

# Importing Machinery into Australia – A Process Guide

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## 1. Before you ship your machinery

To avoid unnecessary additional costs in Australia please ensure any second hand machinery has been thoroughly cleaned. No import permits are required to import machinery into Australia.

### Cleaning for quarantine purposes

The Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) has strict cleanliness standards for machinery being imported to Australia.

It is the importer's responsibility to ensure all machinery arrives in Australia in a clean state. AQIS defines clean as 'clean from quarantine risk material'. AQIS requires machinery to be cleaned offshore, before shipping and has nil tolerance for any quarantine risk material such as live insects, seeds, soil, mud, clay, animal material including animal faeces, and plant material including straw, twigs, leaves, roots, bark, food refuse and other debris.

Machinery imported into Australia that is not clean on arrival may be subject to: additional handling, cleaning and storage costs, additional quarantine inspection charges, re-export of the consignment from Australia

## 2. Documentation

BRMGL offer 'pre clearance', meaning we will endeavor to have the machinery 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 machinery being exported is of US origin then the corresponding documentation would be useful to expedite our clearance

### 3. Once your machinery has arrived in Australia

We understand that you will want to take possession of your machinery in the quickest possible time, but the machinery 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 machinery released from Australian Customs prior to the vessel arriving, but the machinery 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 machinery will be unpacked by the nominated carrier and held at the approved warehouse awaiting quarantine clearance.
- A quarantine officer will inspect the machinery to ensure that they are clean and free of any debris.
- Providing that the machinery are free from anything deemed as contamination the quarantine officer will then approve the machinery as clear of quarantine.
- The machinery 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 machinery arrives in Australia to the time customer can take possession of his machinery will be between 7-10 days\*\***