

Australia ABF Import Clearance Checklist

1. Core Shipping & Customs Documents

- **Commercial Invoice**
 - Seller/buyer details
 - Clear goods description
 - Quantity, unit price, total value
 - Currency
 - Incoterms
 - Country of origin
- **Packing List**
 - Package count and type
 - Gross/net weight
 - Dimensions
 - Item-level packing details where applicable
- **Bill of Lading / Shipping Document Details**
 - Consignee/notify party
 - Vessel/voyage
 - Container details
 - Port of loading / discharge

2. ABF / Customs Support Documents

Provide these where applicable to support customs entry and classification:

- **Certificate of Origin**
- **FTA / Preferential Trade Agreement Support Documents**
 - Needed if claiming reduced duty or duty preference under a free trade agreement



- **Technical / Product Information**
 - IDM documentation may be needed in some cases, including where TCO review/application is relevant
- **Import Permits or Licenses**
 - Required for controlled or regulated goods
 - Example: equipment licensing related to SF6 gas, where applicable

3. Biosecurity / Quarantine Requirements

Australia has strict biosecurity controls. Confirm whether any of the below are required:

- **Packing Declaration**
 - Commonly required for sea freight
 - Should confirm whether timber packaging, straw, hay, soil contamination, or other risk materials are present
- **Treatment / Fumigation Certificates**
 - Required where timber packaging, pallets, crates, or other biosecurity-risk materials are used

4. Recommended Owner Actions for U.S. Teams

- **Shipper / Origin Team:**
Prepare complete and accurate export and packing documents
- **Customs Ops Team:**
Validate ABF, tariff, permit, and FTA support requirements
- **Supplier / Packing Site:**
Confirm packaging materials and biosecurity declarations
- **Freight Forwarder / Broker:**
Use final, validated documents for timely customs clearance