

Importing Boats into Australia – A Process Guide

1. Before you ship your boat

Import Permits

If the boat is to be shipped on a trailer you need to apply for a vehicle permit for the trailer only. If the boat is to be shipped on a cradle or frame an import permit is not required. Permits should be applied for prior to shipping.

If the boat and trailer arrives in Australia before the import permit is granted this may result in the boat and trailer being re-exported at YOUR expense, or the boat and trailer sitting on the wharf incurring heavy storage costs until the permit is granted. As we have expertise and experience in the permit application process we are more than happy to act on your behalf to acquire the required permits. It is possible to include multiple trailers on a single permit application, potentially saving you money. We are able to apply for and obtain these permits for \$75 per application.

Cleaning for quarantine purposes

AQIS inspects boats for soil, seeds, plant material, insects and other contaminants upon arrival in Australia. Boats must be thoroughly cleaned both internally and externally before arrival in Australia. If the boat meets AQIS cleanliness standards it will be released from Quarantine. If the boat is contaminated, AQIS will direct it for cleaning at a QAP at the importer's expense. The boat will then be re-inspected by AQIS. If the boat is found to be heavily contaminated it may be exported from Australia at the importer's expense.

2. Documentation

BRMGL offer 'pre clearance', meaning we will endeavor to have the boat released from Australian Customs prior to the vessel arriving. We will see that all necessary documentation is provided to the Australian Customs Service (ACS) and Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) prior to the shipments arrival to guarantee that it is free to be delivered in the shortest time possible. In order to do this we will need to have all supporting documentation where available. Watercraft Mix will be able to assist you in getting these documents together.

- Copy of Ocean Bill Of Lading & House Bill of Lading (HBL)
- Packing Declaration Form (mandatory for all containers - example attached)
- Bill of Sale (or evidence of sale)

- If the boat being exported is of US origin then the corresponding documentation would be useful to expedite our clearance

3. Once your boat has arrived in Australia

We understand that you will want to take possession of your boat in the quickest possible time, but the boat will need both customs and quarantine clearance before it is available. As discussed above BRMGL offer 'pre clearance', meaning we will endeavor to have the boat released from Australian Customs prior to the vessel arriving, but the boat will still need unpacking and quarantine clearance and this will take several days.

Here is a breakdown of the overall process:

- Vessel arrives at the destination port in Australia.
- Containers are made available for collection 2-3 days after the vessel arrives.
- Container is picked up from the wharf by the nominated carrier and taken to their approved quarantine warehouse, often referred to as a 'Bonded Warehouse'.
- The boat / trailer will be unpacked by the nominated carrier and held at the approved warehouse awaiting quarantine clearance.
- A quarantine officer will inspect the boat / trailer to ensure that they are clean and free of any debris.
- Providing that the boat / trailer are free from anything deemed as contamination the quarantine officer will then approve the boat as clear of quarantine.
- The boat is then free to be delivered to the customer by the nominated carrier or picked up by the customer.
- The time frame for the warehouse and quarantine clearance process may vary depending on the warehouse used, however you should allow 5 days for this process.

****In summary, from the time the boat arrives in Australia to the time customer can take possession of his boat will be between 7-10 days****