

# Shipment of Biosecurity Samples into Australia

## Biosecurity Information

All environmental samples imported into Australia from overseas are subject to Australia's strict biosecurity (quarantine) laws. This document provides detail on what is needed to adhere to the [Biosecurity Act 2015](#) regulations and ensure smooth shipment when sending samples to Eurofins | mgt from overseas countries.

All imports may be subject to biosecurity inspection on arrival to determine compliance with the listed permit conditions and freedom from contamination. Imports not in compliance or not appropriately identified or packaged and labelled in accordance with the import conditions they represent may be subject to treatment, export or destruction at the importer's expense, or forfeited to the Commonwealth.

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NOTE: If sending samples from an External Territory of Australia check with the [Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources](#) (DAWR) whether an import permit is required. As an example, an import permit would be required to import soil and water samples from the External Territories where the territory is outside 12 nautical miles of the Australian mainland (including Tasmania). Samples taken from areas within an Australian territory would not require an import permit.

## Can my samples be shipped to Eurofins | mgt in Australia?

Eurofins | mgt has two laboratory sites that are Approved Arrangement (AA) premises authorised to receive biosecurity samples. Each AA site is able to receive overseas samples if they meet the import permit conditions and if required analysis can be performed within designated AA areas. **Eurofins | mgt in Melbourne and Brisbane can receive soil and water samples.** Other products should be screened against DAWR criteria to ascertain eligibility.

NOTE: Samples requiring microbiological analysis or acid sulfate analysis cannot be imported as they are not tests performed within Eurofins | mgt AA defined areas.

All required documentation must accompany each consignment. Alternatively, necessary documentation will need to be presented to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources at the time of clearance. In order to facilitate clearance, airfreight or mail shipments should have all documentation securely attached to the outside of the package, and clearly marked "Attention Department of Agriculture and Water Resources". Documentation may include the import permit (or import permit number), government certification and invoice.

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## Air Waybill

An air waybill (AWB) is provided by the courier when registering the package for pick up. DHL is a preferred supplier for Eurofins and has an online system which provides a straight forward process. Other international freight companies could also be utilised with similar systems. Ensure when filling out the 'Full description of contents' section that the quantity as well as the content is included. In the description describe the sample matrix and include a statement that samples are for laboratory testing. If samples are non-hazardous it is also important to mention this.

## Import Permit

A valid import permit must accompany the goods at all times. The import permit that is required to accompany the package depends on the testing that is required.

For organic, inorganic or asbestos testing for soil and water - samples can be sent to Eurofins | mgt Melbourne Laboratory (V2988) with import permit 0002878998, see details below:

Eurofins Environment Testing Australia Pty Ltd  
6 Monterey Road  
Dandenong South Victoria 3175  
AUSTRALIA  
Attention: Tammy Lakeland  
Phone no: +61 3 8564 5031  
Email: [TammyLakeland@Eurofins.com](mailto:TammyLakeland@Eurofins.com)

For PFAS only testing for soil & water - samples can be sent to Eurofins | mgt Brisbane Laboratory (Q2767) with import permit 0002869959, see details below:

Eurofins Environment Testing Australia Pty Ltd  
1/21 Smallwood Place  
Murarrie Queensland 4172  
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Attention: Mr Jonathon Angell  
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Email: [JonathonAngell@Eurofins.com](mailto:JonathonAngell@Eurofins.com)

A copy of Eurofins | mgt import permits can be obtained from <https://www.eurofins.com.au/environmental-testing/downloads/>

## Commercial Invoice

A commercial invoice is required and can be provided by the courier. This generally being processed at the time freight shipment is coordinated. The information on a commercial invoice should include the following details:

- Shipper and Receiver's details
- Date
- Air waybill number
- Description, quantity, weight and country of origin
- Value of the goods
- What type of export i.e. Permanent

NOTE: Shipments with value stated above \$100 may be subject to additional importation taxes, chargeable at client expense.

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## Export Declaration

An Export Declaration is to accompany the goods and include the following details:

- Name, Company, Street, Town and Country of the sender
- The air waybill number
- Date the goods are being shipped
- Quantity and Description of the goods being shipped
- Where the samples are being shipped to and from
- The value for customs purposes
- Sign, state your name and Job title

This document intends to avoid overseas problems with Customs Protection Services by providing clear information that the samples are not dangerous or prohibited.

## Documentation

Hardcopy documentation as detailed in table below must accompany the shipped samples and be provided to the courier driver:

Documentation type	Number of copies per package #	Number of copies for the driver
Import permit	1	1
Air waybill	1	1
Commercial Invoice	3	1
Export declaration	3	1

# Documents to be affixed to outside of package.

## Additional Information

Inform the Eurofins | mgt Analytical Service Manager (ASM) and Sample Receipt, via email (with 'Biosecurity' noted in subject title), that samples are being shipped and provide the consignment number plus any relevant documentation. This will allow Eurofins to follow up delivery of consignment.

- Sample Receipt Melbourne email: [EnviroSampleVIC@Eurofins.com](mailto:EnviroSampleVIC@Eurofins.com)
- Sample Receipt Brisbane email: [EnviroSampleQLD@Eurofins.com](mailto:EnviroSampleQLD@Eurofins.com)

Use a sturdy and secure container. Do not use styrofoam boxes as this has the potential to break and will get held up in Customs.

Ensure glass is bubble wrapped and cool boxes (esbies, chilly bins) are packed full (no movement within, no headspace).

Use ice bricks or gel packs. Do not use ice as this melts which may cause delays in Customs and may compromise labelling integrity of sample containers.

## Eurofins | mgt Contacts

If you would like to discuss logistical details for your upcoming projects then please contact your local Analytical Service Manager or contacts listed below.

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