

FOI

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 1 September 2025 1:45 PM
To: ABF Evaluation
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) RGAU
Subject: FW: Request for Data and Insights: Engineered Stone Evaluation (Jan-June 2025) - due COB 20 August 2025 [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]
Attachments: ABF EVALUATION - Engineered stone reporting 01JAN 30JUN 2025.xlsx
Categories: FYI, ENGINEERED STONE

~~PROTECTED//CABINET~~

Morning Team,

This response is from RGAU perspective, I anticipate that you will receive a response from the other work areas included in this request addressing matters linked to their responsibilities.

Answers below.

Please come back with any questions.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
 Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
 Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
 Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
 P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
 E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au

From: AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 12 August 2025 7:29 AM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @ABF.GOV.AU>
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @ABF.GOV.AU>; ABF Evaluation s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au>; AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support <s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; Lidija WALLACE s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Request for Data and Insights: Engineered Stone Evaluation (Jan-June 2025) - due COB 20 August 2025 [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]

~~PROTECTED//CABINET~~

Good morning s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thank you for providing us with visibility. s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Let me know if you require anything further.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
 Executive Officer to Assistant Commissioner s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
 Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division
 National Operations Group
 Australian Border Force
 P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
 E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au | s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au

~~PROTECTED//CABINET~~

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @ABF.GOV.AU>
Sent: Thursday, 7 August 2025 3:57 PM
To: AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @ABF.GOV.AU>; ABF Evaluation s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Request for Data and Insights: Engineered Stone Evaluation (Jan-June 2025) - due COB 20 August 2025 [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]

~~PROTECTED//CABINET~~

Released by Department of Home Affairs
 under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

Many thanks, 5, 22(1)(a)(II)

E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au | evaluation@abf.gov.au



The Department of Home Affairs and the Australian Border Force acknowledge the Traditional Custodians throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and the community. We pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

~~PROTECTED//CABINET~~

Subject: Request for Data and Insights: Engineered Stone Evaluation (Jan-June 2025) - due COB 20 August 2025 [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]

~~PROTECTED//CABINET~~

The Strategy, Capability and Investment Branch is partnering with the Customs, Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division for an initial evaluation on engineered stone.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

DETECTIONS BY STATE/PORT TABLE (full details attached).

PORT/STATE	TOTAL SHIPMENTS
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
GRAND TOTAL	16

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)



~~PROTECTED//CABINET~~

~~PROTECTED//CABINET~~

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 1 August 2025 6:54 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: RGAU
Subject: Engineered Stone Weekly Report 01 August 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: ENGINEERED STONE

OFFICIAL

Afternoon s. 22(1)(a)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Key Statistics

- Total number between 01 January to 31 July 2025
- 1088 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
 - 1051 consignments have been assessed and are finalised and 37 remain under assessment.
 - Of the 1051 consignments finalised,
 - Eighty Two (82) were tested.
 - Sixty Six (66) returned negative test results.
 - Thirteen (13) returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%,
 - Four (4) were re-exported at owners request rather than having goods tested.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

01 January to 31 July 2025											
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Exam Raised	Examination Results				RE- EXPORT WITHOUT TESTING	HOLD - PENDING DECISION	
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive		Consignments #	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)											
Total	1088	1051	37	88	4	66	1	13	4	0	0

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au

OFFICIAL

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 25 July 2025 3:44 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) RGAU
Subject: Engineered Stone Weekly Report 25 July 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: ENGINEERED STONE

OFFICIAL

Afternoon s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Key Statistics

Total number between 01 January to 24 July 2025

- 1060 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 1024 consignments have been assessed and are finalised and 36 remain under assessment.
- Of the 1024 consignments finalised,
 - Seventy six (76) were tested.
 - Fifty eight (58) returned negative test results.
 - Fifteen (15) returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%, s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
 - Two (2) were re-exported at owners request rather than having goods tested.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

01 January to 24 July 2025											
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Exam Raised	Examination Results				RE- EXPORT WITHOUT TESTING	TOTAL - PENDING DECISION	
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive		Consignments #	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)											
Total	1060	1024	36	85	5	61	1	15	2	0	0

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au

OFFICIAL

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 21 July 2025 11:21 AM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: PCI Supervisors; John TAYLOR; Asha RAJAH-CLARKE; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support
Engineered Stone Weekly Report 18 July 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Key Statistics

