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# **Australian Customs Notice No. 2021/44**

## **Commencement of the Recycling and Waste Reduction (Export – Waste Tyres) Rules 2021**

With effect from 1 December 2021, Australia will regulate the exportation of waste tyres under the *Recycling and Waste Reduction Act 2020* (the Act) and the *Recycling and Waste Reduction (Export-Waste Tyres) Rules 2021* (the Tyres Rules). These measures will require exporters to hold a waste export licence and declare each export consignment of waste tyres to the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment (DAWE).

DAWE will administer licences to export waste tyres, which may be valid for up to three years. Waste export licences will be subject to conditions. Exporters need to meet the requirements of the Act and the Tyres Rules in order for the Minister or delegate to consider granting a waste export licence.

The commencement of the Tyres Rules ensures that Australia will only export waste tyres that are appropriately processed or will be retread or re-used appropriately overseas. The intent of the measure is to prevent the export of unprocessed and densely packed waste tyres, which are likely to have a negative impact on human health and the environment in the receiving country. It will also maximise the ability of the Australian waste and recycling sector to collect, recover and recycle waste tyres.

Australia will introduce rules for the export of paper and cardboard commencing on 1 July 2024 and will also restrict the export of unprocessed single polymer waste plastic from 1 July 2022. Exporters of permitted waste materials will need to obtain an export licence by the required regulation date.

For further information on the new export regulation of waste products, please visit the [DAWE](https://www.dawe.gov.au) website or send your queries to [exportwaste@awe.gov.au](mailto:exportwaste@awe.gov.au).

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