



Permit to import conditionally non-prohibited goods

This permit is issued under *Biosecurity Act 2015* Section 179 (1)

Permit: 0004367492

**Valid for: multiple consignments
 between 10 July 2020 and 10 July 2022**

This permit is issued to: Australian Laboratory Services
 14-15 Desma Court
 BOHLE QLD 4818
 Australia

Attention: Mr Peter Neville

This permit is issued for the import of Biological products (Non-standard goods).

Exporter details:	Various exporters
Country of export:	Various countries

This permit includes the following good(s). Refer to the indicated page for details of the permit conditions:

1. Soil and water samples	
End use:	In-vitro
Country of origin:	Various countries
Permit Conditions:	Environmental samples for use in a laboratory (culturing and isolation not permitted)
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NOTE: Where a good has more than one set of permit conditions please read each set to determine which set of permit conditions applies to a specific consignment.

----- **End of commodity list** -----

This permit is granted subject to the requirement that fees determined under section 592(1) are paid.

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 Delegate of the Director of Biosecurity Date: 10 July 2020

Important information about this permit and the import of goods

Note: This permit covers Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment biosecurity requirements. It is your responsibility to ensure all legal requirements relating to the goods described in this import permit are met. While you should rely on your own inquiries, the following information is provided to assist you in meeting your legal obligations in relation to the importation of the goods described in this import permit.

Authority to import

You are authorised to import the goods described in this import permit under the listed conditions.

Compliance with permit conditions and freedom from contamination

All imports may be subject to biosecurity inspection on arrival to determine compliance with the listed permit conditions and freedom from contamination. Imports not in compliance or not appropriately identified or packaged and labelled in accordance with the import conditions they represent may be subject to treatment, export or destruction at the importer's expense, or forfeited to the Commonwealth.

Compliance with other regulatory provisions

Additionally, all foods imported into Australia must comply with the provisions of the *Imported Food Control Act 1992*, and may be inspected and/or analysed against the requirements of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.

All imports containing or derived from genetically modified material must comply with the *Gene Technology Act 2000*.

It is the importer's responsibility to identify and ensure they have complied with all requirements of any other regulatory organisations and advisory bodies prior to and after importation. Organisations include the Department of Home Affairs, the Department of Health, Therapeutic Goods Administration, Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, Food Standards Australia New Zealand and any state agencies such as Departments of Agriculture and Health and Environmental Protection authorities. Importers should note that this list is not exhaustive.

Change of import conditions

Import conditions are subject to change at the discretion of the Director of Biosecurity. This permit may be suspended or revoked without notice.

Notification of import

Notification of the import must be provided to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment for all imported goods other than goods imported as accompanied baggage or goods imported via the mail and not prescribed under *the Customs Act 1901*. Notification must be consistent with the Biosecurity Regulation 2016.

Valid import permit

The importer must hold a valid import permit at the time when the goods are brought or imported into Australian Territory.

The importer must verify that they hold a valid import permit in relation to the consignment by providing positive identification to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, by either:

- i. Submitting (or providing) the permit for biosecurity clearance.

OR

- ii. Providing any physical, digital or verbal information that allows the permit to be identified at the time of biosecurity clearance.

Provision of required documentation

All required documentation must accompany each consignment. Alternatively, necessary documentation will need to be presented to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment at the time of clearance. In order to facilitate clearance, airfreight or mail shipments should have all documentation securely attached to the outside of the package, and clearly marked "Attention Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment". Documentation may include the import permit (or import permit number), government certification and invoice.

If the product description on the import permit varies from the identifying documentation provided for clearance, the importer is responsible for providing evidence to the biosecurity officer that the import permit covers the goods in the consignment.

Any documentation provided must comply with the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment's minimum documentation requirements policy.

Permit conditions

It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that the following permit conditions are met in relation to each consignment. Where more than one set of permit conditions is shown for a good please read each set of conditions to determine which applies to a specific consignment.