Total number between 01 January to 17 July 2025

- 1034 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 997 consignments have been assessed and are finalised and 44 remain under assessment.
- Of the 997 consignments finalised,
 - Seventy six (76) were tested.
 - Fifty eight (58) returned negative test results.
 - Fifteen (15) returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%, s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
 - Two (2) were re-exported at owners request rather than having goods tested.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

01 January to 17 July 2025											
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Exam Raised	Examination Results				RE- EXPORT WITHOUT TESTING	FIELD - PENDING DECISION	
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive		Consignments #	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)											
Total	1034	997	37	83	6	58	1	15	2	2	

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Superintendent
Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting
Mob: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Email: [s.22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au)



OFFICIAL

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 15 July 2025 2:17 PM
To:

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: PCI Supervisors; John TAYLOR; Asha RAJAH-CLARKE; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support
Engineered Stone Weekly Report 11 July 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Key Statistics

Total number between 01 January to 10 July 2025

- 1012 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 967 consignments have been assessed and are finalised and 44 remain under assessment.
- Of the 967 consignments finalised,
 - Sixty six (66) were tested.
 - Fifty three (53) returned negative test results.
 - Thirteen (13) returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%,
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
 - Two (2) were re-exported at owners request rather than having goods tested.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

01 January to 10 July 2025										
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Exam Raised	Examination Results				RE- EXPORT WITHOUT TESTING	PENDING DECISION Consignments #
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive		
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)										
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)										
Total	1012	967	45	78	7	53	4	13	2	4

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Superintendent

Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting

Mob: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Email [s.22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au)



OFFICIAL

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 4 July 2025 4:08 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: RG
Subject: CM: Engineered Stone Weekly Report 03 July 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: TRIMMED, s. 22(1)(a) - Actioned, ENGINEERED STONE

OFFICIAL

Afternoon,

Key Statistics

Total number between 01 January to 03 July 2025

- 981 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 937 consignments have been assessed and are finalised and 44 remain under assessment.
- Of the 900 consignments finalised,
 - Twelve (12) returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%, s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
 - Two (2) were re-exported at owners request rather than having goods tested and
 - 525 were tested and returned negative test results.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

01 January to 03 July 2025											
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Exam Raised	Examination Results				RE-EXPORT WITHOUT TESTING	HOLD - PENDING DEFINITION	
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive		Consignments #	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)											
Total	981	937	44	77	10	52	4	12	2	0	0

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au

OFFICIAL

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

Monday, 30 June 2025 1:16 PM

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support
Engineered Stone Weekly Report 27 June 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Key Statistics

- 958 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 900 consignments have been assessed and are finalised and 58 remain under assessment.
- Of the 900 consignments finalised,
 - Twelve (12) returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

- Two (2) were re-exported at owners request rather than having goods tested and
- 49 were tested and returned negative test results.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

01 January to 26 June 2025											
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Exam Raised	Examination Results				RE- EXPORT WITHOUT TESTING	Hold - Pending Decision	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive		Consignments #	
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)											

s. 22(1)(a)(i)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Superintendent

Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting

Mob: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Email: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au



OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 23 June 2025 3:06 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) VIC PCI Supervisors; John TAYLOR; Asha RAJAH-CLARKE; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support
Engineered Stone Weekly Report 20 June 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Key Statistics

Total number between 01 January to 19 June 2025

- 917 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 863 consignments have been assessed and are finalised and 56 remain under assessment.
- Of the 863 consignments finalised,
 - Ten (10) returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%,
 - Two (2) were re-exported at owners request rather than having goods tested and
 - 46 were tested and returned negative test results.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

01 January to 19 June 2025																
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Exam Raised	Examination Results				RE- EXPORT WITHOUT TESTING	s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Consignments #						
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive								
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)																
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)																
Total	917	863	54	68	11	46	1	10	2	1						

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Superintendent

Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting

Mob: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Email: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au



OFFICIAL

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 25 June 2025 7:38 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) RGAA
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: CM: RE: Engineered Stone Weekly Report 16 June [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: TRIMMED, ENGINEERED STONE

OFFICIAL

Afternoon s. 22(1)(a)

The # targeted consignments occurring in each state has remained consistent since 01 Jan 2025.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Unfortunately I am unable to generate a report at this time, however all the weekly reports shared since January include the number of targeted consignments for each state. s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
 Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
 Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
 P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
 E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au

OFFICIAL

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au
Sent: Wednesday, 25 June 2025 12:29 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au; RGAA <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au>
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au
Subject: RE: Engineered Stone Weekly Report 16 June [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon s. 22(1)(a)

Thank you for confirming the figures are correct however, the question was in regards to the generation of workloads s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Superintendent Aviation Goods
 Trade East, Regional Operations NSW
 10 Cooks River Drive- Sydney International Airport
 Ph: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
 Mobile: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
 Email: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au

OFFICIAL

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 1:57 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au; RGAA <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au>
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au
Subject: RE: Engineered Stone Weekly Report 16 June [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Released by Department of Home Affairs
 under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

OFFICIAL

Document 9

Morning ^{s. 22(1)(a)}

The figures are accurate in the reports.

