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Australian
BORDER FORCE

Information for participants of the Down Under Rally 2016

Pre – Arrival Notification

If you're travelling by boat the master of a vessel arriving in Australia is required by law to give notice of impending arrival at least 96 hours before arrival. Penalties may apply for failure to do so.

How to let us know you're coming

You can give 96 hours notice by either:

- Sending an email to yachtreport@border.gov.au
- Sending a fax to +61 2 6275 5078
- Phone us on +61 2 6246 1325

What you need to tell us

You will need to provide:

- the name of your craft
- the craft's country and port of registration
- your intended first port of arrival
- your estimated arrival time
- the last four ports you visited
- the details of people on board including name, date of birth, nationality and passport number
- details of any illness or disease recently encountered
- if you have any animals on board
- if you have any firearms on board

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Requirements for yachts and pleasure craft

The information contained on this page applies to the non-commercial use of pleasure craft, motor sailers and motor cruisers and provides an outline of the procedures and legal requirements which apply to the Master of these vessels arriving in and departing from Australia.

If you are in charge of any of the above mentioned craft, you are considered the Master of the craft, even if you are not its owner and the owner is on board.

Whether you are a returning resident, migrating to Australia or a visitor, you need to comply with entry requirements. You can help speed this up if you follow these simple steps:

1. Make sure each person on board has a valid visa and passport;
2. You are required by law to notify the Department before you arrive (see previous page).
3. Clearly display the International Pratique Q-flag and travel directly to an appointed boarding station (vessels may be required to anchor and await further instructions)
4. Complete the Arrival forms and Incoming Passenger Card.

Australia has strict laws to protect its citizens and natural environment. Penalties may be imposed if you breach those laws by illegally importing:

- Drugs;
- Animal or plant material;
- Firearms, weapons or ammunition;
- Protected wildlife and products made from them;
- Some food items; and
- Some medicinal products including Performance Enhancing Drugs.

Please read this information carefully.

Berthing

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection, and Department of Agriculture clearance must be completed prior to going ashore.

- Please stay on board. No persons other than a Department of Agriculture or Border Force officer is allowed to board your craft, nor can any person, animal or article leave the craft until you have been given full clearance;
- Depending on your arrival time, the Department of Immigration and Border Protection and Department of Agriculture may require all persons to remain on board overnight before clearing you the following day;
- Don't throw any waste or foodstuffs overboard while you're in Australian waters or while you are moored. Use designated biosecurity disposal points;

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- Keep all food and animals secure until your vessel has been inspected by Department of Agriculture officers;
- Don't trade foodstuffs with other overseas vessels;
- Keep your vessel free of insects.

To go ashore without prior clearance is an offence. Contact with other vessels in port prior to clearance is also prohibited.

Your stay

When you arrive in Australia, there are a number of clearance options depending on when you intend to leave. If you intend to leave within twelve months, you may be granted a Control Permit, asked to provide a security for temporary importation or to formally import the craft.

All options provide access to Australian waters and lands.

Control Permits

A Control Permit will be issued to the Master of the craft if the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) is satisfied the craft is transiting Australia for non-commercial purposes. Control Permits may be issued for a period of 12 months, or the length of the Master's visa, whichever is less. Extension of the permit may be granted on application, provided that you meet eligibility requirements and have an appropriate visa.

A person eligible to apply for a Control Permit must be a tourist or a temporary resident of Australia. Australian citizens are not eligible for a Control Permit unless they have overseas residency. Satisfactory evidence of overseas residency is required.

For a Control Permit to be issued, the craft must meet the following criteria:

- the craft must have arrived from overseas and will be scheduled to depart for overseas
- the craft must have arrived under its own power and not as cargo
- the craft must be transiting Australia for non-commercial purposes i.e. is not engaged in the commercial carriage of cargo or passengers
- the craft may be privately or corporately owned (however, a Control Permit is not granted where a craft is owned by a corporation and more than 50% of the owners of the corporation are Australian residents)
- the craft must not be employed for any activities of a commercial nature (e.g. charter, hire or lease)
- the craft, or parts of the craft, are not to be offered for sale, sold or otherwise disposed of.

