

# IFN 04-25: Imported food safety requirements now in BICON


16 June 2025

Cases documenting the food safety requirements that apply to food imported into Australia that are intended for sale, were released **on 15 June 2025**. These are now incorporated into the Biosecurity Import Conditions system (BICON).

For more information visit [Inclusion of food safety requirements in BICON](#).

## Key changes:

- The food safety requirements are now located in cases within the [Biosecurity Import Conditions system \(BICON\)](#).
- The [BICON webpage](#) includes references to food safety requirements in BICON.
- The BICON homepage provides functionality to search for the food safety requirements:



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Welcome to BICON

BICON houses Australia's biosecurity import conditions and food safety requirements for more than 20,000 plants, animals, minerals and biological products. It will help you determine what biosecurity import conditions and food safety requirements exist. Refer to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry [Importing to Australia](#) page for more information.

Search

Before importation you must search and review:

- the **biosecurity import conditions** to determine if your item can be imported into Australia and whether an import permit case is required.

If the import item is food for human consumption intended for sale, you must also search:

- the **food safety requirements** to understand whether the food you want to import is subject to inspection, including labelling inspection, sampling and testing, or requires certification.

- After entering either your food description in the quick search field, tariff code or scientific name in their relevant tabs, BICON will list returned cases that match your search, under 'Search Results':

Quick Search

Scientific Name

Tariff Code

cheese

Search

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Advanced search

Search Results

From the tabs below, select the result that best matches your goods to review the biosecurity import conditions and food safety requirements that apply.

Biosecurity Import Condition Cases


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Food Safety Requirement Cases

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There are 6 results returned for biosecurity import condition cases, and 1 result for food safety requirement cases, which you can view by selecting the Food Safety Requirement Cases tab above.

- Click on the 'Biosecurity Import Conditions Cases' tab to view the list of matched biosecurity cases.
- Click on the 'Food Safety Requirements Cases' tab to view the food safety cases that have matched your search.
- Your food must meet the biosecurity import conditions listed in the biosecurity case before the food safety requirements in the food safety case apply.
- Food safety cases are identified with a pink coloured banner. The example below demonstrates the case that matched a search for 'cheese' being the 'Dairy and dairy products' case:



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Food Safety Requirements

Dairy and dairy products

Effective 07 May 2025

This case describes the food safety requirements for dairy or dairy products. This includes cheese, curd, milk and milk products or products containing dairy as an ingredient.

For human milk or human milk products please refer to the food safety requirements for [Human milk and human milk products](#).

For infant formula please refer to the food safety requirements for [Formulated foods](#).

This case applies to imports into: Australia.

The following cases may be relevant to view:

- [Dairy - matching](#)

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- You will be presented with questions about the food you plan to import. The food safety case will provide you with all the information you need to know about:
  - what is required prior to import (i.e. what documentation is required)
  - what occurs on arrival, such as the analytical tests that may apply and how to nominate a laboratory
  - what occurs after an imported food inspection is completed.

## Further information:

Any questions, email us at [foodimp@aff.gov.au](mailto:foodimp@aff.gov.au).