



Regulatory Alerts & Updates

Regulatory Alert: Australia - DAWE – Revised Minimum Documentary and Import Declaration Requirements Policy

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PURPOSE

This document defines the minimum documentary and import declaration requirements that must be met when lodging a declaration to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWE) to support risk assessment of imported goods, whether for biosecurity purpose or the Imported Food Inspection Scheme (IFIP).

BACKGROUND

Imported goods may be released or directed for subsequent action based on a biosecurity officer's assessment of documentation and the information in an import declaration.

For the Imported Food Inspection Scheme, additional documents are required to identify the goods that require inspection, to determine the amount of samples that may be required for analytical testing and to nominate a laboratory to test the samples.

This policy ensures a consistent approach to assessing documentation and import declarations presented to the department.

POLICY

All documents must meet the minimum requirements:

- Complete, legible and in English
- On Company letterhead
- Issue dated
- Consignment linked air waybill (AWB) on all pages
- Free from alterations
- Endorsed with signatures and names of individuals

Full details:

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/sites/default/files/sitecollectiondocuments/biosecurity/import/general-info/documentary-requirements/minimum-document-requirements-policy.pdf>

Timeline for Implementation: August 2, 2021

REFERENCES

Australian Government – Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWE)

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

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