However, the craft may remain in Australia for repair or refit.

Control Permits are not issued if the vessel is owned or operated by an Australian resident unless exceptional circumstances apply.

If circumstances of the craft's presence in Australia change, you are required to advise DIBP. Failure to do so can result in a Control Permit being revoked and the vessel being deemed imported at which time payment of duty and tax will be required.

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What if the Master wants to fly home and come back later?

This is possible but you must advise DIBP and make arrangements for appropriate control over the vessel.

Further information can be obtained from the DIBP office at your intended port of arrival.

Temporary importation of vessels

If your visa allows you to reside in Australia for a limited period you may be required to temporarily import a craft into Australia. Temporary importation without paying customs duty and tax is subject to:

- The vessel being exported within 12 months of arrival; and
- A security in cash or an appropriate bank guarantee being provided equal to the duty and tax that would otherwise be payable.

When do I get my security back?

If a cash security has been given and a cash refund is sought it will be necessary for you to give advance notice to DIBP at the proposed port of departure before you leave.

Further information can be obtained from the DIBP office at your intended port of arrival.

Formal Importation

If you are an Australia citizen, permanent resident of Australia or migrating to Australia on a craft purchased outside Australia, importation of the craft is required. Customs duty and tax are payable on any craft imported into Australia upon its arrival.

Vessels requiring importation will be restricted to the Port of Bundaberg until importation formalities are finalised.

Arrival into the Port of Bundaberg

Please contact the Volunteer Marine Rescue Bundaberg on the following to provide updated ETA's when within range. They will then provide these details to the Australian Border Force and relay any instructions if required. A listening watch is maintained between 0600-1800hrs daily.

Call Sign: VMR 488

VHF Channels: 16,21,67,22,80,81

HF Channels: 2524, 4125, 6215

Bundaberg District Office – Australian Border

Force PH: +61 (0)7 4331 7200

Email: dmqldbunda2@border.gov.au

For up to date information go to:
www.border.gov.au

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Departure from Australia

Prior to departure from Australia, Australian Border Force clearance is required. This is available at any appointed port. Australian Border Force should be contacted in advance to avoid unnecessary delay. **It is an offence to depart without clearance.**

Requirements for departure

- Passports and completed Outgoing Passenger card for all persons on board;
- Masters of Australian or imported vessels may be required to 'enter' the vessel for export if the craft is to be sold or positioned overseas.

Registering Craft - the Registrar of Ships

Masters of foreign craft not registered under the law of a foreign country must make a declaration about the nationality of their craft when leaving Australia.

All Australian craft or vessels, irrespective of size or type whether owned by an Australian citizen or by an Australian company, must be registered before leaving Australia. State registration does not meet this requirement.

It is necessary to apply for registration of your craft several weeks before leaving Australia. Unregistered craft will not receive Australian diplomatic protection while overseas.

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ARRIVAL DOCUMENTATION

DOCUMENTS THAT YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE ON ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA

Incoming Passenger Card

Travellers arriving in and departing from Australia are required under Australian law to identify themselves and provide certain information through the completion of a passenger card.

The card looks like the one in the sample below:

Incoming passenger card • Australia		PLEASE X AND ANSWER EVERY QUESTION – IF UNSURE, Yes X	
PLEASE COMPLETE IN ENGLISH WITH A BLUE OR BLACK PEN		▶ Are you bringing into Australia:	
▶ Family/surname		1. Goods that may be prohibited or subject to restrictions, such as medicines, steroids, illegal pornography, firearms, weapons or illicit drugs?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
▶ Given names		2. More than 2250mL of alcoholic beverages or 50 cigarettes or 50g of tobacco products?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
▶ Passport number		3. Goods obtained overseas or purchased duty and/or tax free in Australia with a combined total price of more than AUD\$900, including gifts?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Flight number or name of ship		4. Goods/samples for business/commercial use?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
▶ Intended address in Australia		5. AUD\$10,000 or more in Australian or foreign currency equivalent?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	State <input type="checkbox"/>	Note: If a customs or police officer asks, you must report travellers cheques, cheques, money orders or other bearer negotiable instruments of any amount.	
▶ Do you intend to live in Australia for the next 12 months?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	6. Meat, poultry, fish, seafood, eggs, dairy, fruit, vegetables?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
▶ If you are NOT an Australian citizen:		7. Grains, seeds, bulbs, straw, nuts, plants, parts of plants, traditional medicines or herbs, wooden articles?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have tuberculosis?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	8. Animals, parts of animals, animal products including equipment, pet food, eggs, biologicals, specimens, birds, fish, insects, shells, bee products?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have any criminal conviction/s?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	9. Soil, items with soil attached or used in freshwater areas e.g. sports/recreational equipment, shoes?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		▶ 10. Have you been in contact with farms, farm animals, wilderness areas or freshwater streams/lakes etc in the past 30 days?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		▶ 11. Were you in Africa, South/Central America or the Caribbean in the last 6 days?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
DECLARATION The information I have given is true, correct and complete. I understand failure to answer any questions may have serious consequences.	YOUR SIGNATURE	Day <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Month <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		Year <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	TURN OVER THE CARD
			English

