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Import Industry Advice Notice

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Changes to import requirements for used machinery, used equipment and used parts

Who does this notice affect?

Importers, customs agents and brokers involved in the import of consignments of used machinery, used equipment and used parts.

What is changing?

From 16 June 2016 an import permit will no longer be required for used machinery, used equipment and used parts. Changes to the import conditions for these goods coincides with the commencement of the new *Biosecurity Act 2015* on 16 June 2016.

If you import these goods on/or after 16 June a permit will no longer be required.

The aim of this new arrangement is to reduce costs and the regulatory burden to importers.

<u>BICON</u> will be updated on 16 June to reflect the change. Importers may choose to delay importing these products until 16 June to avoid having to obtain import permits under the Quarantine Act 1908.

Your opportunity to contribute to the development of revised import conditions.

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources has commenced a review into the management of biosecurity risks associated with imported used machinery and equipment, which may result in further changes to import conditions for these goods. A discussion paper is expected to be released in July/August 2016 outlining the proposed changes and affected stakeholders will be invited to provide comment.

Further information?

Any enquiries regarding this change can be forwarded to <u>airandseacargo@agriculture.gov.au</u>. For information on other changes to import conditions and import permits, refer to <u>Notice to</u> <u>Industry 37-2016</u>.

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