



Product emissions standards: important information for customs brokers



What do you need to know?

The Australian Government has introduced emissions standards for new small spark-ignition engines used in outdoor power equipment (such as lawn mowers, chainsaws and generators) and spark-ignition marine engines.

Only products that meet the emissions standards can be imported into Australia

From 1 July 2020 only products that meet the emissions standards can be supplied in Australia. From this date, European-certified non-road products that are imported into Australia must meet Euro Stage V standards.

Non-road products certified to Euro Stage II emissions standards can continue to be supplied in Australia up until 30 June 2021, after which only Euro Stage V certified products can be supplied.

The products covered by the standards are called emissions-controlled products. Emissions-controlled products with engines that have been certified to standards by one of the following international authorities are considered compliant with our standards:

- United States Environmental Protection Agency
- California Air Resources Board
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- a European Union Approval Authority.

If your client's product is not certified to one of the recognised international standards they, or typically the manufacturer, can apply for Australian certification or an exemption. Exemptions from complying with the standards are only available in limited circumstances.

Applications for certifications and exemptions can be made through the department's online services platform.

Offences under the *Product Emissions Standards Act 2017* for emissions-controlled products relate to import, supply, labelling and record keeping. Importers and suppliers are responsible for ensuring they meet the requirements of the emissions standards.

Tariff codes linked to these products will trigger a community protection question asking for a certification or exemption number to be entered.

A levy will apply to emissions-controlled products imported or domestically manufactured in Australia and this will be collected annually from the importer.

For a typical list of products and tariff codes visit www.environment.gov.au/protection/emissions-standards

What do you need to do?

If your client imports emissions-controlled products, you need to ensure they provide you with a certification or exemption number.

Answer the community protection question linked to one of the tariff codes and enter the certification or exemption number.

For more information or to learn more about the product emissions standards and training opportunities visit www.environment.gov.au/protection/emissions-standards or email us at productemissions@awe.gov.au

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