



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Agriculture  
and Water Resources**

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**Import Industry Advice Notice**

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**Less than one month until new biosecurity legislation commences**

**Who does this notice affect?**

This notice is for those who are interested in the progress of the new biosecurity legislation.

**What has changed?**

The Australian Government, through the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, is reminding industry stakeholders and clients that the *Biosecurity Act 2015* will commence in less than one month, **on 16 June 2016**.

The new legislation was developed in consultation with a range of stakeholders including industry, state and territory governments, health professionals, environmental groups, trading partners and the general public.

The final package of regulations consists of:

- The Biosecurity Regulation 2016
- The Biosecurity Charges Imposition (General) Regulation 2016
- The Biosecurity Charges Imposition (Customs) Regulation 2016
- The Biosecurity (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Regulation 2016
- The Quarantine Repeal Proclamation 2016

You can view the regulations on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments (formerly ComLaw) website at -

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Search/biosecurity%20regulation>

Importers, brokers, port operators and those involved in transport or supply chain logistics are advised to make sure they understand the legislation including changes that may affect their industry after commencement on **16 June 2016**.

In some key areas, the legislation makes provision for a transition period to allow businesses time to become compliant with new requirements.

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For more information on transitional arrangements in the Biosecurity Act access the *Biosecurity (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act 2015* at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2015A00062>

For more information including an interactive eLearning tool for industry on the new legislation, visit <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/legislation/new-biosecurity-legislation>.

### **Further information?**

For more information, or to make a submission, please visit:

[www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecuritylegislation](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecuritylegislation) or contact the

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