



How do I view import conditions and apply for an import permit for the Australian external territories?

This task card demonstrates how to view import conditions and apply for an import permit for importing goods into the Australian External Territories of Norfolk Island, Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

Login to BICON

NOTE: To apply for an import permit you must have a registered BICON account and be logged into that account.

Refer to the series of **Account Registration and Maintenance** task cards found in the **Help** tab to determine which registration type is right for you or your organisation.

The screenshot shows the BICON website header with the Australian Government logo and navigation links. A search bar is visible in the top right. The main content area features a 'Login' heading and a link to 'register for a new account' which is highlighted with a red box.

Searching for an external territories case

Under Quick Search, select **Advanced Search**. This will cause the advanced search options to be displayed.

The screenshot shows the search interface with a 'Search' heading and a 'Quick Search' button. Below the search bar, there are tabs for 'Scientific Name', 'Tariff Code', 'Reference', and 'Permit Quick Search'. A search input field contains the placeholder text 'What are you importing?' and a 'Search' button. At the bottom, there is a dropdown menu for 'Import into Australia' with the text 'Effective on 28 April 2023' and an 'Advanced search' option which is highlighted with a red box and a checkmark.

Select the desired external territory within the **Import into** advanced search option and search for your commodity.



Quick Search
Scientific Name
Tariff Code

Search

Import into

Australia

Cocos Islands

Christmas Island

Norfolk Island

Effective on

28/Apr/2023

[Advanced search](#)

Applying for an import permit for Australian external territories

Select **Apply Now** at the bottom of your Import Conditions page.

Case: Importing goods into the Australian External Territories

Effective 01 Jul 2022

Import destination is Cocos (Keeling) Islands

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.

a. Due to the unique pest and disease status of the external territories, each territory has its own goods determination which prescribes goods that are prohibited from being brought or imported into the external territories, and goods that may be brought or imported into the external territories subject to biosecurity conditions, including the requirement for an import permit.

Prior to bringing or importing goods into the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, refer to the [Biosecurity \(Conditionally Non-prohibited Goods - Cocos \(Keeling\) Islands\) Determination 2016](#).

b. If you would like to import goods not covered in the relevant determination, a valid import permit issued by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is required.

An import permit may be obtained by submitting an [import permit application](#) to the department (use the 'Apply Now' button at the bottom of this page).

c. 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.

Further information

If you would like to contact a biosecurity officer on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, visit the [department's contacts webpage](#).

For more information, visit the [Shire of Cocos \(Keeling\) Islands](#) or [Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communication](#) website.

To apply for an import permit you must complete an application for Importing goods into Cocos (Keeling) Islands

Apply Now

*TIP: For further information on how to apply for an import permit, refer to the **Permit Application and Maintenance** section of the **BICON Help** page.*

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Help

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