



Notice to Industry
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Used Machinery Imported with Unacceptable Levels of Biosecurity Risk Material

Who does this notice affect?

This Notice is for all importers of used machinery into Australia.

What has changed?

DAFF is seeing an increasing number of imported used machines with high levels of Biosecurity Risk Material (BRM). Used machinery can pose a high biosecurity risk if it is contaminated with BRM such as soil, animal or plant material. If machinery arrives in a heavily contaminated state, DAFF can order the machine to be exported from Australia at the importer's or owner's expense.

In 2013 DAFF has already directed **seven** consignments to be exported from Australia due to excessive contamination.

Importers are responsible for ensuring all machinery meets DAFF import conditions and is adequately cleaned offshore prior to shipment. Machinery may require dismantling to be effectively cleaned. Import conditions require all machinery and parts to be free from BRM. If import conditions are breached, the import permit may be revoked.

A number of resources are in place to help importers ensure that their machinery meets Australia's biosecurity requirements. The DAFF website contains information on permits, import conditions, cleaning guides for specific machine types and tips on common problems incurred such as contamination during transport. Visit the website at www.daff.gov.au/aqis/import/vehicles-machinery/regulations.

A brochure on importing used machinery into Australia has been developed and is available on the [website](#). Printed copies are available at DAFF Regional Offices. Please see further information the web page [Machinery exported from Australia due to excessive contamination](#).

Further information?

For further information on this issue please contact the DAFF Machinery and Military Program by e-mail at machinery@daff.gov.au or phone 07 3246 8706.