Kind regards,

^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)}

Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
P: ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)} | M: ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)}
E: ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)} abf.gov.au

OFFICIAL

From: ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)} [@abf.gov.au](mailto:abf.gov.au)
Sent: Friday, 20 June 2025 8:43 AM
To: RGAU ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)} [@abf.gov.au](mailto:abf.gov.au)
Cc: ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)} [@abf.gov.au](mailto:abf.gov.au); ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)} [@abf.gov.au](mailto:abf.gov.au); ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)} [@abf.gov.au](mailto:abf.gov.au); ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)} [@abf.gov.au](mailto:abf.gov.au)
Subject: FW: Engineered Stone Weekly Report 16 June [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi RGAU,

Can you please see below question from ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)} and reply I am aware that you are performing system and manual counts across different stages of processing, and some time if consignments are not cleared in the system or recorded in time after the function/task has been performed may cause some issues when data is run.

Regards

^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)}

^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)}

Superintendent
Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting
Mob: ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)}
Email: ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)} [@abf.gov.au](mailto:abf.gov.au)



OFFICIAL

From: ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)} [@abf.gov.au](mailto:abf.gov.au)
Sent: Friday, 20 June 2025 10:03 AM
To: ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)} [@abf.gov.au](mailto:abf.gov.au)
Cc: ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)} [@abf.gov.au](mailto:abf.gov.au)
Subject: RE: Engineered Stone Weekly Report 16 June [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi ^{s. 22(1)(a)}

A question from the information you have supplied below, around Q1 and 2 ES outcomes to date.

^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)}

Do you know the reason why please? This question is solely about the workload being generated.

Thank you

Inspector - Aviation Goods
Trade East | Regional Operations NSW
Australian Border Force
M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au

OFFICIAL

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au
Sent: Monday, 16 June 2025 12:39 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @ABF.GOV.AU; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @ABF.GOV.AU;
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @ABF.GOV.AU;
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @ABF.GOV.AU; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @ABF.GOV.AU; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @ABF.GOV.AU;
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @ABF.GOV.AU;
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @ABF.GOV.AU;
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; VIC PCI Supervisors <s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; John TAYLOR <s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; Asha RAJAH-CLARKE <s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>;
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @ABF.GOV.AU
Cc: AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support <s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>
Subject: Engineered Stone Weekly Report 16 June [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Key Statistics

Total number between 01 January and 12 June 2025

- 852 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 789 consignments have been assessed and are finalised and 63 remain under assessment.
- Of the 789 consignments finalised,
 - Eight (8) returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%,
 - Two (2) were re-exported at owners request rather than having goods tested and
 - 36 were tested and returned negative test results.

01 January to 12 June 2025										
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Exam Raised	Examination Results				RE- EXPORT WITHOUT TESTING	Noted OFFENDING DECISIONS
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive		Consignments #
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)										
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)										
Total	852	789	63	55	10	36	1	1	2	5

Key Statistics For Quarter 2 to date

Total number between 01 April 2025 to 12 June 2025

- 435 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 372 consignments have been assessed and are finalised and 63 remain under assessment.
- Of the 435 consignments finalised,
 - Three (3) returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%, and are pending decisions as to re-export or destruction.
 - 21 were tested and returned negative test results.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

01 January to 31 March 2025 - Quarter 1										
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results				RE-EXPORT WITHOUT TESTING	Speed PENDING DECISIONs
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive		Consignments #
Total	435	434	1	23	0	19	1	3	0	2

01 April to 12 June 2025 Quarter 2 – to date										
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results				RE-EXPORT WITHOUT TESTING	Consignments #
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive		
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)										
Total	435	372	63	37	13	21	0	0	0	3

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Superintendent

Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting

Mob: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Email: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au



OFFICIAL

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

From:

Sent:

To:

Cc:

Subject:

Categories:

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Friday, 13 June 2025 8:15 PM

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

RGAU

CM: Engineered Stone Weekly Update - 12 June [SEC=OFFICIAL]

TRIMMED, ENGINEERED STONE

OFFICIAL

Afternoon,

Key Statistics For Quarter 2 to date.