1. Environmental samples for use in a laboratory (culturing and isolation not permitted)

This section contains permit conditions for the following commodity (or commodities):

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| 1. Soil and water samples |
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1.1. Biosecurity Pathway

- a. These conditions allow for the import of the following products only:
Contaminated rock packaged inside calico bags and polyweave sacks or plastic bags.
- b. Goods imported using this import permit are for *in vitro* laboratory studies only.
- c. The products are for use at the following approved arrangement site:
Australian Laboratory Services Pty Ltd (Q0048)
14-15 Desma Court
BOHLE QLD 4818
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- d. These sites must have current approval from the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment as a class 5 approved arrangement site at the time of importation and until such time that all imported material and its derivatives are removed for disposal or export.
- e. The goods and their derivatives shall not be removed from these sites, except for treatment, disposal or export, without the prior approval of the Director of Biosecurity.
- f. The level of containment must be BC 1 or higher.
- g. Where more than one approved arrangement site is listed, the samples may be transferred between the listed sites. All records of transfer must be maintained for audit purposes.
- h. It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that the goods are labelled '*in vitro* use only' or equivalent on the smallest packaged unit prior to transferring material between AA sites.
- i. **Post entry/end use conditions**
Approved end use:
 1. *in vitro* laboratory studies

These conditions do not permit:

 1. culturing or isolating microorganisms and infectious agent
 2. the synthesis of replication-competent microorganisms, infectious agent or homologues.



Additional written approvals are required prior to direct or indirect use:

1. *in vivo* in laboratory organisms. Laboratory organisms are guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, rats, rabbits or microorganisms contained under laboratory or animal house conditions

2. *in vivo* in non-laboratory organisms e.g. chickens, sheep, cattle
3. in plants.

For more information on how to obtain additional written approvals contact imports@agriculture.gov.au or call 1800 900 090.



Where applicable, the importer or end user must comply with:

1. International (e.g. [International Air Transport Association](#)) and domestic requirements concerning the safe handling, transport and labelling of biological material
2. AS/NZS 2243 Safety in Laboratories standards
3. [Office of the Gene Technology Regulator \(OGTR\)](#) requirements
4. The [Security Sensitive Biological Agents \(SSBA\) regulatory scheme](#).



Records of treatment, disposal and release of all imported items must be retained by the AA site for Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment audit purposes.

- j. These goods may only be used for the following purposes:
The samples must be dried, crushed, and pulverised then fused at 1000 degrees C with a lead compound for metal extraction.
- k. The goods may be treated using one of the following treatment methods. The goods may then be disposed of as biosecurity waste or released from biosecurity control following treatment.
 - Soil samples (and other non-liquid goods)
 1. Dry heat treatment at 160°C for 2 hours (sample must not exceed 500g in weight) (applied in the current AA or AA class 4.1), or
 2. Heat treatment in an autoclave at 121°C , 103kPa (15 psi) for 30 minutes (applied in the current AA or AA class 4.1), or
 3. Heat treatment in an autoclave at 134°C , 103kPa (15 psi) for 4 minutes (applied in the current AA or AA class 4.1), or
 4. Gamma irradiation at 50kGy (AA class 4.2).
 - Water samples (and other liquid goods)
 1. Heat treatment in an autoclave at 121°C , 103kPa (15 psi) for 30 minutes (applied in current AA or AA class 4.1), or
 2. Heat treatment in an autoclave at 134°C , 103kPa (15 psi) for 4 minutes (applied in current AA or AA class 4.1), or
 3. Heat treatment at a minimum core temperature of 100°C for at least 30 minutes (applied in the current AA), or
 4. Gamma irradiation at 50kGray (AA class 4.2)
- l. On completion of work all imported materials and the direct or indirect derivatives thereof must be disposed of by treatment methods (as listed) or other methods approved in writing by the Director of Biosecurity.

m. **Commercial administrative conditions**

Documents must be provided with each consignment which:

1. identify the consignment (if non-personal) e.g. entry number
2. identify all goods being imported as part of this consignment e.g. invoice or waybill or importer's manifest
3. describe the goods being imported (where not clear).
e.g. 1: Product XRab = Purified protein derived from rabbits
e.g. 2: Product AX = Synthetic antibiotic
e.g. 3: Comte = Cheese.

n. 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, Water and the Environment for all services. Detail on how the department applies fees and levies may be found in the [Charging guidelines](#).

o. 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 Non-Commodity Cargo Clearance BICON case for further information.

----- **End of permit conditions** -----