

# AUSTRALIA ANIMAL ORIGIN PRODUCTS

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## Australia Animal Origin Products

### Meat

#### **Beef meat based flavors and Meat based flavors excluding beef - Heat processed**

1. An Import Permit must be obtained prior to importation. [Permit applications](#) must be sent to AQIS Canberra office for assessment.
2. On importation, some meat based flavors will need to have official government veterinary certification from the country of export. These conditions will be described on the Import Permit. Condition C9867/ Entry Management EM0184

#### **Chicken meat - Uncanned/unretorted and cooked<sup>1</sup>**

1. An Import Permit is required and must be valid at the time the goods are imported into Australia. [Permit applications](#) must be sent to AQIS Canberra for assessment. For details on information required to accompany Import Permit applications (e.g. country of origin, form and cut of the meat), refer to AQIS's [Checklist for importing biological materials](#).
2. Generic conditions for the importation of chicken meat from all countries have been developed, based on the 2009 Generic Import Risk Analysis (IRA) for Chicken Meat, which can be viewed at [Biosecurity Australia](#)'s web site under [Import Risk Analysis documents](#).
3. Specific import conditions will need to be established for each import permit application submitted to AQIS. All applications must meet the requirements outlined in the generic chicken meat IRA before specific import conditions can be developed. These import conditions will be based on the IRA, and established following an evaluation of the exporting country's animal health status, and the ability of the exporting country's competent authority to certify their chicken meat to Australia's requirements. AQIS and Biosecurity Australia may be required to inspect exporting plants to ensure adequate risk management systems are in place.

#### **Chicken meat – Uncooked**

1. An Import Permit is required and must be valid at the time the goods are imported into Australia. [Permit applications](#) must be sent to AQIS Canberra for assessment. For details on information required to accompany Import Permit applications (e.g. country of origin, form and cut of the meat), refer to AQIS's [Checklist for importing biological materials](#).
2. Generic conditions for the importation of chicken meat from all countries have been developed,

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<sup>1</sup>Includes chicken meat - Uncanned/unretorted and cooked, Cooked and uncanned chicken meat, Cooked and uncanned/unretorted chicken meat, Cooked chicken flavours, Cooked chicken meat, Poultry meat.

based on the 2009 Generic Import Risk Analysis (IRA) for Chicken Meat, which can be viewed at [Biosecurity Australia's](#) web site under [Import Risk Analysis documents](#).

3. Specific import conditions will need to be established for each import permit application submitted to AQIS. All applications must meet the requirements outlined in the generic chicken meat IRA before specific import conditions can be developed. These import conditions will be based on the IRA, and established following an evaluation of the exporting country's animal health status, and the ability of the exporting country's competent authority to certify their chicken meat to Australia's requirements. AQIS and Biosecurity Australia may be required to inspect exporting plants to ensure adequate risk management systems are in place.

### **Cheese (Human consumption) (sourced and manufactured in a country NOT specified in the DAFF FMD Approved Country List.)FMD =foot and mouth disease.**

1. An Import Permit is required for cheese. [Permit applications](#) must be sent to AQIS Canberra office for assessment. For details on information required to accompany Import Permit applications, refer to [Checklist for importing biological materials](#).

2. A Quarantine Entry must be lodged for each consignment.

Note: Cheese products and canned/retorted dairy products may be imported from all countries subject to compliance with relevant quarantine requirements which will be determined during the permit application process.

### **Dairy products (excluding cheese)**

1. An Import Permit is required for dairy products that do not fit any of the descriptions below, and must be applied for prior to importation. [Permit applications](#) must be sent to AQIS Canberra office for assessment.

Please note: An Import Permit may only be issued for un-canned/un-retorted dairy products that are sourced and manufactured in a country specified on the DAFF FMD Approved Country List and intended for human consumption. Approved country information can be found under the following ICON case [Dairy products \(excluding cheese\)](#) from Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) Approved Country List. Canned/retorted dairy products may be imported from all countries subject to compliance with relevant quarantine requirements which will be determined during the permit application process.

