



Australian Government

Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

Australian Non-Proclaimed First Port of Entry and/or Subsequent Port of Call

Non-proclaimed ports are all ports that were not proclaimed as first ports of entry under the [Quarantine Proclamation 1998](#). Vessels intending to visit non-proclaimed ports must make a written application to AQIS using the [“Application for Permission to Enter an Australian Non-Proclaimed First Port of Entry and/or Subsequent Port of Call”](#) form. For resourcing and processing purposes, AQIS requests that each application be submitted 10 days prior to the intended date of arrival.

Entering an Australian non-proclaimed port as a first port of entry

Vessels that intend to enter an Australian non-proclaimed port, as their first port of call, must apply for permission under section 20AA of the [Quarantine Act 1908](#). Notification of the intended arrival should be given to the local [AQIS Office](#) and the application sent to Seaports Central Office on (02) 6272 3276 or email seaports@aqis.gov.au for approval.

Permission to enter and clear at a non-proclaimed port will be assessed on a case by case basis. If quarantine conditions cannot be met, permission from AQIS will be denied.

In addition to the standard pratique charges, the vessel is required to provide or meet all transport, accommodation and incidental costs for a quarantine officer to attend the vessel for the duration of the visits. The vessel is also liable to pay, on a fee for service basis, daily or weekly rates for the cost of removing the quarantine officer from their homeport. The rate charged shall be negotiated with AQIS prior to service.

Entering a non-proclaimed port as a subsequent port of call

A ship intending to visit one or more non-proclaimed ports, after receiving quarantine clearance at a proclaimed first port of call, must also make an [application](#) in writing to AQIS, seeking permission to enter a subsequent non-proclaimed port of call. Notification of the intended arrival should be given to the local AQIS Office and the regional head office will process the application.

The permission to enter a specified port will be subject to conditions of Pratique (section 33 of the [Quarantine Act 1908](#)). If quarantine conditions cannot be met, permission from AQIS, to enter a non-proclaimed port, will be denied. A ship may only visit non-proclaimed ports as listed on the Certificate of Pratique. AQIS must be notified if the current status or vessels itinerary changes at any time. Further requests for quarantine services will be considered by AQIS on a case-by-case basis.

In addition to the standard pratique charges, the vessel is required to provide or meet all transport, accommodation and incidental costs for a quarantine officer to attend the vessel for the duration of the visits. The vessel is also liable to pay fee for service, daily or weekly rates for the cost of removing the quarantine officer from their homeport. The rate charged shall be negotiated with AQIS prior to service.

For further information, including a list of proclaimed ports, Fee for Service charges and relevant forms please refer to the Seaports Program website at www.aqis.gov.au/shipping