



Australian
BORDER FORCE

Timeframes for reporting cargo being exported to Australia

If you are exporting cargo to Australia you must provide information to cargo reporters in Australia early. This will help avoid delays and penalties for the cargo reporter in Australia.

The Australian Border Force will not clear cargo until it has been reported.

If cargo reporters do not report cargo on time in Australia they can face substantial financial penalties.

Cargo reporting timeframes

Timeframes for reporting on cargo being imported into Australia are:¹

- all **air cargo** must be reported **two hours before arrival**
- all **sea cargo** must be reported **48 hours before arrival**, unless otherwise specified in the *Customs Regulation 2015*.

Financial penalties

Financial penalties of AUD \$2,700 for an individual or AUD \$8,100 for a business can apply for each late cargo report.²

¹ Under Section 64AB of the *Customs Act 1901* and Sections 18 and 19 of the *Customs Regulation 2015*

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