

# BICON: AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT BIOSECURITY IMPORT CONDITIONS

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## Biosecurity Import Conditions

### Soil and articles containing soil

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#### Soil samples subject to mandatory treatment onshore

##### Import Conditions

Import conditions define the biosecurity requirements which must be met for your import. Where import conditions have been developed, they will be listed below.

##### Import conditions prior to arrival in Australian territory

- a. A Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry import permit is not required, provided that the following conditions are met.

##### Import conditions after arrival in Australian territory

- b. All consignments must be directed to an approved arrangement (AA) site and the goods treated by one of the following treatment methods:
  1. dry heat treatment at 160°C for 2 hours (if each individual sample does not exceed 500g in weight), or
  2. heat treatment in an autoclave at 121°C, 15psi for 30 minutes, or
  3. heat treatment in an autoclave at 134°C, 15psi for 4 minutes, or
  4. ionising radiation to a level that achieves a minimum absorbed dose of 50 kGy.

All samples must be directed to an AA site class 4.1 for dry heat treatment, class 8.3 for autoclave heat treatment or class 4.2 for ionising radiation. Samples for dry heat treatment or autoclave heat treatment can also be directed for treatment at a class 5 AA nominated by the importer.

- c. Where the importer is also the treatment provider, the samples must be treated within 72 hours of receipt by the importer.
- d. Prior to treatment:
  1. The goods must not be used for any purpose (including analysis or extraction/isolation of material), and
  2. The samples must be kept in a secure area in the nominated AA.
- e. Treatment at an AA site is mandatory even if the product has been treated prior to import into Australia.

**NOTE: LabWest will follow b.1: dry heat treatment** of samples at 160 C for 2 hours, each sample under 500g.