



PRODUCT REFERENCE

Commercial packaging of rice

Commercial packaging refers to the way goods are packaged by the company that produced the goods, such that it is clear that the rice was commercially produced.

In order to meet departmental requirements, rice arriving as mail or passenger baggage must be commercially prepared and packaged. Rice poses a risk of harbouring pests of biosecurity concern, such as Khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*) which is Australia's second national priority plant pest. Commercial packaging is an important critical control point to ensure that packages are clean and new, which reduces the likelihood of contaminating pests and other regulated articles being present within the goods.

Commercial versus non-commercial packaging

Commercial packaging requirements for rice arriving as mail or passenger baggage include the following:

- Clean, new packaging
- The name and address of the company that produced the goods (i.e. on printed labels)

Goods that do not meet the requirements listed above are considered to be non-commercially packaged and is not permitted entry into Australian territory.

Commercial packaging

Examples of commercial packaging can include:

- ✓ Plastic/polypropylene bags with heat sealed edges, or edges closed by a double seam (excluding snaplock bags)
- ✓ Glass/plastic jars or bottles with 'twist off' lids
- ✓ Retort pouches (further information located in the [Product reference: Retorted products](#))
- ✓ Fabric or burlap sacks/bags with sewn edges





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Non-commercial packaging

- ✗ Not commercially labelled
- ✗ Not sealed using a commercial process



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