Total number between 01 April 2025 to 12 June 2025

- 435 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 372 consignments have been assessed and are finalised and 63 remain under assessment.
- Of the 435 consignments finalised,
 - Three (3) returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%, and are pending decisions as to re-export or destruction.
 - 21 were tested and returned negative test results.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Table 1.

01 January to 31 March 2025 - Quarter 1											
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results				RE- EXPORT WITHOUT TESTING	Second OPINIONS DEFINING	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive		Consignments #	
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)											
Total	435	434	1	23	0	19	1	3	0	2	

Table 2.

01 April to 12 June 2025 Quarter 2 – to date										
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results				RE- EXPORT WITHOUT TESTING	Consignments #
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive		
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)										
Total	435	372	63	37	13	21	0	3	0	3

Table 3.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [s.22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au)

OFFICIAL

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 5 June 2025 6:04 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: RG
Subject: CM: Engineered Stone Weekly Updates - 05 June [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: ENGINEERED STONE

OFFICIAL

Afternoon s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Key Statistics

Total number between 01 January and 05 June 2025

- 828 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 772 consignments have been assessed and are finalised and 56 remain under assessment.
- Of the 772 consignments finalised,
 - o Five (5) returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%,
 - o Two (2) were re-exported at owners request rather than having goods tested and
 - o 36 were tested and returned negative test results.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Table 1:

01 January to 05 June 2025																
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results				RE- EXPORT WITHOUT TESTING	Issued (PENDING DECISION)	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)					
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive		Consignments #						
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)																
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)																
Total	828	772	56	52	10	36	1	5	2	2						

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

OFFICIAL

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 3 June 2025 11:20 AM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) MC PCI Supervisors; John TAYLOR; Asha RAJAH-CLARKE
Subject: AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support
Engineered Stone Weekly Update 30 May 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi All

Engineered Stone Weekly Update

Key Statistics

Total number between 01 January and 29 May 2025

- 799 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 741 consignments have been assessed and are finalised and 52 remain under assessment.
- Of the 741 consignments finalised,
 - Five (5) returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%,
 - Two (2) were re-exported at owners request rather than having goods tested and
 - 31 were tested and returned negative test results.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Table 1.

01 January to 29 May 2025																
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results				RE- EXPORTED WITHOUT TESTING	Signed (PENDING DOCUMENT) Consignments #						
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive								
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)																
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)																
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)																
Total	799	741	58	48	9	33	1	5	0	2						

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Superintendent

Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting

Mob s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Email: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.auac



OFFICIAL

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 4:59 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: RG
Subject: CM: Engineered Stone Weekly Update 23 May 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: TRIMMED, ENGINEERED STONE

OFFICIAL

Engineered Stone Weekly Update

Key Statistics

Total number between 01 January and 22 May 2025

- 756 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 704 consignments were assessed as not being prohibited imports, 31 of those were tested and returned negative test results.
- 5 consignments returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%,
- 52 remain under assessment.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Table 1.

01 January to 22 May 2025										
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results				RE- EXPORT WITHOUT TESTING	Solved (PENDING DECISION)
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive		Consignments #
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)										
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)										
Total	756	704	52	42	5	31	1	0	2	

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

OFFICIAL

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 19 May 2025 12:51 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support
Subject: Engineered Stone Weekly Update 16 May 2025- including NEW DETECTION [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: NFA

OFFICIAL

Hi all,
FYSA and visibility, last week's report sent to AC and Executives.

Engineered Stone Weekly Update s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Key Statistics

Total number between 01 January and 15 May 2025

- 714 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 667 consignments were assessed as not being prohibited imports, 30 of those were tested and returned negative test results.
- 5 consignments returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%,
- 47 remain under assessment.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

01 January to 15 May 2025													
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results				Issued (PENDING DECISION)				
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive	Consignments #				
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)													
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)													
Total	714	667	47	39	3	30	1	5					

Affairs
Act 1982

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(i)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Superintendent

Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting

Mob: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Email: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au



OFFICIAL

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 8 May 2025 7:44 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: RGAU; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: TR&E – Engineered Stone Weekly Update 08 May 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: ENGINEERED STONE

OFFICIAL

Morning all,
Please see below.

