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Thinking of importing plant research materials?

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Importing plant research materials into Australia

Do you source your plant research goods from overseas? Do you:

- buy goods online
- transport goods in your personal luggage
- transfer samples from an overseas laboratory?

We regulate imports of plant research and laboratory material as it may pose a risk of introducing foreign pests and diseases that could be harmful to Australia's environment, agriculture and economy.

Research materials that require an import permit:

- live plants, including seeds, fungi, algae, nursery stock and tissue cultures
- live microorganisms, including model organisms, e.g., *E.coli*
- live laboratory organisms, e.g. all species of *Drosophila*
- infected plant materials (even if it is preserved)
- biological control agents
- diagnostic kits
- genetic material, e.g., DNA, RNA, and Cas9 proteins.

If an import permit is required, you must obtain it before importing the goods.

You cannot apply for an import permit if the goods have already arrived in Australia.

Plant research materials that may not require an import permit but do have strict import conditions:

- herbarium specimens
- preserved plant material
- highly refined plant extracts and chemicals.

Not sure if you need a permit?

- Scan the QR code to find out if you need an import permit
- Email imports@aff.gov.au
- Phone 1800 900 090
- Visit <https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0/>

