



... BEFORE PACKING...

There are some things you should be aware of!

- **Ensure all of your belongings are thoroughly cleaned prior to packing!**
This includes the soles of all footwear, BBQ's, Tools, gardening equipment or anything that may have come into contact with foreign soil, dirt or plant or animal contamination. Soil, earth, rock or mineral samples.
- **Remove ALL dangerous goods!**
Matches, gas bottles, flammable materials etc.
- **Avoid sending any Plant or parts of Plants (live or dead).**
Fruits, Nuts, seeds, bulbs, leaves, wooden articles or articles made of plant material, cuttings, flowers, mushrooms, straw, fungi, bamboo, cane, herbs or teas. Ornamental artifacts and decorations from overseas can be dangerous to our environment!
- **Check before sending any goods made from wildlife or animal products.**
Skins, antlers, bones, ivory, horns, shells and other articles thereof
- **Pack ALL of your Risk Items together!**
eg: all footwear into the same box and clearly labeled 'SHOES' or 'FOOTWEAR'
eg: all wooden articles into the same box and clearly labeled 'WOOD ITEMS'
- **Use adequate packing for fragile items and mark the boxes accordingly!**
If you have precious items that are fragile, wrap them up carefully and put them all together with clear 'fragile' markings.
- **DO NOT use any straw or plant material for packing.**
eg: packing materials should only be made of: paper, cardboard, plastic and foam.
NO PLANT-BASED MATERIALS SHOULD BE USED
- **DO NOT use any Egg or Fruit cartons for packing.**
If it has carried any animal or food products, it shouldn't be shipped.
- **Avoid using any poor quality timber crating.**
AQIS may require expensive destruction or treatment for packing materials!
- **Be aware that Alcohol and Tobacco will attract full excise duty and tax.**
*Duty-free tax concessions only apply to passenger-carried goods. If you are packing alcohol in your Personal Effects, you will need to declare the **type** of alcohol (eg: whiskey, vodka, wine etc), the **volume** of the bottle (eg: 750mls, 1.2 litre etc), the **percentage** of alcohol contained (eg: 12%, 40% etc), the **date** the alcohol was purchased, and the **price or estimated price** (in AUD\$) of the alcohol.*
- **DO NOT carry or pack any weapons without permits.**
Goods will be seized and penalties will apply. *Includes firearms or parts (including air rifles and pistols), ammunition, replica firearms, spring-bladed knives, daggers, knuckle-dusters or Martial Arts equipment. If you wish to bring any of these items, please call ACP for advice.*
- **DO NOT import any vehicles or trailers without permits.**
Importing vehicles and trailers (including boats, cars, motorcycles, jetskis, watercraft etc) can be difficult if you do not have the correct paperwork in place before shipping. We advise contacting ACP for restrictions and guidelines.



... PACKING LISTS...

A detailed packing list should include all items in your consignment.

Numbering boxes or packages is a great idea, and making a list of the items inside will help identify risk items easily by officials.

Ensuring your packing list is accurate will also help you settle into your new home! It's much easier to find things when there's a map!

TIP: *Pack all timber articles together, as these will all be looked at specifically by Quarantine. Please also pack all footwear together, as AQIS will check the soles for soil contamination.*

Try to organise your packing to include the same kinds of items together.

- Limit boxes to a maximum weight of 25 kilograms
- Smaller boxes generally can handle more weight
- Wrap items carefully and provide plenty of cushioning
- Use ONLY sturdy boxes that can be securely shut.

The more stable and rigid your packing boxes and crates, the better the protection for your cargo as it travels around the globe!

- **Pick Your Paper Wisely**
Packing paper is essential, but make sure you use the right kind. While newspaper works well as filler or cushion, don't use it to wrap items. The ink will permanently stain fine china, porcelain and clothing, among other items. Plain packing paper can be purchased from any packing supply store in your area.
- **Boxes Come in Many Sizes**
Choosing the right box size is another important part of packing.
- **Don't Forget the Wrapping**
Making use of wrapping to cushion items in your boxes will protect your assets and prevent breakage. The key is to try and make sure the contents in the box do not shift. Pack boxes so they can travel on their top, sides or ends. And label boxes that must stay upright as such.
- **Pack One Room at a Time**
Packing room to room will help keep things organized for unpacking in your new home. Start in any order that works for you.
- **Label Your Boxes**
To stay organizing during your move and when unpacking, label boxes according to their contents and list the room where they should be placed.
- **Create Layers**
When packing boxes, place heavy items on the bottom, medium-weight items in the middle and light items on the top. Be sure to add cushioning between each layer. Add more cushioning to protect fragile items.



... WHAT NOT TO BRING INTO AUSTRALIA...

AQIS 'risk items' should be remembered when packing your cargo.

FOOD

Commercially prepared, Cooked and Raw Food and Ingredients, Dried Fruit and Vegetables, Instant noodles and rice; Packaged meals; Herbs and Spices; Herbal and Traditional Medicines, remedies, tonics and Herbal Teas; Snack foods; biscuits, cakes and confectionery; black tea, coffee and other beverages.

DAIRY and EGG PRODUCTS

Dairy products (fresh and powdered) including milk, cheese and 'non-dairy' creamers; Cheese – must be commercially prepared and packaged and originate from countries free from foot and mouth disease; All whole, dried and powdered eggs, and egg products that contain more than 10% egg as an ingredient, such as mayonnaise; homemade egg products including noodles and pasta that are not commercially manufactured

ANIMAL PRODUCTS

All uncanned meat including fresh, dried, frozen, cooked, smoked, salted or preserved - from all animal species, sausages, salami and sliced meats, fish and other seafood products, pet food – including canned products and rawhide chews, rawhide articles and handicrafts including drums.

SEEDS and GRAINS

Cereal grains, popping corn, raw nuts, pine cones, birdseed, unidentified seeds, some commercially packaged seeds, and ornaments including seeds.

FRESH FRUIT and VEG

All fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables. No exceptions.

LIVE ANIMALS and ANIMAL PRODUCTS

All mammals, birds, birds' eggs and nests, fish, reptiles, amphibians and insects, feathers, bones, horns, tusks, wool and animal hair, skins, hides and furs, stuffed animals and birds (taxidermy certificate required - some may be prohibited under endangered species laws), shells and coral (including jewellery and souvenirs), bee products including honey, beeswax and honeycomb, used animal equipment including veterinary equipment and medicines, shearing or meat trade tools, saddlery and tack and animal or bird cages.

OTHER GOODS

Biological specimens including tissue culture, craft and hobby lines made from animal or plant material, used sporting and camping equipment including tents, footwear, hiking boots, golf equipment and bicycles (need to be checked to ensure they are clean and free from soil contamination), used freshwater watercraft or fishing equipment including rods and nets, waders, kayaks, paddles and life jackets.

PLANT MATERIAL

All potted/bare rooted plants, cuttings, roots, bulbs, corms, stems and other viable plant material, banana products including food (fresh and dried) and souvenirs made with banana plant material, souvenirs made with or filled with straw, including Thai cushions, wooden articles and carvings including painted or lacquered items, items that include bark, artifacts, handicrafts and souvenirs made from plant material, mats, bags and other items made from plant material, palm fronds or leaves, straw products and packaging, bamboo, cane or rattan basket ware and furnishings, potpourri and coconut shells, Christmas decorations, wreaths and ornaments, dried flowers and arrangements, fresh flowers and leis.

If you do have items that fall into these categories, please check with ACP regarding permits that may be required in order to import these goods.