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Aircraft pratique

Australia operates on a system of free pratique. Free pratique is defined in the *International Health Regulations (2005)* as permission for an aircraft, after landing, to embark or disembark, discharge or load cargo or stores; and permission for a ground transport vehicle, upon arrival, to embark or disembark, discharge or load cargo or stores.

Pratique indicates whether these activities can begin on arrival.

Positive Pratique

Positive pratique applies to all international aircraft on arrival in an Australian territory unless the aircraft falls into a class specified by the *Biosecurity (Negative Pratique) Instrument 2016*

- allows an aircraft operator to disembark or embark persons from or onto the aircraft; and
- load or unload cargo or stores.

Note: Positive pratique does not mean the aircraft or goods are released from biosecurity control. They remain subject to biosecurity control until formally released.

Negative Pratique

Negative pratique applies when the pre-arrival report indicates:

- a) Illness or Death: a person on board has shown symptoms of a *listed human disease* or has died during the flight, or
- b) Disinsection issue: disinsection has not been undertaken or has been performed incorrectly before arrival in Australian territory.

When negative pratique applies:

- biosecurity officers will meet the aircraft on arrival
- no passengers, crew, or goods may embark or disembark
- operations resume only once pratique is granted by a biosecurity officer (ss49(4) *Biosecurity Act 2015*.)

Failure to comply to pratique requirements may constitute an offence under the *Biosecurity Act 2015* and be subject to civil penalty provisions.

More information

Learn more about

- [Aircraft Pratique](#)
- [On arrival in Australia](#)
- [International Health Regulations \(2005\)](#)
- [Listed Human Disease Symptoms](#)

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