



Commonwealth Fact Sheet



CUSTOMS ACT 1901

If your project involves importing or exporting goods into or from Australia, your goods must be cleared from customs control in accordance with this Act.

1. What approvals do I need?

Companies and individuals are not required to hold a licence to import or export goods into or from Australia however you may need to obtain a permit; this will depend on the type of goods.

All goods moving across the border are required to be reported to the Australian Border Force.

2. Who provides approval?

The Australian Government controls the import and export of certain goods. Restricted goods require written permission (a permit) from relevant authorities in order to import or export those goods.

Guidelines and details of the relevant authorities to contact regarding prohibited goods are available on the [Prohibited Goods](#) webpage.

Imported goods with a value of more than AUD \$1000 must be declared on an Import Declaration.

Exported goods with a value of more than AUD \$2000, or goods that require an export permit, must be declared on an Export Declaration.

3. What are the costs?

Imported goods with a value more than AUD \$1000, and some goods regardless of their value, are liable for duties and taxes (unless an

exemption or concession applies) and Government charges.

Other non-Government costs may include transport, handling and clearance charges associated with importing and exporting goods.

4. More information

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For more information on import and export requirements, visit the Department of Home Affairs website on [importing](#) and [exporting](#) goods.

Major Projects Facilitation Agency

If you would like assistance to identify the regulatory obligations for your project, please visit our [Online Tool](#) or contact us:

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