

# Australia

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**Ports:** Adelaide, Brisbane, Fremantle, Melbourne, Sydney  
**Prohibited:** Drugs, firearms, most animals, birds and ivory  
**Cont:** None

## Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

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**Required Documents:** Fully detailed list of wines and ability to show the period wines have been held by the shipper.  
**Customs Regulations:**  
**Clearance:**  
**Remarks:** All wine over the concession allowance of 9 liters will be subject to duty; however, Customs will consider each entry on an individual basis for duty.

## Firearms and Weapons

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**Required Documents:** Australian Shooters License.  
**Customs Regulations:**  
**Clearance:**  
**Remarks:** Firearms are seized by Customs on arrival and taken to 'Queens Bond' from where the shipper can uplift on presentation of his/her license. Licenses can take from 6 to 8 weeks to obtain, following formal application to the Police Department.

## Household Goods and Personal Effects

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**Required Documents:** All ports and airports need copies of ALL stamped pages of passports (one of which must show current arrival into Australia) and completion of Customs Declaration (B534).  
**Customs Regulations:**  
**Clearance:**  
**Remarks:**

## Pets and Animals

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**Required Documents:**  
**Customs Regulations:**  
**Clearance:**  
**Remarks:** Prohibitions and restrictions governing entry of domestic pets do apply and are strictly enforced. All pets will be required to enter quarantine for a specified period on arrival with the length of time dependant upon the type of pet and the country it is arriving from.

## Vehicles

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**Required Documents:**  
**Customs Regulations:**

**Clearance:****Remarks:**

All motor cars entering country are subject to duty and sales tax. Taxes and duties are assessed based upon a formula taking into consideration the purchase price, age, and length of ownership. Combined taxes and duty can vary from 16% to 100%. Specific information on duty should be requested prior to shipping an auto. All motor vehicles are inspected on arrival and may be steam cleaned. It is recommended that steam cleaning be done immediately prior to departure and a Certificate of Steam Cleaning is included with documents to agent. All vehicles are subject to Australian Quarantine Inspection. Owners of vehicles should apply to Motor Vehicles Standards in Canberra for approval prior to shipping. (See attached form.)

**Miscellaneous**

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**Required Documents:****Customs Regulations:****Clearance:****Remarks:**

Cordless telephones and Citizen's Band (CB) radios are prohibited unless approved by Department of Transport & Communication.

# Australian Quarantine & Fumigation Information

Each and every consignment arriving in Australia will be inspected by an Officer of the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service.

The Quarantine Inspection Fee is A\$150.00 plus GST per half hour and will be billed to the owner/importer. This is a government requirement and we have no control on total time of inspection.

Should any item contain active wood worm or insects or show any signs of insect infestation, fumigation in Australia will be required. Please note that if the items have been fumigated at the point of origin and you have been provided with a Fumigation Certificate, the Certificate may still not be recognized by the Australian Quarantine & Inspection Service. The Australian fumigation requirement is CH3Br 48gM3 24hr 21c or above.

As an indication, common high risk items in personal effects shipments are:

- cars
- bikes
- golf buggies
- drums
- shoes
- wood models
- blinds (cane)
- furniture
- garden furniture
- saddlery
- work tools
- garden tools
- seeds/plants
- straw/wood packing
- pet boxes/cages
- foodstuffs & groceries
- fruit/egg cartons
- Christmas decorations
- ornaments
- candles
- potpourri
- wheel barrows
- lawnmowers
- camping gear
- sandpits

- flowers (artificial or dried)
- any wood or cane ware (especially antiques)
- soft toys (especially from SE Asia or Middle East)
- curios and souvenirs (especially from Africa and the Pacific Islands)