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Biosecurity (Exposed Conveyances Exempt from Biosecurity Control) Determination 2026

Introduction

The *Biosecurity (Exposed Conveyances Exempt from Biosecurity Control) Determination 2026* (the Determination) provides exemptions from biosecurity control for conveyances that are exposed to acceptable levels of biosecurity risk. It reduces unnecessary regulatory burden on an operator or person in charge of a conveyance, that has not been exposed to unacceptable levels of biosecurity risk.

The Determination replaces the *Biosecurity (Exposed Conveyances—Exceptions from Biosecurity Control) Determination 2016* (the 2016 Determination) and largely replicates existing settings, with some technical and transitional changes to update terminology and improve clarity, consistency and interpretation, and align the Determination with current legislative drafting processes.

The Determination will commence on 1 October 2026. Exposures occurring before commencement on 1 October 2026 will continue to be assessed under the 2016 Determination, while exposures occurring after commencement will be assessed under the 2026 Determination.

Key details of the Biosecurity (Exposed Conveyances Exempt from Biosecurity Control) Determination 2026

Definitions and purpose

- The following items have been broadened:
 - The definition of low-risk goods now includes certain goods, such as spare parts, machinery, or tools used for maintenance or repair of government-operated conveyances, such as military vessels.
 - The purpose of the instrument has been expanded to clearly describe the circumstances in which section 192 of the *Biosecurity Act 2015* does not apply to an exposed conveyance.

Specified circumstances

- Specific conditions have been included in section 8 for circumstances involving exposure to a protected zone vessel. The exemption applies only where any live animals or live plants on board the vessel are domestic goods.
- A transitional provision has been added, which specifies:
 - Exposures occurring before commencement continue to be assessed under the 2016 Determination, while exposures occurring after commencement are assessed under the 2026 Determination.

More information

The Determination and accompanying Explanatory Statement is available on the [Federal Register of Legislation](#).

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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continuing connection to land and sea, waters, environment and community. We pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live and work on, their culture, and their Elders past and present.

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