

## Information and assistance to export food from Australia



There are a number of Australian Government Departments and initiatives that provide resources and information on preparing to export food products from Australia.

Correct Food Systems can assist with professional advice to progress your way to new export markets.

### Know the Government requirements for exportation of food from Australia

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- The requirements and processes to export your products will depend on the type of product and the specific requirements of the importing country.
- Department of Agriculture controls the export of certain types of food. These are listed as “Prescribed Goods”. Prescribed foods include food and beverage products with components of meat, dairy, plants, fish, eggs, honey, fresh fruit & vegetables, plant products and grains and organic foods.\*
- Exportation of non-prescribed goods is not controlled by the Department of Agriculture but the supply chain for your products must meet the requirements of the importing country.

### Research Government assistance

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- FIAL is a not for profit organisation that aims to assist food and agricultural growth and innovation. FIAL offers a variety of workshops including Export, E-commerce, IP and brand protection, Innovation. FIAL offers specific Market Insights and Information (MII) data and reports on product categories and target markets. The FIAL Australian Food Catalogue lists export ready food and beverage companies for international buyers. The Australian Food and Agribusiness Directory is a free online directory of Australian food related businesses.
- Austrade provides general information about exporting for all Australian registered businesses. Austrade can inform and boost your research and export strategy. Austrade provides a website, “TradeStart” advisors, seminars, tradeshow, events and Australian Suppliers Directory.
- Austrade administers a “Export Market Development Grant (EMDG) scheme, as financial assistance for marketing as an Australian exporter. Many small and medium size businesses have accessed these grants, that reimburse up to 50% of export promotion expenses.

### Know the destination importing country requirements

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- Find the destination country importation authority
- Check your product meets the requirements of the regulations in the destination country. This may include researching trade agreements, reduced tariff rates, export quota’s and customs duty.
- Some importing countries may still require a government issued export certificate from the Department of Agriculture or other documents, even for non-prescribed goods. This may be done using the Department of Agriculture EXDOC system.
- Some importing countries require full traceability of goods throughout the entire supply chain. A transfer certificate may assist.
- Some foods may be subject to quarantine inspections, sampling and testing prior to release for approval in the intended market.
- Ensure you have evidence your products meet all import requirements. Include any relevant manufacturer declaration, and laboratory results. Have laboratory results ready for products with microbiological and potentially other criteria prior to dispatch.
- Obtain any approvals or import permits prior to your products leaving Australia. You may need a customs export declaration.
- Ensure your local label is correct for the regulations of the destination country or task CFS\*
- Complete a packing declaration with full documentation and test results for each shipment.

*This provides an overview of generic advice for exportation of food from Australia.*

*\*Contact Correct Food Systems for assistance to meet the detailed product and country specific requirements, label reviews and review of your food safety program that may be required for Department of Agriculture Approved Arrangements for Prescribed Goods.*