Small Craft Arrival Report

The Small Craft Arrival Report consists of four pages (Perforated Pages 71-74 in this magazine) that you will be required to complete and hand over to the Border Control Officers when they arrive on your boat to process your arrival. **You are NOT REQUIRED to complete or submit these card before you arrive**, however, for those of you who would like to complete it prior to your arrival in Australia, The Down Under Rally will be leaving a quantity of these cards at the Port Moselle Marina Office in Noumea, New Caledonia.

You are NOT REQUIRED to complete or submit these card before you arrive. If you are unable to get one of these cards (one card per person on board is required), **PLEASE DO NOT BE CONCERNED, as the Australian Border Force officers will provide you with them on arrival.** We suggest that in order to expedite your clearance, you complete as much of the form as you can before your arrival in Australia, rather than keeping the officials waiting while you do so.

If you have a printed copy of 'Go West' Magazine, you can fill out the details on the forms and leave them attached to your magazine for safe keeping. As you fill out the form, if you come across a question that you are unsure of, **LEAVE IT BLANK** and ask the officers to help you when they arrive.

Once the forms are completed and you have arrived in Australia, you can then tear them out of the magazine and hand them over to the Border Control Officers.



Smallcraft Arrival Report

Vessel Details

Name of Vessel		Call Sign	
E-mail Address	Mobile Number		Official Number
Sail Number	Port and Country Registered		

Arrival Details

Port of Arrival	Last six ports before Australia 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____	Dates of Departure 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____
Date & Time of Arrival		
Intended length of stay in Australia		
Intended Last port in Australia		

Vessel Type and Size

Vessel Type <i>(tick appropriate vessel)</i>							
<input type="checkbox"/> Sailing Yacht	<input type="checkbox"/> Motor Launch	<input type="checkbox"/> Motor Sailer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify)</i>				
Rig Type <i>(tick appropriate rig)</i>							
<input type="checkbox"/> Cutter	<input type="checkbox"/> Yawl	<input type="checkbox"/> Schooner	<input type="checkbox"/> Sloop	<input type="checkbox"/> Ketch	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify)</i>		
Length - Overall <i>(metres)</i>	Waterline <i>(m)</i>	Beam <i>(m)</i>	Draught <i>(m)</i>	Number of Masts	Number of Hulls		
Hull Material				Nett/Registered Tonnage	Gross Tonnage		

Construction Details *(if known)*

Builder/Designer/ Designer Name	Year Built
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Colours

Masts	Sail Covers	Hull <i>(above w/line)</i>	Deckhouse
Superstructure	Sails	Hull <i>(below w/line)</i>	Deck

Other Identifying Features

Include Hull Stripes, logos, Radar Dome location, Windvanes, Dinghy colour and locations

Details of Owner

Owner
Contact Phone Numbers <i>(include mobile and satphone numbers)</i>
Address

Details of Persons on board (Please list Master first)

Ref	Family Name	Given Names	Sex M/F	Date of Birth	Country of Birth	Passport Number	Nationality	Official Use Only
1	MASTER							
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								
9								
10								
11								
12								

Electronic Equipment (For example - Radio, Radar, EPIRB, Computer, TV, Stereo, etc.)