Engineered Stone Weekly Update

Key Statistics

Total number between 01 January and 08 May 2025

- 657 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 619 consignments were assessed as not being prohibited imports, 27 of those were tested and returned negative test results.
- 4 consignments returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%,
- 38 remain under assessment.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

01 January to 08 May 2025									
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results				Issued (PENDING DISCUSSION)
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive	Consignments #
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)									
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)									
Total	657	619	38	35	3	27	1	1	1

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 5 May 2025 12:28 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) RG
Cc: RG
Subject: CM: TR&E - Engineered Stone Weekly Update 01 May 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: ENGINEERED STONE, TRIMMED

OFFICIAL

Morning all,
Please see below.

Engineered Stone Weekly Update

Key Statistics

Total number between 01 January and 01 May 2025

- 613 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 572 consignments were assessed as not being prohibited imports, 26 of those were tested and returned negative test results.
- 3 consignments returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%, 5 consignments await examination or test results.
- 41 remain under assessment including one awaiting outcome of testing.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

01 January to 01 May 2025									
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results				Seized
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive	Consignments #
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)									
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)									
Total	613	572	41	32	6	22	1	3	

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

OFFICIAL

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

Superintendent
Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting
Mob: S. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Email: [REDACTED]@abf.gov.au

Document 17



OFFICIAL

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 17 April 2025 2:59 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Asha RAJAH-CLARKE; RGAU
Subject: TR&E – Engineered Stone Weekly Update 17 April 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: ENGINEERED STONE

OFFICIAL

Hello s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Not sure that we worked out how we would send a single report to s. 22(1)(a)(ii) so in the absence of a plan, here are the figures and our summary for this period.

Engineered Stone Weekly Update

Key Statistics

Total number between 01 January and 17 April 2025

- 544 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 510 consignments were assessed as not being prohibited imports, of those 19 were tested and returned negative test results.
- 3 consignments returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%, these were previously reported.
- 31 remain under assessment including three awaiting outcomes of testing.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

01 January to 17 April 2025									
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results				Seized/ Pending Decision to deal with goods
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive	Consignments #
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)									
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)									
Total	544	513	31	29	3	22	1	3	

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

S. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
P: S. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: S. 22(1)(a)(ii)
E: [S. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@abf.gov.au](mailto:S. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au)

Document 18

OFFICIAL

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 11 April 2025 12:32 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: RGAU
Subject: CM: Engineered Stone Weekly Update 11 April 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: TRIMMED, ENGINEERED STONE

OFFICIAL

Morning s. 22(1)(a)

Engineered Stone Weekly Update

Key Statistics

Total number between 01 January and 10 April 2025

- 492 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 451 consignments were assessed as not being prohibited imports, of those 21 were tested and returned negative test results.
- 4 consignments returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%, 2 of these were previously reported, 2 are recent detections with ongoing and will be further explained in this report.
- 41 remain under assessment including one awaiting outcome of testing.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Table 1. Import Data for Engineered Stone 01 January 2025 – 10 April 2025

01 January to 10 April 2025									
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results				Seized/TBA
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive	Consignments #
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)									
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)									
Total	492	451	41	27	1	21	1	4	2

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit

Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch

Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force

P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au

Document 19

OFFICIAL

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 3 April 2025 1:31 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: RGAA
Subject: CM: TR&E - Engineered Stone Weekly Update - 03 April 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: TRIMMED, ENGINEERED STONE

OFFICIAL

Morning s. 22(1)(a)

Engineered Stone Weekly Update

Key Statistics

Total number between 01 January and 03 April 2025

- 447 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 423 consignments were assessed as not being prohibited imports, of those 18 were tested and returned negative test results.
- 2 consignments returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%, these were previously reported.
- 26 remain under assessment including two awaiting outcomes of testing.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Table 1. Import Data for Engineered Stone 01 January 2025 – 03 April 2025

01 January to 03 April 2025									
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results				Seized
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive	Consignments #
									s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
									s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Total	447	425	22	27	6	18	1	2	

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

OFFICIAL

01 January to 27 March 2025										
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results				Seized	
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive	Consignments #	
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)										s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Total	422	392	30	23	2	18	1	1		

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Saturday, 29 March 2025 6:59 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: RGAU
Subject: CM: TR&E - Engineered Stone Weekly Update 27MAR2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: TRIMMED, ENGINEERED STONE

OFFICIAL

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Apologies for missing the Friday COB deadline.

