

Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS)

(applicable to Australian customers only)

The import of living plant material (e.g. seeds) is controlled by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS). They have recently made it very easy to check whether the import of seeds of a particular plant is permitted by providing an online database known as **ICON** (Import **C**onditions):

http://www.aqis.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex_querycontent.asp

When ordering from us, please make sure to check the legal status of each species in the above database.

Go to the ICON search page, there you find three fields:

Commodity	<input type="text"/>
From country	All Countries <input type="button" value="v"/>
For end use	All End Uses <input type="button" value="v"/>
<input type="button" value="Search"/>	

- Under "**Commodity**" ICON requires only the **genus' name** of a certain species. For example, if you would like to import "*Allium schoenoprasum*", type in under "Commodity" only "*Allium*" as the genus' name. If you would like to order "*Solanum jasminoides*", type in under "Commodity" only "*Solanum*" as the genus's name, etc.
- Under "**From country**" always select "**Germany**".
- Under "**For end use**" always select "**Seeds for sowing**".

ICON will either display a **summary listing for a specific genus** (see below **Example A**), as is the case in *Allium schoenoprasum*, or it will display all the **specific species in a linked list** (see below **Example B**), as is the case in *Solanum jasminoides*.

In general if it says, that an import permit for the species you are looking is not required, you are free to import the seed as long as you observe the remaining conditions. The remaining conditions can be summarized as follows:

- Seeds must be clean and free of debris.
- Seed packaging must be new.
- Each packet must contain a single species.
- Each packet must be clearly labeled with the botanical name.
- Total weight must be less than 100g. Higher orders are commercial imports and involve costly procedures.

The **first four points** are always fulfilled by us. The last point ("Total weight of consignment must be less than 100g") will be generally achieved if **your order does not exceed 30 packages of seeds**. If you order seeds with a very heavy weight, so that your order will exceed 100g, we will get in contact with you in order to adjust your order.



Please make sure not to order from us seeds from any species, for which:

- **no entry** can be found in the **ICON database**
- an **import permit** is **required**
- one or more of the **following conditions** is stated in the ICON database:

Condition C7172 The plant/seed has been assessed as a weed and entry is prohibited by legislation.

Condition C6066 This commodity is prohibited entry into Australia because insufficient information is available on its risk status. Importers are to be advised that the consignment must be re-exported or destroyed.

Note: All Australian states and territories (ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC, WA) have additional list with regionally prohibited plant species, which are regarded as weeds for that specific state or territory only. That means that some species are listed in ICON as permitted, yet these may be listed as prohibited in a supplementary regional list.

If any seeds of such regionally prohibited species is detected on the port of entry in your state/territory, it will be removed from your consignment and it will be destroyed by plants' inspection officers. However these additional regional lists include only very few (if at all) species, which we offer.

Some helpful additional information on your national plant protection scheme is presented on the website of the Australian Garden Community (AusGarden): <http://ausgarden.com/importing-seeds>

Example A

ICON summary listing for a specific genus: *Allium schoenoprasum*

The screenshot shows the AQIS HOME IMPORT CONDITIONS page. It features a navigation bar with links for About ICON, ICON Search, ICON Alerts, ICON Help, and E-mail us. The main content area displays the results of a search for "Allium" from "Germany" for "Seeds for sowing". The search results are summarized as "Found: 4" and "Showing: 1 - 4". A table lists the following commodities:

Commodity	Country	EndUse
Allium spp. as listed	All countries	Seeds for sowing
Caloscordum neriniflorum	All countries	Seeds for sowing
Ecballium spp. as listed	All countries	Seeds for sowing
Zoellnerallium spp. as listed	All countries	Seeds for sowing

Below the table, there is a "New search" section with input fields for Commodity (Allium), From country (Germany), and For end use (Seeds for sowing), along with a Search button.



Click on this summary entry and scroll down the resulting page. Usually two **tables** will be shown. The first table lists the **permitted species** (**condition C11128** and **subcondition C7100**), a second table (if there's any) will list the prohibited species.

Condition C11128

Species listing for *Allium* spp

See **Table 1** for a list of species that are **permitted** entry.

Note: Any species not listed in these tables are prohibited entry into Australia by legislation and require assessment.

Table 1: List of Permitted Species. These species may be imported subject to the conditions C7100, C7179, C7180

<i>Allium acuminatum</i>	<i>Allium aflatunense</i>	<i>Allium akaka</i>
<i>Allium albopilosum</i>	<i>Allium alexianum</i>	<i>Allium altissimum</i>
<i>Allium amabile</i>	<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i>	<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i> var. <i>atroviolaceum</i>
<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i> var. <i>babingtonii</i>	<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i> var. <i>holmense</i>	<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i> var. <i>porrum</i>
<i>Allium anceps</i>	<i>Allium angulosum</i>	<i>Allium anisopodium</i>
<i>Allium ascalonicum</i>	<i>Allium atropurpureum</i>	<i>Allium atroviolaceum</i>
<i>Allium auctum</i>	<i>Allium azureum</i>	<i>Allium azureum</i> var. <i>bulbilliferum</i>
<i>Allium babingtonii</i>	<i>Allium baissunense</i>	<i>Allium bakeri</i>
<i>Allium barszczewskii</i>	<i>Allium beesianum</i>	<i>Allium bodeanum</i>
<i>Allium bucharicum</i>	<i>Allium bulgaricum</i>	<i>Allium caeruleum</i>
<i>Allium caeruleum</i> var. <i>bulbilliferum</i>	<i>Allium caesium</i>	<i>Allium campanulatum</i>
<i>Allium canadense</i>	<i>Allium canadense</i> var.	<i>Allium cardiostemon</i>

Scan down this table until you have found the species you are looking for. In the example "*Allium schoenoprasum*" is a permitted species listed under conditions C11128 and C7100 and an import permit is not required.

