



FedEx Regulatory Alerts & Updates

Regulatory Alert: Australia – Export of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

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Under regulation 13GI of the *Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958* the exportation from Australia of the following goods is prohibited:

- Any of the following equipment that, when worn, is capable of limiting the transmission of organisms to humans:
 - disposable face masks
 - disposable gloves
 - disposable gowns
 - goggles, glasses or eye visors
- Any of the following disinfectant products:
 - alcohol wipes
 - hand sanitizer

Exceptions to this prohibition apply where:

- The items are exported to a relative of the person, for the relative's personal use
- The items are exported by a humanitarian organization
- The items are manufactured by the exporter
- Export of the items is in line with the exporter's normal business activities (and the exporter has an Australian Business Number (ABN) and is registered under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Act). For example:
 - They traded in these items (or similar forms of personal protective equipment or hygiene products) before March 30, 2020. This applies to companies that have regularly exported these types of goods or distributed them within Australia
 - They export these items to a company they regularly export to or to a related entity (such as an Australian company exporting to an overseas branch or office of that company)
 - They entered into a contract to export these goods prior to March 30, 2020
- The items are imported into Australia solely for the purpose of export to another country (transshipment) and remain in customs control while in Australia

Exporters who are eligible for an exemption should provide, or be willing to provide, evidence of their eligibility to their customs broker for assessment by the Australian Border Force, if required.

The prohibition applies only when the *Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Declaration 2020* is in force, including where it is extended.

For further information regarding these changes please consult the legislation directly, including the explanatory statement for the Amendments, at www.legislation.gov.au/Series/F1996B03403.

Timeline for Implementation: August 10, 2020

References:

ABF – Australian Border Force

<https://www.abf.gov.au/>

Australian Government – Federal Register of Legislation

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