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# Requirements for moving suspended prawn imports

Biosecurity



**Prawn consignments that were imported prior to the suspension on 9 January 2017 are subject to certain biosecurity requirements. These measures are in place to manage the risk of White Spot Disease.**

## Key biosecurity requirements

- Written approval must be received by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (the department) before prawns are moved.
- A movement application can be obtained by completing the form: **Application to move suspended prawn product imports subject to biosecurity control**. The form can be found at [agriculture.gov.au](http://agriculture.gov.au). It must be signed by both the transferring approved arrangements site and the receiving approved arrangements site.
- Both sites must keep a signed copy of the form on file and present it on request to the department.
- Interstate movements are NOT permitted under any circumstances.
- Unless otherwise directed, biosecurity officers must be present to supervise loading and unloading of product.
- Records of loading and unloading must be kept for audit purposes.





## Transport of product

- Goods must be transported frozen in cartons.
- The transport provider must use an enclosed truck or another method approved by the department to maintain security to the delivery point.
- The container or truck will be sealed with a biosecurity seal.
- Imported prawns and associated residue must be separate from other products.
- The product must be moved from the secure area with minimum time delays. If delays occur during loading, container doors must be closed and remaining product secured.
- The seal, carton and batch numbers will be verified on arrival.
- All inspection and verification processes are chargeable.

## Note

The receiving site must be a (Class 2.5) Approved Arrangement (AA) under section 406 of the *Biosecurity Act 2015* or a site approved by the department.

More information about the department's approved arrangements can be found at [agriculture.gov.au/import/arrival/arrangements](https://agriculture.gov.au/import/arrival/arrangements)

## Contacts

For all enquiries relating to prawn imports or the prawn import suspension, contact: [imports@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:imports@agriculture.gov.au) or **1800 900 090**.



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