Australian Biosecurity Import Permits

The Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources regulates products imported into Australia. The importation of some products is, by law, subject to certain biosecurity import conditions. Some products are not permitted entry while other products are only allowed into Australia subject to meeting import conditions that mitigate the biosecurity risk.

Oxford Nanopore Technologies has worked with the Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources to categorise the import conditions for our products based on the combination of components and the manufacturing methods of each product. This has resulted in our products being categorised as;

**Diagnostic and Research only kits**

**Diagnostic kits not testing for microorganisms, viruses and prions for use in a laboratory.**

Oxford Nanopore Technologies has written shipping documentation to ensure customers receive their products as efficiently as possible by ensuring we match the permit conditions for the above product category.

You can use the Australian Biosecurity Import Conditions System (BICON) to apply for the import permit.

Please refer to page 2 of this document the ‘How to Apply for the BICON Import Permit’ guide. The form provides detailed information on the information that will need to be entered to ensure that the correct type of permit is applied for. Please follow the guide accurately; although some answers may seem counter-intuitive they need to be considered within the framework of the BICON website and not individual customers applications.

Upon receiving the permit to import quarantine material, please notify Oxford Nanopore Technologies of your permit number at support@nanoporetech.com so that we can reference it on your shipping documentation.

Oxford Nanopore Technologies is not responsible for customers applying for the correct permit. Permits cannot be updated once an order has been placed, as Australian customs will not be allow products to be released from customs if they have an incorrect import permit.
How to apply using BICON

This is a guide on how to apply for the Import permit using the BICON website.

Customers will be required to register for an account with the Biosecurity Import Conditions System (BICON) to apply for an import permit. Information on the registration process can be found via the link below:


Having completed the registration process, and obtained log in credentials, please proceed as follows:

1. On the BICON homepage, https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0/, please select the ‘Import Conditions’ tab from the header options:

2. Enter into the Quick Search Field ‘Diagnostic Kit’:
3. Select the first option that is presented on the results screen under ‘Diagnostic Kits’.

4. You should now be presented with a case screen for the Diagnostic Kits. Within this case, you will be asked a few questions with multiple choice answers. In the screen shots below, you will see the answers that are required – highlighted in red:
### Case: Diagnostic kits Effective: 08 Mar 2017

This case contains a number of different import scenarios with associated import conditions. You can refine the import scenarios by answering the questions below:

#### Are the diagnostic kits testing for microorganisms, viruses or prions?

- **Yes**
- **No**

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### Case: Diagnostic kits Effective: 08 Mar 2017

This case contains a number of different import scenarios with associated import conditions. You can refine the import scenarios by answering the questions below:

#### Are the diagnostic kits for use in a laboratory?

- **Yes**
- **No**

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### Case: Diagnostic kits Effective: 08 Mar 2017

This case contains a number of different import scenarios with associated import conditions. You can refine the import scenarios by answering the questions below:

#### An import permit is required for the defined import scenario and standard permit conditions have been established. Please select if you would like to review (and apply for) these standard permit conditions or submit a non-standard permit application.

- **Review standard permit conditions**
- **Submit non-standard permit application**

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You should now be presented with an overview of the Import Conditions that you are requesting:

5. Please scroll to the bottom of this screen, where there is an option to apply for the permit under the selected conditions:

To apply for an import permit you must complete an application for Diagnostic and research only kits
6. Customers will be directed to either log in with their BICON login credentials or register for an account. Further information on applying for an account can be found here [http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/online-services/bicon/register-account](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/online-services/bicon/register-account).

7. When customers have received the import permit from BICON, please forward the permit number to support@nanoporetech.com.