

Case: Retorted goods Effective: 19 Dec 2018

Non-personal use containing 5% or more animal product — All retorted goods

Import Conditions

Import conditions define the biosecurity requirements which must be met for your import. Where import conditions have been developed, they will be listed below.

Prior to the importation of goods into Australian territory, a valid import permit issued by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources is required.

An import permit may be obtained by submitting an import permit application to the department (if viewed online, use the 'Apply Now' button at the bottom of this page).

The retorted goods must meet the following import conditions.

To demonstrate compliance with this requirement you must present the following on a Health certificate:

Either:

The product does not contain any bovine derived material (other than dairy ingredients, gelatin and/or collagen derived from hides and skins), or

All bovine materials (other than dairy ingredients, gelatin and/or collagen from hides and skins) were sourced from animals born, raised and slaughtered in countries assessed by FSANZ and assigned a category 1 or 2 for BSE risk rating [[Opens in a new window](#)].

[Country/ies must be listed on the health certificate provided]

[The health certificate must indicate the option that applies]

AND

Either:

The product does not contain any ovine or caprine derived material (other than dairy ingredients), or

The ovine and caprine material (other than dairy ingredients) does not include offal (and protein products derived from offal) from animals over 12 months of age which originated from countries or zones not considered free from scrapie.

[Offal includes skulls including brains, eyes, spinal cord, tonsils, thymus, spleen, distal ileum, proximal colon, lymph nodes, adrenal glands, pancreas, liver or bone marrow.]

[The health certificate must indicate the option that applies]

AND

A statement that the final product has been retorted, and during the retorting process the product was heated to a minimum core temperature of 100 °C, obtaining an F0 value of at least 2.8.

A statement that the final product is imported in the hermetically sealed (airtight) container in which it was retorted. The hermetically sealed container is stamped or embossed with a permanent mark with:

- 2.1. the identification number of the manufacturing establishment
- 2.2. the batch code.

These conditions do not apply to retorted goods that are intended for:

- animal consumption; or
- use as bioremedial agents or fertiliser; or
- growing purposes; or
- veterinary therapeutic use.

Commercial administrative conditions

Documents must be provided with each consignment which:

- identify the consignment (if non-personal) e.g. entry number
 - identify all goods being imported as part of this consignment e.g. invoice or waybill or importer's manifest
 - describe the goods being imported (where not clear).
- e.g. 1: Product XRab = Purified protein derived from rabbits
- e.g. 2: Product AX = Synthetic antibiotic
- e.g. 3: Comte = Cheese.

Under the Biosecurity Charges Imposition (General) Regulation 2016 [\[Opens in a new window\]](#) and Chapter 9, Part 2 of the Biosecurity Regulation 2016 [\[Opens in a new window\]](#) , fees are payable to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources for all services. Detail on how the department applies fees and levies may be found in the charging guidelines [\[Opens in a new window\]](#) .

In addition to the conditions for the goods being imported, non-commodity concerns must be assessed including container cleanliness, packaging and destination concerns, and may be subject to inspection and treatment on arrival. Please refer to the Non-Commodity Cargo Clearance BICON case for further information.

Once biosecurity requirements have been met, it is the importer's responsibility to ensure that all imported food complies with the Imported Food Control Act 1992 [\[Opens in a new window\]](#) including Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code [\[Opens in a new window\]](#) . Consignments of food may be referred for inspection and analysis under the Imported Food Inspection Scheme [\[Opens in a new window\]](#) to verify compliance. Some foods, such as beef [\[Opens in a new window\]](#) and raw milk cheese [\[Opens in a new window\]](#) , are not permitted to be imported without government certification.