



Biosecurity (First Point of Entry—Port of Christmas Island) Determination 2022

I, Barbara Cooper, as delegate of the Director of Biosecurity, make the following determination.

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Part 1—Preliminary

1 Name

This instrument is the *Biosecurity (First Point of Entry—Port of Christmas Island) Determination 2022*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	16 March 2022.	16 March 2022

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 229(1) of the *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

4 Definitions

Note: A number of expressions used in this instrument are defined in section 9 of the Act.

In this instrument:

Act means the *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

freight container means a re-usable container:

- (a) that is designed to be used to transport goods by one or more modes of transport; and
- (b) that can be transferred from one mode of transport to another without unloading the goods from the container; and
- (c) that is known as a 20-foot-long container or a 40-foot-long container.

general goods means goods other than baggage, freight containers, live horses or waste.

goods means goods (as defined by section 19 of the Act):

- (a) that are subject to biosecurity control; or
- (b) in relation to which an exposed goods order is in force.

inorganic bulk goods means chemicals, ores, minerals or gases that:

- (a) are brought or imported into Australian territory in bulk; and
- (b) do not contain animals, plants, organic compounds or microbes.

non-commercial vessel has the same meaning as in the *Biosecurity Regulation 2016*.

non-commercial vessel baggage means baggage carried on a non-commercial vessel.

non-commercial vessel waste means waste carried on a non-commercial vessel.

passenger vessel baggage means baggage carried on a passenger vessel.

vessel means a vessel (as defined by section 9 of the Act) that is subject to biosecurity control.

waste means goods:

- (a) that are subject to biosecurity control; and
- (b) that are intended, by the person in charge of the vessel on which the goods are carried, to be disposed of.

Part 2—First point of entry

5 First point of entry—vessels

Port of Christmas Island is a first point of entry for vessels other than passenger vessels.

6 First point of entry—goods

Port of Christmas Island is a first point of entry for the following classes of goods:

- (a) baggage other than passenger vessel baggage;
- (b) freight containers;
- (c) general goods;
- (d) non-commercial vessel waste;
- (e) waste unloaded from vessels operated by Australian Border Force and Royal Australian Navy.

Note 1: Port of Christmas Island is not a first point of entry for any other goods.

Note 2: For other matters relating to whether particular goods may be brought into a particular first point of entry, see sections 173 and 174 of the Act (which deal with prohibited goods and conditionally non-prohibited goods) and any determinations made under those sections.

Part 3—Biosecurity entry points

7 Biosecurity entry points—vessels

Each area of Port of Christmas Island specified in column 2 of an item of the following table is designated as a biosecurity entry point for a vessel, or a vessel included in a class of vessels, specified in column 1 of the item.

Biosecurity entry points—vessels		
Item	Column 1 Vessels	Column 2 Areas
1	Non-commercial vessels	Flying Fish Cove Moorings
2	Vessels other than the following: (a) non-commercial vessels; (b) passenger vessels	The following areas: (a) Crane Berth; (b) Rock Berth Mooring; (c) Smith Point Moorings

Note: A vessel that has arrived at Port of Christmas Island must be brought to a biosecurity entry point for the vessel at that port as soon as practicable (see section 246 of the Act).

8 Biosecurity entry points—goods

Each area of Port of Christmas Island specified in column 2 of an item of the following table is designated as a biosecurity entry point for goods, or goods included in a class of goods, specified in column 1 of the item.

Biosecurity entry points—goods		
Item	Column 1 Goods	Column 2 Areas
1	All of the following: (a) baggage other than non-commercial vessel baggage or passenger vessel baggage; (b) inorganic bulk goods	The following areas: (a) Crane Berth; (b) Rock Berth; (c) Smith Point
2	All of the following: (a) freight containers; (b) general goods	Crane Berth
3	All of the following: (a) non-commercial vessel baggage; (b) non-commercial vessel waste; (c) waste unloaded from vessels operated by Australian Border Force and Royal Australian Navy	Flying Fish Cove Jetty

Note: If a vessel has arrived at Port of Christmas Island and is carrying goods that are to be unloaded from the vessel, those goods must be brought to a biosecurity entry point for those goods as soon as practicable (see section 147 of the Act).

Part 4—Conditions

9 Conditions—notifying Agriculture Department of changes

- (1) The determination of Port of Christmas Island as a first point of entry by this instrument is subject to the conditions in this section.
- (2) If the owner (or, if there is more than one owner, an owner) of Port of Christmas Island becomes aware that there has been, or will be, a change to the business entity operating:
 - (a) Port of Christmas Island; or
 - (b) a biosecurity entry point at Port of Christmas Island;the owner (or, if there is more than one owner, an owner) must give the Agriculture Department, in writing, notice of the change as soon as practicable after becoming aware that the change has occurred or will occur.
- (3) If the lessee (if any) (or, if there is more than one lessee, a lessee) of Port of Christmas Island becomes aware that there has been, or will be, a change to the business entity operating:
 - (a) Port of Christmas Island; or
 - (b) a biosecurity entry point at Port of Christmas Island;the lessee (or, if there is more than one lessee, a lessee) must give the Agriculture Department, in writing, notice of the change as soon as practicable after becoming aware that the change has occurred or will occur.
- (4) If a person or body that is responsible for carrying out operations at Port of Christmas Island proposes to make a change referred to in subsection (5), the person or body must give the Agriculture Department, in writing, reasonable notice of the proposed change.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (4), the changes are as follows:
 - (a) a change to the procedures at Port of Christmas Island providing for biosecurity measures to be taken to manage the level of biosecurity risk associated with operations carried out at Port of Christmas Island;
 - (b) a change to the facilities or amenities available at Port of Christmas Island for biosecurity officials and human biosecurity officers to perform functions or exercise powers under the Act at Port of Christmas Island;
 - (c) a change to the procedures at Port of Christmas Island that may affect the ability of a person who carries out operations at Port of Christmas Island to identify biosecurity risks associated with those operations;
 - (d) a change to the procedures at Port of Christmas Island that may affect the ability for biosecurity officials or human biosecurity officials to be informed of any identified biosecurity risks associated with operations carried out at Port of Christmas Island;
 - (e) a change to the procedures at Port of Christmas Island for managing any other factors that may contribute to, or affect, the level of biosecurity risk associated with operations carried out at Port of Christmas Island.