



FACT SHEET

Certain Inputs to Manufacture

Programme status: Open for applications

This programme gives Australian manufacturers duty-free entry for imported goods. This can help to reduce costs and improve productivity and competitiveness.

What does it offer?

If you're a manufacturing business looking to import certain types of goods, you may be eligible to claim duty-free entry. This can help to reduce your business costs.

In order to do this, you'll need to show that the goods will perform better than similar types of goods already produced in Australia.

What goods are eligible?

Chemical, plastics and paper goods (Item 46 goods)

Raw materials and intermediate goods in the following Schedule 3 chapters of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* (Customs Tariff) are eligible:

- Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes (Chapter 28).
- Organic chemicals (Chapter 29).
- Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannins and their derivatives; dyes, pigments and other colouring matter; paints and varnishes; putty and other mastics; inks (Chapter 32).
- Soap, organic surface-active agents, washing preparations, lubricating preparations, artificial waxes, prepared waxes, polishing or scouring preparations, candles and similar articles, modelling pastes, "dental waxes" and dental preparations with a basis of plaster (Chapter 34).
- Albuminoidal substances; modified starches; glues; enzymes (Chapter 35).
- Photographic or cinematographic goods (Chapter 37).
- Miscellaneous chemical products (as outlined in 3801 to 3825 - Chapter 38).
- Plastics and related articles (Chapter 39).
- Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard (Chapter 48).
- Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics, other than those of 5902 (Chapter 59, Heading 5903).

Metal materials and goods used in food packaging (Item 47 goods)

The metal materials and goods in the following Schedule 3 chapters of the Customs Tariff are eligible:

- Iron and steel (Chapter 72).
- Articles of iron or steel (Chapter 73).
- Copper and articles thereof (Chapter 74).
- Nickel and articles thereof (Chapter 75).
- Aluminium and articles thereof (Chapter 76).
- Lead and articles thereof (Chapter 78).
- Zinc and articles thereof (Chapter 79).
- Tin and articles thereof (Chapter 80).
- Other base metals, cermets, articles thereof (Chapter 81).
- Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof of base metal (Chapter 82).

Who can apply?

An application can be submitted by, or on behalf of, an end user of the imported good.

You must:

- Submit an application before you import the goods.
- Include an independent technical assessment that quantifies the performance advantage of the imported good.

For a concession under **Item 46**, you must show that the goods you want to import:

- Are raw materials or intermediate goods classified under one of the relevant Item 46 chapters of Schedule 3 of the Customs Tariff.
- Are used in the production of a specific end product.
- Offer a substantial and demonstrable performance advantage over substitutable goods produced in Australia.

For a concession under **Item 47**, you must show that the goods you want to import:

- Are metal materials or metal goods classified under one of the relevant Item 47 chapters of Schedule 3 of the Customs Tariff.
- Are used in the packaging of food.
- Offer a substantial and demonstrable performance advantage in the packaging of food over materials and goods currently available in Australia.

How do I apply?

Please apply via the [Application Form](#) on business.gov.au before you import the goods.

Once approved, we will issue you with a determination to allow duty-free entry of the goods. The date that we receive your application is the earliest date of effect.

A determination usually lasts up to two years. You will need to apply every two years.

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