

Importing Timber Products

Border Force and the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) have strict requirements regarding the importation of timber products. A failure to meet these requirements can cause delays in processing, additional costs or result in cargo being placed into storage while documentation amendments are made. In extreme circumstances cargo may be re-exported or even destroyed.

All imported timber, wooden articles, bamboo and related products (whether for commercial or personal use) must comply with the department's [Biosecurity Import Conditions system](#) (BICON). This database helps importers determine import conditions. These conditions may include requirements to demonstrate that pest risks are mitigated through the manufacturing process or through [approved treatments](#).

The [types of timber, wooden articles, bamboo, and related products page](#) has definitions and links to the applicable import conditions in BICON for different types of timber, wooden articles, bamboo and related products.

It is the responsibility of importer to ensure their products meet the import conditions.

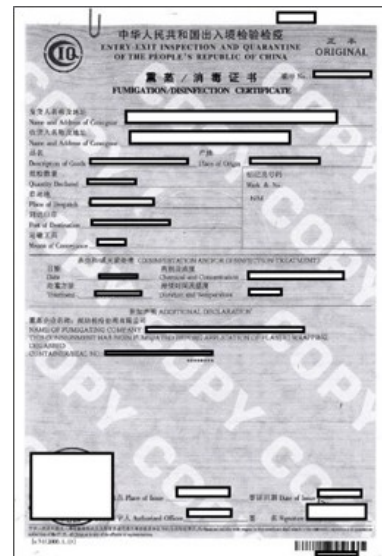
Magellan can help.

Chinese Fumigation Certificates

In order to ensure a smooth importation process, importers of timber products from China that require fumigation prior to entry, must provide a Chinese Fumigation Certificate to Magellan Logistics on customs@maglog.com.au or your customs broker that meets the following criteria:

- Carry a numerical link - this can be a PO Number, commercial invoice, container number or house bill and/ or master Bill of Lading Number

- The following declarations must be made:
 - The goods described above were treated in accordance with the fumigation requirements of the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
 - The goods have been verified free of impervious surface/layers that may adversely affect the penetration of the fumigant, prior to fumigation
 - The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) requires either the original certificate or a photocopy of the original certificate, clearly showing the watermarks (the word 'copy' running diagonally) and clearly showing the barcode on the bottom right on the document – see image
 - Fumigation Certificates are only valid for 21 days after Fumigation completion, as a result, containers need to be exported within this timeframe.



For further information, please contact our Magellan Customs Team on 1300 651 888 or +64 9 974 4817.