Ref	Item eg. RADIO	Make/Model eg. Motorola M102 UHF/VHF transceiver	Serial Number eg. 123456	Ref	Item	Make/Model	Serial Number
1				8			
2				9			
3				10			
4				11			
5				12			
6				13			
7				14			

If insufficient space, please attach sheet with additional details

Cargo Intended for Discharge in Australia
 Yes No
Firearms on Board *(please specify)*

Description including Make/Model	Quantity	Value A\$	Serial Number	Official Use Only

Narcotic and Restricted Drugs on Board *(please specify)*

Description of Drug	Quantity	Where Stored	Official Use Only

Alcohol and Tobacco related Ship's Stores *(please specify)*

Description	Quantity	Official Use Only		
		Released	Duty Paid	Remarks
Beer/Stout				
Brandy				
Other Spirits				
Wine				
Other <i>(Specify)</i>				
Cigarettes				
Cigars/Tobacco				

NOTE: GOODS ON BOARD MAY ONLY BE REMOVED WITH PRIOR PERMISSION FROM DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION

Animals on Board

Description	Number
Official Use Only	

Returning Australian Vessels Only

Port Departed from in Australia _____

Details of any structural alterations or equipment upgrades made since departure from Australia _____

WARNING: A FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENT TO AN OFFICER OF CUSTOMS IS AN OFFENCE

Declaration *(* Master only if Owner not on board at time of declaration - please cross out as appropriate)*

I, _____

*Master/Owner of the _____ declare that all particulars stated on this report are true and correct.

*Master/Owner's signature _____ Date _____

**DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION USE ONLY -
Safety, Capability and Intentions**

Engines

Type	Number	Make/Model	Fuel	Horsepower	Speed under power	Range under power	Fuel Tank Capacity
Main					kmh/knots	km/nm	litres/gallons
Auxiliary					kmh/knots	km/nm	litres/gallons

Safety Equipment

Life Raft Make	Life Raft Length Metres/Feet	EPIRB Make/Model	Outboard Motor HP	Flares (Quantity)
Dinghy Make	Dinghy Length Metres/Feet	Water Tank Capacity Litres/gallons	Life Jackets (Quantity)	Life Buoys (Quantity)

Alterations/work intended to be done on vessel in Australia

NOTE: IF THE COST OF WORK/PARTS EXCEEDS A\$2000 SOME EXPORT DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED

Name and Addresses of Contacts or Family in Australia

Arrival Details

Boarding Details: Place	Officers	Date / /	Time am/pm
Input Details: Place	Craft ID C	Movement ID I	Data Input / / Time input am/pm
Programmed moves of vessel and intentions of Master in Australia			
Cruising Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Issued at	Security Type	Date Issued / / Date of Expiry / /
Port to Port Clearance <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Conditions		Photograph <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Imported <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary	Issuing Port	Destination Port	Date of Issue / /
	Port of Importation	Date deemed Imported / /	Date Entry Lodged / /
	Security Type	Expiry Date of Temporary Import / /	Conditions

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Departure Details

Boarding Details: Place	Officers	Date / /	Time am/pm
Input Details: Place	Craft ID C	Movement ID I	Data Input / / Time input am/pm
Clearance Granted <input type="checkbox"/> In Office <input type="checkbox"/> On Board <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	Number of People on Board		Photograph <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Details of persons on board for departure (only give changes to list on page two)			
Changes to vessel or work done since arrival			
Remarks			
Signature of officer of Customs			

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ARRIVING DOWN UNDER!

Disclaimer:

The Down Under Rally has prepared the following information with the view to assisting vessels that are planning to arrive in Australia. Whilst we have consulted with local department officers, the information contained herein may not reflect the policies of the various departments. At all times we have endeavored to ensure the accuracy of the information provided at the time of publication however we cannot guarantee that the information has not changed, been updated or that it is absolutely correct and as such we take no responsibility for anything, which might be misleading or incorrect. We encourage you to seek your own advice through the websites of the various Government Departments using the following web link:

Department of Agriculture & Water Resources: <http://www.agriculture.gov.au>

What happens when you arrive in Australia?