<i>Allium pedemontanum</i>	<i>Allium pendulinum</i>	<i>Allium peninsulare</i>
<i>Allium peninsulare</i> var. <i>crispum</i>	<i>Allium platycaule</i>	<i>Allium porrum</i>
<i>Allium protensum</i>	<i>Allium przewalskianum</i>	<i>Allium pseudoseravschanicum</i>
<i>Allium pulchellum</i>	<i>Allium pyrenaicum</i>	<i>Allium ramosum</i>
<i>Allium robustum</i>	<i>Allium rosenbachianum</i>	<i>Allium roseum</i>
<i>Allium roseum</i> var. <i>carneum</i>	<i>Allium rotundum</i>	<i>Allium sarawschanicum</i>
<i>Allium sativum</i>	<i>Allium sativum</i> var. <i>sativum</i>	<i>Allium sativum</i> var. <i>ophioscorodon</i>
<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i>	<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i> var. <i>alpinum</i>	<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i> var. <i>orientale</i>
<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i> var. <i>schoenoprasum</i>	<i>Allium schubertii</i>	<i>Allium scorodoprasum</i>
<i>Allium scorodoprasum</i> var. <i>viviparum</i>	<i>Allium scorodoprasum</i> var. <i>babingtonii</i>	<i>Allium senescens</i>
<i>Allium scorodoprasum</i> subsp. <i>rotundum</i>	<i>Allium scorodoprasum</i> subsp. <i>scorodoprasum</i>	<i>Allium scorodoprasum</i> subsp. <i>jajlae</i>
<i>Allium senescens</i> subsp. <i>glaucum</i>	<i>Allium senescens</i> subsp. <i>montanum</i>	<i>Allium sewertzowii</i>
<i>Allium sibiricum</i>	<i>Allium sibthorpiianum</i>	<i>Allium siculum</i>
<i>Allium sikkimense</i>	<i>Allium sphaerocephalon</i>	<i>Allium sphaerocephalum</i>
<i>Allium splendens</i>	<i>Allium staticiforme</i>	<i>Allium stellatum</i>
<i>Allium stipitatum</i>	<i>Allium strictum</i>	<i>Allium subhirsutum</i>
<i>Allium taeniopetalum</i>	<i>Allium tanguticum</i>	<i>Allium tataricum</i>



Example B

ICON specific species in a linked list: [Solanum jasminoides](#).

The species will be listed directly on the result page. Scroll down the page until you find the species you are looking for:

The screenshot shows the AQIS website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'About ICON', 'ICON Search', 'ICON Alerts', 'ICON Help', and 'E-mail us'. The main heading is 'AQIS HOME' and 'IMPORT CONDITIONS'. Below this, a search result summary states: 'Results of your search on "Solanum" from "Germany" for "Seeds for sowing"'. It indicates 'Found: 23' and 'Showing: 1 - 23'. A table lists various Solanum species with their respective countries and end uses. The entry for 'Solanum jasminoides' is circled in orange.

Commodity	Country	EndUse
Solanum alatum	All countries	Seeds for sowing
Solanum americanum	All countries	Seeds for sowing
Solanum carolinense	All countries	Seeds for sowing
Solanum cyananthum	All countries	Seeds for sowing
Solanum dimidiatum	All countries	Seeds for sowing
Solanum dubium	All countries	Seeds for sowing
Solanum elaeagnifolium	All countries	Seeds for sowing
Solanum glaucum	All countries	Seeds for sowing
Solanum gracile	All countries	Seeds for sowing
Solanum grossedentum	All countries	Seeds for sowing
Solanum hirtum	All countries	Seeds for sowing
Solanum jasminoides	All countries	Seeds for sowing
Solanum mammosum	All countries	Seeds for sowing
Solanum nigrum	All countries	Seeds for sowing

Click on the listing and read through the observations for this species:

The screenshot shows the 'Condition C7100' section on the AQIS website. It is titled 'Commercial' and 'Importer's Responsibilities'. A list of seven responsibilities is provided, with the first item circled in orange: '1. An Import Permit is not required.'

Condition C7100

Commercial

Importer's Responsibilities

1. An Import Permit is not required.
2. Genetically modified seeds must be accompanied by a copy of a valid Import Permit. All applications must be forwarded to AQIS Plant Programs, Canberra along with detailed information regarding the mode of genetic modification and the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) registration number.
3. It is the importer's responsibility to check state government/local government requirements to ensure that the seed is permitted entry into that state/territory.
4. A Quarantine Entry must be lodged for each consignment.
5. The importer must contact the AQIS regional office in the port of entry to confirm all arrangement for inspections and treatments.
6. The importer is responsible for payment of all associated AQIS fees and charges.
7. Seed must be free of live insects, soil, disease symptoms, prohibited seeds, other plant material (e.g. leaf, stem material, fruit pulp, pod material, etc.), animal material (e.g. animal faeces, feathers, etc.) and any other extraneous contamination of quarantine concern.

In the example this **species is permitted** under condition C7100 and an import permit is not required.

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