

RISK BACKGROUND

Used machinery and parts

Overview



Image: Department of Agriculture and Water Resources

Used machinery and parts do not require an import permit but must be:

- Cleaned prior to import into Australian territory, and accompanied by appropriate documentation.
- Free from biosecurity risks on arrival in Australia

It is the importer's responsibility to ensure all consignments of used machinery and parts are clean and free from biosecurity risks. All consignments of used machinery and parts are subject to inspection on arrival in Australian territory

Importers and department staff should always refer to BICON for the current conditions and ensure these are met.

Key risks

Used machinery and parts may be used in agriculture, mining, earthmoving, construction, animal farming, timber felling, horticulture, fruit handling and food processing. They may have come in contact with soil, animal or plant materials.

Used machinery and parts may harbour a wide range of biosecurity risks including plant/weed seeds, soilborne viruses, soilborne pests, and plant and animal material.

Used machinery and parts may also harbour hitchhiker pests such as snails, ants, birds, nests and insects.

Proper preparation of machinery and parts will ensure the effective removal of biosecurity risks. Dismantling of machinery and parts will allow access to all areas so cleaning can be conducted.

Machinery must be inspected on arrival in Australia to determine that it is free from biosecurity risk material. Where biosecurity risk material is found the machinery may be directed to an Approved Arrangement for cleaning.

[Cleaning guides](#) have been developed to assist cleaners and exporters in cleaning used machinery to an acceptable standard for import to Australia.

