

Quarantine Alert

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It is the importer's responsibility to identify and to ensure it has complied with, all requirements of any other regulatory and advisory bodies prior to and after importation including the Australian Customs Service, Therapeutic Goods Administration, Department of Health and Ageing, Department of the Environment and Heritage, Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority and any State agencies such as Departments of Agriculture and Health and Environmental Protection authorities.

Importers should note that this list is not exhaustive. Importers should also note that all foods imported into Australia must comply with the provisions of the Imported Food Control Act 1992, an Act which is administered by AQIS.

Notification of the import must be provided to AQIS 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 Quarantine Regulations 2000 (examples include a Quarantine Entry or a Quarantine declaration).

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Regional Officers, Importers and Brokers should be advised that the importation requirements for highly refined organic chemicals and substances have changed. Highly purified semi-synthetic fermentation products (other than alcohols, vitamins and amino acids) will now require an import permit.

Please refer to the ICON case "Organic chemicals and substances – highly refined".

Other commodities that may be affected by the changes are "Veterinary therapeutics and medicines" and "Human therapeutics and medicines", please refer to the relevant ICON cases for current requirements.

Importers who have consignments arrive without an import permit will be instructed to apply for a permit from the Biologicals Unit. Permit applications will be expedited where possible and clearance of consignments will be considered by the Biologicals Unit and the Regional Office on a case by case basis.

Further information may be obtained from the AQIS Biologicals Unit in Canberra on the details below:

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