Engineered Stone Weekly Update

Key Statistics

Total number between 01 January and 27 March 2025

- 422 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 392 consignments were assessed as not being prohibited imports, of those 18 were tested and returned negative test results.
- 2 consignments returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%, these were previously reported.
- 29 remain under assessment including two awaiting outcomes of testing.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Table 1. Import Data for Engineered Stone 01 January 2025 – 27 March 2025

01 January to 27 March 2025										
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results				Seized	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
					Pending	Negative	Cancelled	Positive	Consignments #	
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)										
		</								

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au

OFFICIAL

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Tuesday, 25 March 2025 2:50 PM

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support; Asha RAJAH-CLARKE; John TAYLOR
Subject: Engineered stone weekly update - 20 March 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Engineered stone weekly update

Key Statistics

Total number between 01 January and 20 March 2025

- 392 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 356 consignments were assessed as not being prohibited imports, of those 15 were tested and returned negative test results.
- 2 consignments returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%, these were previously reported.
- 36 remain under assessment including three awaiting outcomes of testing.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Table 1. Import Data for Engineered Stone 01 January 2025 – 20 March 2025

01 January to 20 March								
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results			Seized
					Pending	Negative	Positive	Consignments #
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)								s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Total	392	356	36	22	5	15	2	

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Superintendent

Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting

Mob: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Email: [s.22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au)



OFFICIAL

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 20 March 2025 8:47 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: RGAU
Subject: CM: Engineered Stone weekly update [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: Kylie - Actioned, ENGINEERED STONE

OFFICIAL

Afternoon ^{§. 22(1)(a)}

Key Statistics

Total number between 01 January and 20 March 2025

- 392 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
- 356 consignments were assessed as not being prohibited imports, of those 15 were tested and returned negative test results.
- 2 consignments returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%, these were previously reported.
- 36 remain under assessment including three awaiting outcomes of testing.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Table 1. Import Data for Engineered Stone 01 January 2025 – 20 March 2025

01 January to 20 March								
State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results			Seized
					Pending	Negative	Positive	Consignments #
								s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
								s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
								s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Total	392	356	36	22	5	15	2	

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au

OFFICIAL

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 13 March 2025 6:34 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: RG
Subject: CM: Engineered Stone Weekly Update 13MAR2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: TRIMMED, ENGINEERED STONE

OFFICIAL

Hello s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please see information as requested.

- For the period between 06 March 2025 to 13 March 2025 ,
- 31 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone.
 - 34 consignments were finalised, with all being assessed as not being prohibited imports, of those 1 returned negative test results.
 - 1 consignment was identified for examination and testing.
 - 24 consignments remain under assessment (table 2. Below)

Table 1. Import Data for Engineered Stone 01 January 2025 – 13 March 2025

State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results			Seized	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
					Pending	Negative	Positive	Consignments #	
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)									s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Total	349	325	24	20	3	15	2		

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au

OFFICIAL

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 6 March 2025 7:52 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: RGAU
Subject: CM: Engineered Stone Weekly Update 06MAR2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: TRIMMED, ENGINEERED STONE

OFFICIAL

Afternoon s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Between 01 January and 06 March 2025, 318 consignments were identified for assessment as potentially being engineered stone. 289 consignments were assessed as not being prohibited imports, of those 14 were tested and returned negative test results. 2 consignments returned positive test results for crystalline silica in excess of 1%, these were previously reported. 28 remain under assessment including three (3) awaiting outcomes of testing.

State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results			Seized	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
					Pending	Negative	Positive	Consignments #	
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)									
Total	318	291	28	19	3	14	2		

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au

OFFICIAL

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 13 February 2025 12:05 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: RGAU
Subject: Engineered Stone Weekly Update - Thursday 13 Feb 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: TRIMMED, ENGINEERED STONE

OFFICIAL

Afternoon § 87(2)(b)

Between 01 January and 12 February 2025, 227 consignments were identified for assessment.
Of these 227 consignments, 202 are finalised as not containing engineered stone, 25 consignments remain underassessment including 3 pending outcomes of examinations.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results			Seized
					Pending	Negative	Positive	Consignments #
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)								
Total	227	202	25	15	1	11	1	1

Kind regards,

Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | abf.gov.au

OFFICIAL

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 7 February 2025 2:40 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: RGAU
Subject: CM: RE: Engineered Stone -update - FOR ACTION [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Categories: TRIMMED, ENGINEERED STONE

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hello s. 22(1)(a)

Between 01 January and 06 February 2025, 200 consignments were identified for assessment.
155 targeted matches -132 were assessed as not being prohibited goods and 23 remain under assessment.
45 consignments were referred for assessment following second layer screening (manual holds).

