

# RISK BACKGROUND

## Composite Goods

### Overview



Composite goods are products that contain a mixture of ingredients such as meat, dairy, eggs and cheese.

Importation of these goods could introduce a number of serious exotic pests and diseases into Australia, which could severely impact Australian agriculture, environment and our way of life.

We have a shared responsibility for managing the biosecurity risks that are under our control. Commercial importers and brokers can play their part by ensuring that import declarations and tariff codes accurately reflect the composition of imported goods.

Importers and departmental officers should **refer to BICON for each individual ingredient** and ensure the specific import conditions for the ingredient are met.

### Examples of composite goods

The list below is not exhaustive. It is provided as an example of what could be classified as a composite good:

- Sausages (e.g. containing pork and chicken)
- Soups (e.g. containing turkey & chicken)
- Prepared meals (e.g. beef & cheese)
- Pizza (e.g. containing ham, lamb & cheese)
- Seafood preparation (e.g. containing prawns, salmon & oysters).

### Key risks

The disease risks associated with imported composite goods will depend on the ingredients they were made from. Examples of exotic diseases that could be introduced into Australia by ingredients are listed in the table below.

Pork ingredient	Chicken ingredient	Beef ingredient
Foot-and-mouth disease	Avian influenza	Bovine spongiform encephalopathy
African swine fever	Newcastle disease	Foot and mouth disease
Classical swine fever	Fowl typhoid	Enzootic bovine leucosis