



Soil contamination on machinery that was re-exported.

Australia has among the strongest quarantine measures anywhere in the world.

- Quarantine has the power to re-export contaminated machinery.
- All imported used machinery requires a permit to import issued by AQIS.
- It is a condition of the permit that machinery arrives in a clean state.

For more information on importing machinery and spare parts into Australia visit our web site [www.aqis.gov.au](http://www.aqis.gov.au)

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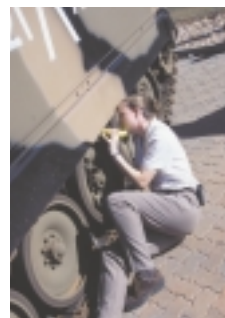
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# Importing Machinery into Australia

*Quarantine regulations*



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## Quarantine in Australia

AQIS—the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service—protects Australia's unique environment and agricultural industries from exotic pests and diseases by monitoring our borders.

## AQIS has strengthened quarantine controls at all Australian borders.

### Stronger import controls

Imported used machinery and spare parts pose a high risk to Australia's unique environment and agricultural industries. There is a high possibility that they carry exotic pests and diseases.

Quarantine has increased inspections and has introduced stricter clearance procedures for used machinery and spare parts imported into Australia.

- AQIS permits are required to import used machinery into Australia.
- Imported used machinery and spare parts **MUST** arrive in a clean state.
- AQIS has the power to re-export contaminated machinery.



Importers are advised to thoroughly clean machinery off-shore.

## Imported machinery must be clean

Under Australia's quarantine regulations it is the importer's responsibility to ensure that all imported equipment is thoroughly cleaned prior to export.

Used machinery or spare parts must be completely free from contamination by soil or plant material before importation.

## AQIS defines clean as "clean as new".

Contaminated machinery imported could be subject to additional cleaning costs and quarantine inspection charges.

Note that some importers who have requested cleaning overseas have found on arrival that it does not meet AQIS requirements.

## Equipment found to be unacceptably contaminated on arrival will be re-exported.

Many shipments of used machinery have already been refused importation and ordered for re-export. These consignments have included a bulldozer, wheel loader, wool carbonising machinery, chocolate processing equipment, excavator, drilling rig, soil compactor, soil stabiliser, backhoe and grader, forklift, hay baler and log loader.



This header was re-exported even though it looked clean, because of unacceptable soil and plant contamination.