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Importing Antiques

Issued by: Australian Government (Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, now Australian Border Force).

What it is for

Explains what counts as an antique, the paperwork that helps show an item is more than 100 years old, how the rules differ by value, and the biosecurity checks that can apply to antique furniture and timber.

How to use it

1. Read it early, before you start packing or book anything.
2. Keep the receipts, certificates or photos it mentions with your other moving documents.
3. Questions? Call 0420 247 109 or email info@impactandslick.com and we will talk you through it.

> The guide starts on the next page and is the official version as supplied, unchanged. Government rules change from time to time. If you are not sure this is the right guide for your move, call us before you start.

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Australian Government

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

IMPORTING ANTIQUES

WHAT IS AN ANTIQUE?

An antique is an old collectible item. Antiques are collected or desirable because of their age, beauty, rarity, condition, utility, personal connection, and/or other unique features.

Antiques may arrive in Australia in various ways. You may bring goods with you from overseas or you may import the goods by:

- air cargo
- sea cargo
- international mail (post).

The value and the method of arrival in Australia of the antiques will determine how the antiques are cleared for delivery to you and what duty, taxes and charges may apply.

IMPORTED ANTIQUES WITH A VALUE AT OR BELOW A$1,000

- No duty or Goods and Services Tax (GST) is payable.

Imported antiques that arrive by air or sea cargo will require a Self-Assessed Clearance (SAC) Declaration to be lodged with the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service.

Imported antiques that arrive by post do not require a SAC declaration. For more information see the fact sheet, Self–Assessed Clearance (SAC) Declarations, available at www.customs.gov.au/site/page5302.asp

IMPORTED ANTIQUES WITH A VALUE ABOVE A$1,000

In most cases, you will be required to make an import declaration for imported antiques that arrive by air cargo, sea cargo or by post. Duty and GST may be payable. For more information see the fact sheet, Import Declarations available at www.customs.gov.au/site/page5302.asp

ANTIQUES OVER 100 YEARS OLD

Antiques older than 100 years may be imported free of duty if a Certificate of Antiquity issued by a recognised association or authority can be provided. The certificate must state the antique has an age exceeding 100 years. GST still applies to certified antiques.

Certificates of Antiquity are commonly issued by a recognised overseas national association or authority, usually an association of antique dealers/fine art dealers. Not all countries have a recognised authority or association. Details of recognised overseas associations can be found overleaf.

IMPORTANT! If you intend to claim the duty free concession you should check you can obtain acceptable certification before you arrange to import antiques.

If Customs and Border Protection is not satisfied with the certification provided, Customs and Border Protection may seek advice from qualified experts to verify the antiques are at least 100 years old. The costs for examination are the responsibility of the importer. Details of recognised antique dealers can be found overleaf.

PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED GOODS

Antiques are subject to the same restrictions and permit requirements as other goods brought into Australia. Examples of the types of antiques that may be subject to these requirements are weapons, guns and daggers. Further information on prohibited and restricted goods is available at http://www.customs.gov.au/site/page4369.asp

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY (DAFF) BIOSECURITY

DAFF Biosecurity may perform inspections on antiques that are made from organic materials. Items made from wood may be inspected to ensure they are free of pests and disease. Post inspection treatment may be required. For information on quarantine matters, contact DAFF Biosecurity on 1800 020 504 or visit their website at www.daff.gov.au/aqis/import

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on any Customs and Border Protection matter, visit our website at www.customs.gov.au or contact the Customs Information and Support Centre.

Phone: 1300 363 263
Email: information@customs.gov.au

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LIST OF RECOGNISED AUSTRALIAN ANTIQUE DEALERS THAT CAN VERIFY ANTIQUES

	Australian Antique Dealers
Australian Capital Territory	Andrew Whitehead Registered Valuer PHONE 0418 267340
Tasmania	Andrew Wright 66 Sunderland Street, MOONAH TAS 7009 PHONE (03) 6273 9000
Queensland	Hind's Antiques, 29 Byambee Street, KENMORE QLD 4069
Western Australia	Mat Donelly Director/Auctioneer and Valuer 0408 881 722 Donelly Auctions (08) 9384 0007 Wayne Gardiner 0418 926 491
New South Wales	Members of the Australian Antique Dealers Association of NSW PO Box 600, ALEXANDRIA NSW 2029 PHONE 0414 418 177 • Michael Jones • Frances Linnertson • Fritz Litner • Janet Niven • Charles Aronson
South Australia	• James Bruce of Bonhams and Bruce • Jason Harris of Scammell Auctions • Anthony Hurl of Tusmore Antiques • Peter Jaensch of Town and Country Antiques • Peter Scammel of Scammel Auctions • Nick van Vilet of Wilunga Antiques
Northern Territory	Museum and Art Gallery in the Northern Territory (MAGNT) 19 Conacher Street, FANNIE BAY NT 0820 PHONE (08) 8999 8264

LIST OF OVERSEAS AUTHORITIES RECOGNISED BY AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE THAT CAN PROVIDE CERTIFICATES OF ANTIQUITY

Country	Approved Authorities
United Kingdom	• British Antique Dealers Association • London and Provincial Antique Dealers Association Ltd • Society of Fine Art Auctioneers
	For antiques coming from countries other than the UK, Customs and Border Protection will accept certification from a responsible executive officer of the National Institution for the Encouragement of Applied Arts.
Netherlands	The Association of Dealers in Old Art in the Netherlands
China	The China National Arts and Crafts Import and Export Corporation or branches
Japan	The Japan and Tokyo Fine Art Dealers Association
France	National Syndicate of Antiques (France)
Germany	• Federal Association of the German Art and Antique Dealers Society • The State School for Violin Building (F.R Germany, violins)
Ireland	The National Museum, Dublin (Ireland), not including the six counties of Northern Ireland
New Zealand	The New Zealand Antique Dealers Association