- 41 were assessed as not being prohibited goods
- Four remain under assessment.

A total of 12 Examinations were raised

- 1 exam cancelled as assurances received after exam raised.
- 11 consignments required testing
- Nine consignments returned negative test results (all completed by a National Association of Testing Authorities [NATA] accredited laboratory)
- Three consignments awaiting either sampling or outcome of testing.

Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results			Seized	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
				Pending	Negative	Positive	Consignments #	
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)								
Total	200	168	12	12	9	0		

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 7 February 2025 6:30 AM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Engineered Stone -update - FOR ACTION [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Importance: High

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi s. 22(1)(a)

Thank you!

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Document 28

Give me a call if I don't make sense ☺

Cheers

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Superintendent | Trade and Goods Operational Policy and Goods Management
Workforce Operational Policy & Practices Branch | ABF Workforce, Safety and Assurance
Ph: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Mob: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Email: @abf.gov.au



OFFICIAL: Sensitive

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <@abf.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 6 February 2025 5:10 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <@abf.gov.au>
Cc: Asha RAJAH-CLARKE <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <@abf.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Engineered Stone -update - FOR ACTION [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Afternoon s. 22(1)(a)

Please see weekly update below.

Apologies for the lateness.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <@abf.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 6 February 2025 1:26 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <@abf.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Engineered Stone -update - FOR ACTION [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Yep good for me, thank s. 22(1)(a)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Superintendent Trade Risk & Enforcement

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 6 February 2025 3:20 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Engineered Stone -update - FOR ACTION [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

For your clearance.

Apologies for the lateness, we have been working on this all day to confirm exact numbers of exams.

We are also focusing on creating a report to extract the exam figures s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results			Seized	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
					Pending	Negative	Positive	Consignments #	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)									
Total	198	166	32	12	3	3	0		

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 4 February 2025 7:52 AM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>; Asha RAJAH-CLARKE <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>;
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>; AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>; Customs and Trade
Compliance Coord <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Engineered Stone -update - FOR ACTION [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Thank you s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and Asha,

As long as the information is accurate and consolidated in one email I have no issues.

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
 Superintendent
 Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting
 Mob: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
 Email: [s.22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au)



OFFICIAL: Sensitive

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au)
Sent: Tuesday, 4 February 2025 9:57 AM
To: Asha RAJAH-CLARKE [s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au); s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au); s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au); s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au)
S. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au)
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au); AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support [s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au); Customs and Trade Compliance Coord [s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au); s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au)
Subject: RE: Engineered Stone -update - FOR ACTION [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Morning Asha,

s. 22(1)(a) and the RGAU are best placed to provide the stats for ES, and will continue to provide them. s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
 s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

These provide the context around the issues that are good to report upwards.

Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Superintendent Trade Risk & Enforcement
 Customs Enforcement Branch | Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | National Operations

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

From: Asha RAJAH-CLARKE [s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au)
Sent: Monday, 3 February 2025 8:50 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au); s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au); s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au); s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au)
S. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au)
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au); AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support [s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au); Customs and Trade Compliance Coord [s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au); s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au)
Subject: RE: Engineered Stone -update - FOR ACTION [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi s. 22(1)(a) all,

s. 22(1)(a) - thanks again -- and any time!

On the stats questions - s. 22(1)(a)(ii) - would you please come up with a process that ensures the most reliable stats are provided in the required timeframe? s. 22(1)(a) - I'm advised that RGAU would be better placed to provide these stats. Trade Compliance can provide narrative regarding noteworthy events, issues and industry impact, etc.

I note that this week's updates must be provided for the AC by 1400 AEDT on Thursday 6 February.

Grateful for your consideration. No need to run the agreed process past me first.

Thanks all

Asha

Released by Department of Home Affairs
 under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 31 January 2025 4:30 PM
To: Asha RAJAH-CLARKE <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>; AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>; Customs and Trade Compliance Coord <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Engineered Stone -update - FOR ACTION [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Good afternoon,

Thank you, Asha and respective teams, for providing below update on engineered stone.

Before I continue, I would like to say thank you and acknowledge the great support you and your teams have provided to me in this role, it is very much appreciated.

