of 3 steps:

1. Fill out importer and exporter details
2. Fill out product/commodity details and importer declaration
3. Provide payment details.

Please note: Payment for online applications must be made by credit card. The **minimum** fee for online lodgement is \$85.00 and **other charges will apply**. Please refer to the Charging Schedule for Import Permit Applications to ensure you have authorised sufficient payment.

[eLodge Application Form and Pay Online](#)

3 Application form to submit by fax or post

You can apply for an Import Permit for any Biological Material manually by downloading the application form below and forwarding it with payment by post or fax to DAFF.

[Application to Import Biological Materials](#)  PDF [85 KB]

[Application to Import Biological Materials](#)  Word [172 KB]

Paying for your manual application

Processing of your application form will not begin before the prescribed fee is paid in full. Please refer to the [Charging Schedule for Import Permit Applications](#) to ensure you have provided sufficient payment.

If you are submitting your application manually you can pay for your application in one of the following ways:

- mail or fax credit card details, with your application form to the [DAFF Canberra office](#). Please attach a completed Credit card payment form to your application.

[Credit card payment form](#)  PDF [36 KB]

[Credit card payment form](#)  Word [132 KB]

- provide a cheque, with your application form, to the [DAFF Canberra office](#). Cheques should be payable to the 'Collector of Public Monies, DAFF'.
- in person at your [local DAFF office](#).

Submitting your manual application form

Applications should be posted or faxed to the DAFF Canberra office.

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