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## CHECKLIST:

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## ARE YOU CONSIDERING IMPORTING USED EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRST TIME?

The importation of used equipment into Australia can be a complex procedure, but employing the service of an experienced Freight Forwarder and Customs Broker at Skelton Sherborne will ease this process. There are a number of points to consider before you begin the process.

**Agree on the terms of sale with your overseas supplier:** Will they clean the unit prior to shipping? Will they truck the unit to the port? Will they do any breakdown of the unit to the best shipping configuration?

**Freight:** This is calculated on the cubic measurement or weight of the unit, whichever is greater. Skelton Sherborne have an extensive database of manufacturers and the dimensions of their machines in both fully built up or broken down configurations. For example, most bulldozers are shipped without the blade to reduce the total cubic measurement of the machine, which reduces the freight costs.

Every effort is made to ensure these dimensions are accurate, however should a configuration change, (eg blade not removed) then the cubic measurement will change, altering the quoted freight rate. All freight must be paid prior to vessel arrival to allow time to remit the freight to the shipping line to gain release.

## USEFUL LINKS:

Australian Quarantine:

<http://www.daffa.gov.au/aqis/import/vehicles-machinery/regulations/guides-checklists>

Air Conditioning Regulations:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/atmosphere/ozone/publications/pre-charged.html>

Air conditioning Licence:

<http://www.blis.tas.gov.au/BLIS/prod/licence?licence=6494>

Guideline to Ozone-depleting substances:

[http://www.customs.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/FS\\_Ozone040819.pdf](http://www.customs.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/FS_Ozone040819.pdf)

Marine Insurance:

<http://www.SkeltonSherborne.com>

Importation of Motor Vehicles:

[http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/roads/vehicle\\_regulation/bulletin/importing\\_vehicles/general/index.aspx](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/roads/vehicle_regulation/bulletin/importing_vehicles/general/index.aspx)



**Cleanliness of Unit:** Australian Quarantine is extremely strict when it comes to used machinery imports. A link to their website is listed in our 'Useful Links' section, which details the extensive requirements. This site also includes various checklists that quarantine has developed specifically that overseas suppliers and wash pads can use in preparing to have your machine ready for importation. Skelton Sherborne can direct you to wash pad facilities in the USA and assist in coordinating the cleaning. Cleaning is normally charged at an hourly rate and will depend on the condition of the machine when it arrives at the wash pad as to how much you will pay.

When your machine arrives into Australia, Quarantine will inspect the machine on the wharf to make sure it is at a reasonable standard of cleanliness. Quarantine has strict re-export guidelines and a machine must meet an acceptable standard when it hits the port of entry to ensure it is not re-exported. At this inspection, Quarantine are looking to make sure the checklist has been followed, as there are minimum cleaning requirements for entry into this country. From here, they will direct the machine to an approved wash pad facility, where as a minimum, an exploratory wash will be performed to make sure no contamination remains. Skelton Sherborne have cleaning facilities in all major port cities and can organise this service for you, based on an hourly cleaning rate.

Once Quarantine is satisfied with the machine's cleanliness, they will release it to you. Skelton Sherborne can arrange transportation services from the wharf to any point in Australia. If required, we will include these prices on the formal rate confirmation for your shipping.

**AQIS Permit:** To import used machinery into Australia from any origin, you are required to hold an Australian Quarantine Permit. We can arrange this on your behalf for a set fee.

**Air Conditioning:** CFC, HCFC AND HFC propellants for air conditioning units in machinery are prohibited from being bought into Australia. We have included a link to the Environment and Heritage website for further information. If the machine you want to ship contains the prohibited gases, then it is recommended your supplier degasses the unit and completes an 'Air Conditioning Degass Certificate.' The other alternative to degassing is holding an Air Conditioning Licence, which is applied for through the Department of Environment and Heritage (DEH) and the cost of this is AUD 2000.00. This must be applied for by the importer and prior to the shipment arriving. Should the unit not be degassed, or a Air Conditioning Licence is not held, then the DEH can order the unit to be re-exported

**Marine Insurance:** It is strongly recommended that you insure your unit while it is being shipped. This will provide protection for your cargo from door to door, within reasonable time limits. This can be arranged through Skelton Sherborne and is a simple online process.



**Custom Duty and GST:** All goods imported into Australia are subject to duty and GST. The duty is assessed on the FOB value of the goods and the percentage of duty applicable will depend on the classification of the unit in the Customs Tariff. This can all be calculated by the licensed Skelton Sherborne Customs Broker, and for which you are quoted a professional fee. The 10% GST is payable on all imports and is assessed based on the CIF value of the goods + duty. The duty and tax must be paid prior to movement of the unit off the wharf. We pay this money electronically to Customs, however a disbursement invoice for these costs will be sent to you prior to the vessel arrival, for your remittance.

**Importing Motor Vehicles:** The import of vehicles to be driven on Australia roads are subject to the approval of the Federal Department of Transport. A link is provided for information on importing and the application process involved.

**Quarantine Inspection and Steamcleaning:** Used machinery imported into Australia is inspected at the port of entry for cleanliness. Should the unit be extremely contaminated, AQIS have the legislation to order the unit to be re-exported. If the unit is acceptable, then it will be ordered for a mandatory clean at an approved Cleaning Depot. Skelton Sherborne operates state-of-the-art terminals in Brisbane and can organise cleaning and quarantine services in any Australian port. The original cleaning undertaken by the supplier will determine the amount of cleaning required by AQIS. The unit will not be released by AQIS until they determine it is "as new" and suitable for entry to the Australian domestic market. During the cleaning, some disassembly of the unit may be required. All cleaning and AQIS costs are to the account of the importer.

**Transport:** We are able to provide road transport of your machinery around Australia as well as offer competitive coastal shipping rates.

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