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Biosecurity (Movements between Parts of Australian Territory) Declaration 2026

Introduction

The Biosecurity (Movements between Parts of Australian Territory) Declaration 2026 (the Declaration) provides for the modified operation of the Biosecurity Act 2015 (the Act) in relation to specified goods and conveyances that move between parts of Australian territory. The Declaration supports the management of biosecurity risks associated with movements between mainland Australia, Australia's external territories and the Torres Strait. In practice, it allows biosecurity requirements to apply to certain movements of goods and conveyances between these locations, helping to manage risks to Australia's environment, agriculture and unique biodiversity.

The Declaration will commence on 1 October 2026 and continues to support the effective management of biosecurity risks while providing certainty for stakeholders operating under existing arrangements.

Key details of the Biosecurity (Movements between Parts of Australian Territory) Declaration 2026

- Minor amendments have been made to the structure and drafting of the Declaration to improve readability and interpretation. These amendments do not change how the Declaration operates in practice.
- Redundant provisions and duplicated requirements have been removed from the Declaration. These changes simplify the Declaration while maintaining the same policy and operational outcomes.
- Table formatting and explanatory notes have been revised and consolidated to improve clarity and reduce confusion.
- Legislative references and drafting have been updated to ensure the Declaration remains accurate, current and consistent with contemporary legislative drafting practices.
- There are no new compliance requirements or changed obligations for stakeholders. The Declaration continues to operate in the same manner as the 2016 Declaration.

More information

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

Learn more about the department's [biosecurity 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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