



Australian Government

Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

SHIPS' STORES (FOODSTUFFS)

ADVICE TO AGENTS – SEAPORTS 10/04

Foodstuffs taken on board internationally trading vessels in Australian ports / waters can come into contact with foreign foodstuffs already in place in store rooms on board.

For this reason, henceforth, once foodstuffs have been loaded onto an internationally trading vessel, they may only be landed ashore again with express written permission from AQIS.

While every request to AQIS for permission to land this type of goods will be treated on its individual merits, agents, provedores and ships' personnel should be aware that AQIS is very unlikely to give the required written permission under normal circumstances. If AQIS does grant permission for removal, the operations must be carried out under full AQIS supervision and appropriate fee for service charges will apply.

Please note that these types of goods only become subject to quarantine requirements after they have been loaded onto a vessel.

For the purpose of this issue, "loaded" may be defined as goods that have passed inside the ship's rail regardless of how that was achieved including goods:

- Loaded by crane
- Carried by hand up an accommodation ladder, gangway or other boarding arrangement
- Driven into a vehicle deck on a Ro-Ro vessel

AQIS recommends that provedores and ships' personnel should make arrangements to inspect and sign off on foodstuffs supplied to any internationally trading vessel prior to placing the goods on board the vessel.

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