All vessels arriving from an overseas destination or which have come in contact with international vessels must enter Australia through a designated first port and require inspection from an authorised officer.

All vessels must comply with Australian Border Force pre-arrival reporting conditions. (See Australia Border Force Information for participants of the 2016 Down Under Rally within this magazine)

When you arrive in Australia, a biosecurity officer from the department will board your vessel to ask questions, assess documents and conduct a physical inspection. The outcome of these activities is to assess the common biosecurity risks associated with yachts such as timber pests, food, plant material, animals and/or human health concerns.

For more detailed information about the process and/or biosecurity risks, please refer to the department's website: <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/>

All vessels with timber components entering Australia must be inspected for timber pests, whether the vessel is sailed in, itinerant, a returning Australian vessel or imported as cargo. When a vessel is sailed in, the inspection of timber components is likely to be included as part of the arrival inspection.

If the inspection of timber components cannot be performed on arrival, the inspection must be completed within 14 days. Your certificate of pratique will note the port for your return.

Why all the fuss?

For well over a century, quarantine has played a critical role in reducing the risk and shaping Australia to become one of the few countries in the world to remain free from the world's most severe pests and diseases.

While our geographical isolation has played a key role in maintaining this status, our isolation as an island nation is rapidly changing as the barriers of time and distance become less relevant and international travel and trade increase.

With more than 60,000 kilometres of coastline offering a variety of pathways for exotic pests and diseases, the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources screens, inspects and clears the millions of people, mail parcels, baggage, ships, animals, plants and cargo containers entering Australia every year using X-ray machines, surveillance, and, of course, the instantly recognisable detector dogs.

Australia works across the full continuum of quarantine with pre-border, border and post-border measures. The department uses a range of sophisticated technologies and approaches including, research, shared international resources and intelligence, to help prevent the introduction and spread of disease.

Surveillance and monitoring of risk areas is also critical along with border control activities, which focus on intercepting and quarantining potential threats at Australian airports, seaports, and international mail centres.

Today, quarantine controls at Australia's borders minimise the risk of exotic pests and diseases entering Australia and protect our \$32 billion agriculture export industries as well as our unique environment, native flora and fauna, our tourism industries and lifestyle

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Department of Agriculture & Water Resources (DAWR) - (aka Quarantine) Fees

The fees charged by DAWR to clear a vessel into Australia (all ports of entry) were redesigned (revised) on December 1st 2015.

Prior to December 1st 2015 the **minimum** fee charged to perform "Pratique" (inspection and documentation) of a vessel less than 25m in length was \$380.00. This \$380.00 fee included up to 1.5 hours for the officer to inspect the vessel and prepare documentation. Under the new fee structure there is no set charge for the inspection and documentation.

The fee charged would be relevant to how long the officer spends carrying out the inspection and the relevant documentation associated with the inspection. The only set fee is a vessel arrival fee of \$100 (for vessels under 25m in length)

In addition to the arrival fee you will be charged at the rate of \$50.00 AUD for every 15 minutes the officer spends inspecting your vessel plus \$30.00 AUD for every 15 minutes the officer spends completing the documentation relevant to the inspection.

The department doesn't accept cash (of any currency). A Credit card is the preferred method of payment on the day.

How much will it cost to be cleared?

- **The Australian Border Force** (aka Customs) **does not charge a fee** for entering the country.
- **Department of Agriculture & Water Resources** (aka Quarantine) **do charge fees.**

*The **fee example below** is based on the time taken per vessel, by a DAWR officer, to complete the inspection and documentation of several vessels under 25m that have been cleared in at Bundaberg since 1st December 2015.*

Arrival Fee:

\$100.00 (fixed fee for all vessels under 25m)

1 hour Inspection Fee:

\$200.00 (allows 4 x 15 minute increments at \$50.00 per increment)

30 minutes Documentation Fee:

\$60.00 (allows 2 x 15 minute increments at \$30.00 per increment)

Total Fees for Clearance using this example = \$360.00 AUD

IMPORTANT!!!

As the fees charged are based on the actual time taken by the officer to complete the inspection and documentation the actual total fee may be more or less than the example provided above.

Overtime Fees: What if I arrive out of normal working hours?

