

An AQIS import permit is not required for import of most human therapeutics for personal i.e. non commercial use providing the amount is commercially prepared and packaged and restricted to 3 months supply. For larger amounts for personal use and all imports for commercial use, a valid AQIS permit is required for import excluding therapeutics that are 100% synthetic (i.e. contain no ingredients of animal, plant or microbial origin) or contain no ingredients of animal, plant or microbial origin)
The up to date official Australian import requirements are as shown below and also publicly accessible on ICON on the AQIS website:

Import case details - public listing

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Commodity: Human therapeutics and medicines

Scientific name:

Country: All countries

End use: Therapeutic

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The information here covers AQIS quarantine requirements only and is current on the date of transmission but may change without notice. AQIS makes no warranties or representations with respect to the accuracy or completeness of that information and will bear no liability with respect to that information. Importers must satisfy quarantine concerns and comply with quarantine conditions applicable at the time of entry. The Commonwealth through AQIS is not liable for any costs arising from or associated with decisions of importers to import based on conditions presented here which are not current at the time of importation. It is the importer's responsibility to verify the accuracy and completeness of the information at the time of importation.

It is the importer's responsibility to identify and to ensure it has complied with, all requirements of any other regulatory and advisory bodies prior to and after importation including the Australian Customs Service, Therapeutic Goods Administration, Department of Health and Ageing, Department of the Environment and Water Resources, Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority and any State agencies such as Departments of Agriculture and Health and Environmental Protection authorities.

Importers should note that this list is not exhaustive. Importers should also note that all foods imported into Australia must comply with the provisions of the Imported Food Control Act 1992, an Act which is administered by AQIS.

Notification of the import must be provided to AQIS for all imported goods other than

goods imported as accompanied baggage or goods imported via the mail and not prescribed under the Customs Act 1901. Notification must be consistent with Quarantine Regulations 2000 (examples include a Quarantine Entry or a Quarantine declaration).

Condition C5419

Non-Commercial

1. A Quarantine Entry is not required.
2. An Import Permit is not required, provided that:
 - a) The article is for human therapeutic use (this may be supported by product labelling , an accompanying brochure or internet printout, or a letter from a doctor); and
 - b) The product is imported into Australia (whether personally or by post) by a person who intends to use it for their own personal use; and
 - c) The product is imported in a quantity of no more than three months supply. Three months supply can be determined by:
 - The label dosage advice; or
 - A letter in English from a medical practitioner, naturopath or alternative health provider; or
 - A statutory declaration by the importer stating that the product is for personal use only and is less than 3 months supply; and
 - d) The product is commercially prepared and packaged (e.g. capsules, tablets, vials for injection, liquid, powder, ointment, etc). This includes commercially packaged probiotics (e.g. Lactobacillus, Bacillus subtilis and Bifidobacterium spp.).

Note: Consignments of products containing ganoderma, bee pollen or slippery elm bark must be in capsules, tablets, vials for injection, liquid or ointment form to be exempt from the requirement for an Import Permit. For consignments containing ganoderma powder, bee pollen powder or slippery elm bark powder refer to the separate ICON cases.

3. For consignments that do not meet the above requirements, an AQIS Import Permit must be obtained prior to importation. Permit applications (<http://www.daff.gov.au/aqis/import/application/forms/biological-materials#download>) must be sent to AQIS Canberra office for assessment.

Condition C9564

Commercial

1. A Quarantine Entry must be lodged for each consignment.
2. An Import Permit is not required for therapeutics that:
 - a) are 100% synthetic (i.e. contain no ingredients of animal, plant or microbial origin); or
 - b) contain no ingredients of animal, plant or microbial origin (other than AQIS approved pharmaceutical

excipients as specified in C9839 below).

Note: For consignments containing ganoderma powder, bee pollen powder or slippery elm bark powder refer to the separate ICON cases.

3. It is the importer's responsibility to provide sufficient documentation to satisfy AQIS that the product in each consignment is as stated. Therapeutics fitting a description above must be accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration confirming this. Alternatively, consignments must be accompanied a manufacturer's declaration (or products must be labelled) with details of a full list of ingredients (totalling 100%).

Manufacturer's declarations must comply with format requirements as detailed in [POA0021](#). (http://www.aqis.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex_topiccontent.asp?TopicType=Quarantine+Alert&TopicID=4501)

4. An Import Permit is required for all therapeutics that do not comply with the conditions above. The Import Permit must be obtained prior to importation. [Permit applications](#) must be sent to AQIS Canberra office for assessment.

Note: Capsules/tablets, etc, may still contain unprocessed plant material and may therefore require an AQIS Import Permit.

5. Any product of animal, plant or microbial origin that is to be used for animal feed, and is not considered a veterinary therapeutic, also requires an AQIS Import Permit.

Condition C9839

List of pharmaceutical excipients

1. Pharmaceutical excipients are highly processed substances (other than the active pharmaceutical ingredient) that are components of therapeutic products. The following substance groups are considered pharmaceutical excipients:

Alcohols	Amino acids	Essences	Esters	Fish oil (other than salmon oil)
Gelatin*	Homeopathics	Pectins	Plant acids	Plant extracts
Plant flours	Plant gums	Plant juices	Plant oils	Plant waxes
Polysorbates*	Resins	Starches	Stearates*	Sugars
Tinctures	Vinegars	Vitamins	Water	Refined wool fats e.g. Lanolin

* Note: Gelatin and polysorbates and stearates derived from animals are not considered AQIS approved pharmaceutical excipients for use in animals. An AQIS Import Permit is required for veterinary therapeutics containing these ingredients and for these ingredients that are imported for use in manufacture of veterinary therapeutic products. This also applies to gelatin, polysorbates and stearates for use in animal feeds, animal feed supplements and animal vaccines.

Condition C5012

This commodity or species may be subject to Australian Government Department of the

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts legislation under [CITES](http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/trade-use/index.html) (<http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/trade-use/index.html>). Commodities/species known to be, or considered to be covered by CITES will be referred to the Australian Customs Service (Customs) on arrival to Australia, in addition to satisfying quarantine import conditions.

CITES queries can be directed to the Australian Government Department of the Environment and Water Resources on the details below:

Phone: 02 6274 1900
Fax: 02 6274 1921
Email: wildlifetrade@environment.gov.au
Internet: www.environment.gov.au

Import Permit Fee IPF0003

Import Permit Fees (where applicable) – Category 2

This commodity is classified as a Category 2 assessment for the purposes of determining the Import Permit fee rate that applies. The fee rate is \$60 (for any assessment period up to 1 hour) and \$15 for each quarter hour, or part of a quarter hour, after the 1-hour period. Note that a manual lodgement fee of \$100 or an electronic lodgement fee of \$16 also applies in addition to the assessment fee.

An assessable item means an item identified on a permit application as consisting of goods of a class imported, or to be imported, from a particular country for a particular use.

Further information on AQIS fees and charges can be found on the [AQIS website](http://www.daffa.gov.au/fees/aqisfees-charges) ([.http://www.daffa.gov.au/fees/aqisfees-charges](http://www.daffa.gov.au/fees/aqisfees-charges)) Import Permit issuing fees are specified in the [Quarantine Service Fees Determination 2005](http://www.comlaw.gov.au/comlaw/management.nsf/lookupindexpagesbyid/IP200508954?OpenDocument). (<http://www.comlaw.gov.au/comlaw/management.nsf/lookupindexpagesbyid/IP200508954?OpenDocument>)

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Commodity

From country

For end use

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