2. An Import Permit is not required for the following commercial consignments, from any country of origin:

a) Goods of which each individually packaged unit contains less than 10% by dry weight (other than any added water) of a dairy product, and are accompanied by a valid Manufacturers Declaration - stating that the goods "contain less than 10% dairy by dry weight for each individually packaged unit";

OR

b) Biscuits, bread and cooked cakes (excluding cheese cakes, and excluding cakes containing dairy fillings or toppings that have not been cooked with the cake).

3. A Quarantine Entry must be lodged for each consignment. The entry shall specify for each commodity the **mandatory documents** (requiring a permit or not) , **the actual status and the comments of the AQUIS import management systems(AIMS)** (whether mandatory documents exist) , and the **Quarantine approved premises (QAP)**for such a commodity.

Example for dairy products excluding cheese:

Entry Management EM0252

Commodity Docs	Direction	AIMS COMMENTS	Notes QAP
<p><b>Mandatory:</b> <b>for Goods described in C19481 point 2. a)</b></p> <p>1) A valid <b>Manufacturers Declaration</b> - stating that the goods "contain less than 10% dairy by dry weight for each individually packaged unit".</p> <p><b>for Goods NOT described in C19481 point 2</b></p> <p>1) A valid <b>Import Permit</b> - see permit conditions for specific requirements</p> <p>2) A valid <b>Official Government Vet Certificate</b> - see permit conditions for specific requirements. (Date of manufacture of each batch or lot may also be provided on a <b>Manufacturer's Declaration</b> as per the permit conditions). <b>NOTE:</b> Import permit requirements outweigh ICON conditions and work instructions unless otherwise stated within the permit.</p>	<b>All Docs are OK</b>		<p>For goods containing dairy from New Zealand, refer to the relevant ICON case for "Dairy Products from NZ". Class: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.5</p> <p>If a valid <b>Government Vet Certificate/ Manufacturers Declaration/ Import Permit</b> does not exist or for dispensation to a current permit, goods to be held and importer referred to the <b>Biological Imports Program</b>. Phone: (02) 6272 4578 Fax: (02) 6249 1798 Email: biologicals@daff.gov.au The consignment must be re-exported or destroyed or held at a <b>Class 1 QAP</b> until valid documents are presented.</p>
	<b>Consignments &gt;30 days from the date of manufacture</b>		
	1) Documentation- Present all Documentation		
	2) Final Directives- Finalized and Released.		
	<b>Consignments &lt;30 days from the date of manufacture.</b>		
	1) Documentation- Present all Documentation		
	2) Movement - To specified premises	<b>Standard Comments for Movement Direction</b> <Commodity> ex <country of origin> to be moved to QAP and be held until 30 days from date of manufacture. Manufacture date XXX. Packages must remain secure. Agent/importer to contact AQIS for release	
	<b>All Docs NOT OK</b>		
	<b>All Cargo Types, nil valid Import Permit/ Government Vet Certificate/ Manufacturers Declaration</b>		

## Honey

(Honey, Honey products)

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, product 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

### **Egg noodles/Egg pasta**

A valid Import Permit is required for egg noodles/egg pasta containing 10% or greater egg and/or dairy by dry weight and/or containing meat and/or discernible pieces of egg. Import Permits must be applied for prior to importation. [Permit applications](#) must be sent to AQIS Canberra office for assessment. For details on information required to accompany your particular application, please refer to AQIS' [Checklist for importing biological materials](#)

### **AQIS minimum documentary requirements to support assessment of all documentation**

Entry Management EMO184 (Applies to all above consignments)

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)

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

Entry Management EMO185 (Applies to all consignments)

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).

### **Checklist of the information that must be included with an application to import various food products:**

- [Products containing greater than 10 per cent dairy](#)
- [Products containing greater than 10 per cent egg](#)
- [Meat products \(excluding uncanned pigmeat and uncanned chicken meat\)](#)
- [Uncanned pigmeat](#)
- [Uncanned chicken meat](#)
- [Fish and seafood products](#)

**Important note:** In addition to quarantine requirements, all commercial consignments of imported food must comply with Australia's food laws including the *Imported Food Control Act 1992*. The applicable food standards under the Imported Food Control Act 1992 are set down in the <http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/> as developed by Food Standards Australia New Zealand.

### **Useful Links**

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>

WOOD PACKAGING

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