



Australian Government
**Department of Agriculture,
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Process for importing Nursery Stock into Norfolk Island

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Plant Import Operations



What are we regulating?

- Plant Import Operations – regulate the importation of:
 - Nursery stock, Seed, Timber, Fresh fruit and vegetables, cut flowers, Plant products (processed plant material, herbal teas), Plant based stockfeed
 - Nursery stock – tissue cultures, plant parts for propagation (cuttings, scions), bulbs (tubers, rhizomes, corms), bare rooted plants.
- Key risks posed:
 - Pests – direct plant pests (e.g. thrips, mites, nematodes etc.); vectors (i.e. can be a vessel for carry significant pathogens of concern); contaminating/environmental pests (e.g. BMSB, biting midges)
 - Pathogens – bacteria, viruses, viroids, fungi, phytoplasmas
 - Plants themselves – can be noxious weeds
 - Contaminants – e.g. soil, trash, seeds, algae, contaminating pests etc.

Standard import measures for Nursery Stock (mainland)

- Pre-export Inspection and certification
- Measures for managing pests and pathogens of concern (pre-export or on-arrival)
 - Treatment – fumigation, insecticidal dip
 - Testing – diagnostic reports to verify disease freedom
 - System approach – complement of measures which together manage the risk
- Inspection upon arrival –
 - scales from 600 unit to 100% depending on the pathway
- Post-entry quarantine (extra inspections undertaken)
 - Retained under biosecurity control for period of time for monitoring/testing



Norfolk Island

- Biosecurity (Prohibited and Conditionally Non-prohibited Goods – Norfolk Island) Determination 2016
- Measures re-visited:
 - Inspection & certification (pre-export, Issued by State Authority)
 - Application of measures to manage the risks posed
 - On-arrival inspection
 - Post-entry quarantine
 - Diagnostics & remedial treatments for consignments where a biosecurity issue is identified



Development of Conditions for Import into Norfolk Island

- Constraints
 - Material to be sourced from the mainland
 - More on sourcing from international suppliers later
 - Must account for the unique biosecurity status of Norfolk Island
 - Must have consistency with domestic movement pathways
 - Must not require any post-entry quarantine following on-arrival clearance in Norfolk Island
 - Must account for lack of treatment options on-arrival following the biosecurity inspection
- 3 import cases developed
 - Bulbs
 - Cuttings and bare rooted plants
 - Tissue cultures



Import conditions for bulbs, cuttings and bare rooted

- Valid import permit required
- Consignment accompanied by a Plant Health Certificate issued by the quarantine authority in the exporting state
- Packed in clean new packaging and labelled with full botanical name (genus and species)
- Clean and free from live insects, disease symptoms, soil, growth media, contaminating seed and any other material of biosecurity concern
- Treatment pre-export from the mainland with:
 - Dipped in insecticide solution (100ppm imidacloprid and 1% Eco-oil) for 30 seconds
 - Fungicidal treatment with one of the following: Mancozeb or Chlorothalonil (see APVMA minor use permit 9795) or Group 28, 29, M1, M2, M3, M4, M5, M5 fungicide (provide product name and label rate used)

Import conditions for bulbs, cuttings and bare rooted

- Inspected by a State of territory officer for freedom from live insects, disease symptoms, soil, growth media, contaminant seed and any other biosecurity risk material.
- Bulbs securely wrapped prior to shipment with the movement certificate
- On-arrival inspection by a department biosecurity officers – verify documents and pest status
- Outcomes:
 - If no issues consignment released
 - If issue detected, export or disposal, advice may be sought to inform consignment directions

Import conditions for tissue cultures

- Valid import permit
- Tissue cultures sourced from the mainland only
- Cultures must be free of infection (bacterial, fungal), live insects, nematodes, disease symptoms or other contamination of concern
- Containers/bags must be labelled with full botanical name
- Containers/bags must be visually clear in construction to allow for an appropriate inspection (opaque containers and broken glass containers will not be accepted)
- Media must be clean, sterile, solid, placed in bag prior to implantation
- Must be securely wrapped prior to shipment
- Accompanied by a Plant Health Certificate – has been inspected
- On-arrival inspection

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Welcome to BICON


BICON houses the Australian Government's Biosecurity import conditions database for more than 20,000 plants, animals, minerals and biological products. It will help you to determine what import conditions exist and if an import permit is required. Please refer to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry [Importing to Australia](#) page for more information about BICON.