Normal Working Hours are considered to be:

6.30am - 6.30pm Monday - Friday

(excluding public holidays)

To avoid overtime fees, ensure your arrival is on a weekday. For arrivals after hours during the week, you will be cleared as soon as practicable the following day.

The official advise from the Department of Agriculture and Water Resource's in regard to the redesign of the fee structure including charges for overtime appears on pages 78 & 79 of this magazine.

Bringing goods into Australia:

What can I bring and what can't I bring?

Food Items:

Permitted:

- **Red Meat:** Raw, Frozen or Cooked
ONLY Beef, Lamb & Deer from Vanuatu and NZ will be allowed to stay on board however **these items MUST be commercially labeled, unopened** and clearly show the country of origin.
- Fish - **YES**
- Cooked & Frozen Fruits/Vegetable will be assessed on the day of clearance.
- Commercially frozen Fruit / Vegetables
- Bee Products - ONLY those which are commercially packaged and free of biological contaminants
- All dry stores such as rice, flour etc. are permitted, however, all will be checked for contamination/ infestation.

Not Permitted:

- Red meat from all countries other than Vanuatu & New Zealand
- Pork chicken
- Eggs
- NO - Egg products containing greater than 10% egg
- NO Dairy - Only from Foot & Mouth Free countries.
- Fresh Fruit & Vegetables will not be allowed to remain on board.

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To see FMD free country list visit:

<https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0/ViewElement/Element/Index?elementPk=312063&caseElementPk=377584>

What about the Vessel inspection?

All vessels will be subject to a thorough initial visual inspection of all items made of timber on the vessel.

The items below **will be inspected** for infestation and include:

- Wood that is part of the vessel's construction
- Wood that is part of the vessel's inventory (such as loose pieces of wood or timber)
- Wood products that are on board the vessel (such as souvenirs)

Suggestions for avoiding having items confiscated:

- If you have baskets, fans, and any other woven items you should put them in a large plastic bag, spray in a generous amount of aerosol insecticide and seal the bag for a few days or even until after your arrival. This should kill any insects that the items may carry. Goods with evidence of live insects will be confiscated.
- We suggest that in regard to your souvenirs (specifically anything with seeds, pig tusks or feathers, post them back to your country of origin or anywhere except Australia before departing for Australia.
- Wooden carvings will be inspected for evidence of borer holes or insects. All bark products are prohibited.

BE WARNED! YOUR BOAT WILL BE SWABBED FOR TRACES OF DRUGS ON ARRIVAL! Don't even think of bringing illicit drugs of any type or any quantity into Australia, you will regret it if you do!

In all cases, the Officer has the right to confiscate anything, which in his/her opinion may not meet Australian standards. If you should have any of the above items or others deemed to be a risk on board, they will be confiscated.

YOU WILL NOT BE FINED UNLESS YOU ARE FOUND TO HAVE BEEN DELIBERATELY CONCEALING / NOT DECLARING ITEMS SO...IF IN DOUBT BRING IT OUT!

Suggestions as to how you can help speed up the inspection and save \$\$\$\$

Before your arrival:

To help reduce the risk of bio-fouling entering Australian waters on your vessel you should clean your vessel's hull and any equipment that has been in contact with seawater at your last port of call or within one week prior to arriving in Australia.

- Perform a thorough inspection (every nook & cranny) of your vessel for insects, pests or vermin and if any are found exterminate them and eradicate any sign of their having been present.
- Eat or dispose of all non-permitted fresh produce and meats before entering Australian Waters
- Ensure all areas of the vessel are accessible for inspection, particularly timber surfaces.
- As soon as practical move all items that will need to be moved to allow for inspection of the vessel.

For example if you have sails stored on a berth that has a timber base move these so that the base can be easily inspected. Remember, if the officials are waiting for you to clear away or move items so they can complete their inspection time is passing, time you are paying for in 15-minute increments!

