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Biosecurity Regulations 2026

Introduction

The *Biosecurity Regulations 2026* (the Regulations) support the operation of the *Biosecurity Act 2015* by setting out detailed requirements for managing biosecurity risks associated with goods and conveyances and other regulated activities. The Regulations form an important part of Australia's biosecurity framework.

The Regulations replace the Biosecurity Regulation 2016 (the 2016 Regulation). They were developed following consultation with industry, government stakeholders and the public. Feedback showed the existing framework remained largely fit for purpose and did not require significant policy change. The Regulations retain most provisions from the 2016 Regulation. Targeted amendments improve clarity, streamline regulatory requirements, support biosecurity operations and align the Regulations with current legislative drafting practices.

The Regulations will commence on 1 October 2026. Decisions and actions made before commencement generally remain valid under the new regulatory framework.

Key details of the *Biosecurity Regulations 2026*

- Notice requirements for certain animals, animal reproductive material and eggs have been consolidated and streamlined, simplifying notification requirements while maintaining existing biosecurity protections.
- Certain exceptions to notification requirements have been revised. Notice is now required for the following goods:
 - o baggage containing animals, animal reproductive material or fertile eggs; and
 - o goods that are, or are intended to be, brought into Australian territory on an aircraft or vessel that is an exempt exposed conveyance that are animals, animal reproductive material or fertile eggs.
- Requirements that may be imposed in relation to isolated goods have been expanded. Biosecurity officers may now impose conditions about when persons may enter premises where goods are isolated and how long they may remain on those premises.
- Pre-arrival reporting requirements for vessels have been updated to support biosecurity risk assessment and management. New requirements apply to crew disembarkation, voyage history, certain goods carried on board and waste intended to be discharged in Australian territory. Some existing requirements have been removed to reduce administrative burden and the collection of personal information no longer required to manage biosecurity risk.
- Administrative changes have been made to support the operation of the Biosecurity Import Risk Analysis review framework and the functions of the Inspector-General of Biosecurity.
- A new information use and disclosure provision has been developed to enable relevant information about plant pests to be shared with governments, non-government entities and research organisations.

- Cost-recovery fee amounts have been updated to reflect [indexation changes](#) that took effect on 1 July 2026. The Regulations do not introduce any new cost-recovered fees.

More information

The Regulations 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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