



Does the import contain a controlled substance or equipment designed to use a controlled substance?

Questions to ask the importer

[Designed to be used in conjunction with Customs Broker's Guide flowchart (Note B). The Guide and this document are available under Resources at www.environment.gov.au/ozone/customs-brokers.]

This information is designed to help customs brokers identify when an import is regulated under the *Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Act 1989*, particularly where the importer does not know if the import contains a controlled substance or equipment designed to use a controlled substance.

Common circumstances where an importer may not know if their import contains controlled substances:

- Household goods imports of people relocating from overseas.
- Small-scale imports of regulated equipment mainly refrigeration and air conditioning equipment.
- International yacht or ship travellers or importers of vehicles or aircraft which contain refrigeration and air conditioning equipment and/or fire extinguishers.
- Unusual items of equipment, unusual import circumstances or people unfamiliar with the technical details of the goods.

Does the import include any of the following equipment?

- refrigerators and freezers of any type including commercial models
- air conditioning or heat pumps
- ice-cream makers
- fire extinguishers
- scientific equipment
- large electrical equipment
- any gas-propelled item including air horns
- motor vehicles
- marine craft (including motor boats or sail craft)
- aircraft

These types of equipment often contain or are designed to operate using controlled substances. The importer will need to find out if the equipment is designed to use a substance listed at [Schedule 1](#).

Reference to the substance used is likely to be found on the item, e.g. on a compliance plate, manufacturer's label or on packaging, or in the product manual. If not, the importer may need to seek details of the substance(s) from the supplier or manufacturer.

Do your goods contain any gases (or liquefied gases) in tanks, cylinders or cans? They may be contained in the internal workings of machinery or equipment.

The importer will need to find out if the gases or liquefied gases are listed at [Schedule 1](#). Reference to the substance used is likely to be found on the item, e.g. on a compliance plate, manufacturer's label or on packaging, or in the product manual. If not, the importer may need to seek details of the substance(s) from the supplier or manufacturer.

Has the gas been removed from the equipment before import?

If the equipment has had the gas removed, it is still important to know whether the equipment is designed to run on a controlled substance. In most cases, equipment without any gas will not require an import licence. If the equipment is designed to run on hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) or chlorofluorocarbon (CFC), it may not be imported unless an exemption applies.