Search for Import Item

Search for the commodity you want to import. You can also search for your import by scientific name or tariff code. Refer to the [BICON Help](#) page for tips on searching.

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Due to planned maintenance, BICON will be unavailable from 23:00 Saturday 12 November to 03:00 Sunday 13 November 2022 (AEDT). Clients are advised to complete and submit any in-progress import permit applications prior to the commencement of this planned outage period.

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Import Conditions

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Quick Search Scientific Name Tariff Code

goods

Search parameters Import Into: Effective On:

Australia
 Cocos Islands
 Christmas Island
 Norfolk Island

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Select an import item that best matches what you want to import to continue the process.

Non Commodity
Non commodity conditions apply to all packaging, containers and transport methods used to bring goods into the country. Refer to the Non Commodity case to review the [non commodity](#) conditions related to your import.

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[Importing goods into the Australian External Territories](#)

Effective 19 October 2022 to present

This case provides information about importing **goods** into the Australian External Territories of Norfolk Island, Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

Matched Term: goods

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Onshore Outcomes

Case: Importing goods into the Australian External Territories Effective: 19 Oct 2022

This case contains a number of different import scenarios with associated import conditions. You can refine the import scenarios by answering the questions below.


Which of the following external territories will the goods be imported into?

- Christmas Island
- Cocos (Keeling) Islands
- Norfolk Island





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Case: Importing goods into the Australian External Territories Effective: 19 Oct 2022

Import destination is Norfolk Island

Import Conditions

Import conditions define the biosecurity requirements which must be met for your import. Where import conditions have been developed, they will be listed below.

- a. Due to the unique pest and disease status of the external territories, each territory has its own goods determination which prescribes goods that are prohibited from being brought or imported into the external territories, and goods that may be brought or imported into the external territories subject to biosecurity conditions, including the requirement for an import permit.

Prior to bringing or importing goods into Norfolk Island, refer to the [Biosecurity \(Conditionally Non-prohibited Goods – Norfolk Island\) Determination 2016](#).

- b. If you would like to import goods not covered in the relevant determination, a valid import permit issued by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment is required.

An import permit may be obtained by submitting an [import permit application](#) to the department (use the 'Apply Now' button at the bottom of this page).

- c. 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.

Warnings and Information Notices

Further information



If you would like to contact a biosecurity officer on Norfolk Island, visit the [department's contacts webpage](#).

For more information, visit the [Norfolk Island Regional Council](#) or [Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communication](#) website.

Assessing Norfolk Island Import permit Applications

- Key components
 - Details on commodity, supplier, plant form, identifying details of applicant
 - Assessment of presence in Norfolk Island
 - Permitted seed list (Alternate conditions under the Determination)
 - Review surveys to validate presence on NI
 - Assessment of weed risk status
- May require further assessment by our risk assessment area

Plant Health Certificate

- Developed for certification of goods moved domestically under the Interstate Certification Assurance (ICA) program
- Supplier will need to engage with their local State or Territory Inspection office to arrange for an inspection, oversight of the treatment, and the issuance of the Plant Health Certificate.
- Accredited certifiers and accreditation schemes
- Links:
 - ICA site - <https://interstatequarantine.org.au/producers/interstate-certification-assurance/>
 - NSW - <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/components/module/accordion/biosecurity/plant-biosecurity/interstate-and-intrastate-certification/government-plant-health-certificate-phc>
 - Qld - <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/land-management/certification-moving-plants/schedule-fees>

Thank you

- Happy to take any questions
- Can also be contacted through the PIO inbox at imports@agriculture.gov.au