- Wash and bag separately recyclable materials. Have the bag open though so the biosecurity officer can assess the contents. These bags can then go into the recycling bins at the marina.
- Double bag all organic waste left on board after entering Australian waters.
- Have your vacuum cleaner emptied of dirt or the replaceable bag put in the organics bag of waste for collection by a Biosecurity Officer.
- Have souvenirs unwrapped and out of any other packaging for inspection.
- Have all shoes cleaned of dirt.
- Know your vessels travel history from the last 10 years (if possible of course) as questions will be asked in relation to the Timber Pest Inspection. It can make a faster inspection if the Master doesn't have to look through logbooks.

If you are anything like us your boat can be pretty untidy after an ocean passage, which is understood by all, but it should be AS TIDY AS POSSIBLE AND CLEAN! Remember what they say about first impressions.

On Arrival

- Stay on board. No persons other than the officials involved with your clearance area allowed to board your vessel, nor can any person, animal or article leave the vessel until you have been given full clearance.
- Depending on your arrival time all persons may be required to remain on board overnight before clearing you the following day. To go ashore without prior clearance is an offence.
- Don't throw any waste or foodstuffs overboard while you're in Australian waters.
- All rubbish or not permitted items should be double bagged and stored below decks to prevent spillage.

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Australian Government

Department of Agriculture and Water Resources

Biosecurity: Vessel Clearance

Cost Recovery Redesign

Overview

The department has redesigned its cost recovery arrangements with new fees and levies coming into effect on 1st December 2015. This fact sheet has been developed to provide you with an overview of the key changes to charges relating to vessel clearance. This document should be read in conjunction with the department's [Charging Guidelines](#) and the [Biosecurity Cost Recovery Implementation Statement](#) (CRIS).

Key Changes

Vessel arrival charges

All maritime vessels entering into Australia will pay an arrival levy. Vessels less than 25 metres will pay \$100 on arrival and vessels 25 metres or more will pay \$720.00 on arrival. This levy replaces the pratique fee previously charged upon arrival. Inspection fees will be charged in addition to the arrival levy.

Fee for Service

A standard fee of \$30.00 per 15 minutes will apply for all activities performed in-office, including assessing ballast water risks and quarantine pre-arrival reports (QPARs). A standard fee of \$50.00 per 15 minutes will be applied to all activities performed out-of-office, including vessel inspections.

Overtime

Overtime changes have been standardised for activities undertaken outside of the department's standard span of hours, which are weekdays between 6:30am and 6:30pm, where the activity is delivered. All activities undertaken outside of the department standard span of hours will incur the relevant fee for service charge in addition to overtime charges (Table 2).

Further Information

The Biosecurity CRIS, Charging Guidelines and other supporting material can be found on the department's website at agriculture.gov.au/costrecovery or by emailing costrecovery@agriculture.gov.au.

FORMALITIES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & WATER RESOURCES

Table 1: Maritime Vessel Charges

Fee Item	Unit	Charges to 30 Nov 2015	Unit	Charges from 1 Dec 2015
Pratique fee (document assessment only) for vessels ≥ 25m	Per vessel	\$850.00	-	-
Pratique fee (document assessment and up to 2 hours inspection) for vessels ≥ 25m	Up to 2 hours	\$1200.00	-	-
Pratique fee for vessels < 25m	Up to 1.5 hours	\$380.00	-	-
Additional inspection	Per 15 minutes (after 2 hours)	\$45.00	-	-
Vessel arrival charge < 25m	-	-	Per vessel	\$100.00
Vessel arrival charge ≥ 25m	-	-	Per vessel	\$720.00
In office fee	-	-	15 minutes	\$30.00
Out of office fee	-	-	15 minutes	\$50.00
Day rate (7.5 hours)	Per day	\$900.00	Per day	\$1000.00

Table 2: Overtime Charges

Fee Item	Unit	Charges to 30 Nov 2015	Unit	Charges from 1 Dec 2015
Overtime Weekday	15 minutes	\$16.00	15 minutes	\$15.00
Overtime Weekday (non-continuous)	3 hours (minimum)	\$192.00	15 minutes (minimum)	\$30.00
Overtime Weekend / Public Holiday (non-continuous)	3 hours (minimum)	\$288.00	15 minutes (minimum)	\$40.00
Overtime Weekend / Public Holiday (non-continuous)	15 minutes	\$24.00	15 minutes	\$20.00
Overnight Fee	Per night	\$150.00	-	-