



Australian Government

**Department of Agriculture
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Food Import Compliance Agreements



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Food Import Compliance Agreements - Current application

- Recognises importer's demonstrated ability to manage food safety risks and compliance with Australian food standards
- Achieved through recognition of importer's documented food safety management systems
- No border inspection under the IFIS – but subject to departmental audit
- Given effect through legal document signed by both parties

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- Importer must have a documented food safety management system that meets department requirements
- Includes requirements such as approved supplier/manufacturer, traceability and product verification activity
- Covers multiple locations

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- Greater assurance of food safety and compliance for the Department
- Cost savings for importer through logistics. i.e. access to goods upon arrival

Food Import Compliance Agreements - Future tiered FICA

- Department is working toward implementation of tiered FICAs
- FICA requirements will apply in full, but only to a subset of food
- New legal document provides for listing of the subset of food; or simply declare all food