As you are aware AC Smith has asked future updates on engineered stone to be provided to me to collate so he has a holistic view and so we can avoid duplication of effort.

In addition to below information can you please also include the following in future reporting :

Statistics

- In your stats updates can you pls add the below table which will complement the narrative and provide detail and visibility regarding regions and volumes.

State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results		Seized		s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
					Negative	Positive	Consignments #	S. 22(1)(a)(ii)	
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)					s. 22(1)(a)(ii)				
Total	162	123	39		2				

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Note the updates are required weekly – every Thursday by 2pm AEST.

The next update is due by 2 pm AEST on Thursday 6 February 2025.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Superintendent
Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting
Mob: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Ema: [redacted]@abf.gov.au



Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

From: Asha RAJAH-CLARKE <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au>
 Sent: Thursday, 30 January 2025 6:15 PM
 To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au>
 Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au>; Customs and Trade Compliance Coord s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au>
 Subject: Engineered Stone - update [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi s. 22(1)(a)

As mentioned earlier, here's the draft Engineered Stone update s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Between 01 January and 28 January 2025, **162 consignments** were identified for assessment by Trade Compliance.

- 119 targeted matches – 91 were assessed as not being prohibited goods and 28 remain under assessment.
- 43 consignments were referred for assessment following second layer screening.
 - 32 were assessed as not being prohibited goods
 - 11 remain under assessment.
- 10 Examinations were raised
 - five (5) consignments required testing
 - two (2) consignments returned negative test results (National Association of Testing Authorities [NATA] accredited laboratory)
 - three (3) consignments awaiting outcome.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks all,

Asha

From: Asha RAJAH-CLARKE
 Sent: Wednesday, 29 January 2025 6:17 PM
 To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@ABF.GOV.AU>
 Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@ABF.GOV.AU>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@ABF.GOV.AU>
 Subject: Engineered Stone - Potential Customs Insight [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi s. 22(1)(a)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Asha

Released by Department of Home Affairs
 under the Freedom of Information Act 1982



OFFICIAL: Sensitive

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 6 February 2025 5:10 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Asha RAJAH-CLARKE; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Engineered Stone Weekly Update 06FEB2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Afternoon s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Please see weekly update below.
Apologies for the lateness.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 6 February 2025 1:26 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Engineered Stone -update - FOR ACTION [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Yep good for me, thanks s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Superintendent Trade Risk & Enforcement
Customs Enforcement Branch | Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | National Operations

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 6 February 2025 3:20 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Engineered Stone -update - FOR ACTION [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

For your clearance.
Apologies for the lateness, we have been working on this all day to confirm exact numbers of exams.
We are also focusing on creating a report to extract the exam figures s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

State	Targeted Consignments #	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results			Seized		s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
					Pending	Negative	Positive	Consignments #	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)										

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

Total	198	166	32	12	1	3	0				
-------	-----	-----	----	----	---	---	---	--	--	--	--

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au
Sent: Tuesday, 4 February 2025 7:52 AM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; Asha RAJAH-CLARKE <s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; Customs and Trade Compliance Coord <s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au
Subject: RE: Engineered Stone -update - FOR ACTION [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Thank you s. 22(1)(a) and Asha,

As long as the information is accurate and consolidated in one email I have no issues.

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Superintendent
Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting
Mob: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Email: @abf.gov.au



OFFICIAL: Sensitive

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au
Sent: Tuesday, 4 February 2025 9:57 AM
To: Asha RAJAH-CLARKE <s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; Customs and Trade Compliance Coord <s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au
Subject: RE: Engineered Stone -update - FOR ACTION [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Kylie and the RGAU are best placed to provide the stats for ES, and will continue to provide them. s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

These provide the context around the issues that are good to report upwards.

Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Superintendent Trade Risk & Enforcement
Customs Enforcement Branch | Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | National Operations

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

From: Asha RAJAH-CLARKE <s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 3 February 2025 8:50 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support <s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; Customs and Trade Compliance Coord <s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Engineered Stone -update - FOR ACTION [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi s. 22(1)(a) all,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) – thanks again – and any time!

On the stats questions – s. 22(1)(a)(ii) – would you please come up with a process that ensures the most reliable stats are provided in the required timeframe? s. 22(1)(a) – I'm advised that RGAU would be better placed to provide these stats. Trade Compliance can provide narrative regarding noteworthy events, issues and industry impact, etc.

I note that this week's updates must be provided for the AC by 1400 AEDT on Thursday 6 February.

Grateful for your consideration. No need to run the agreed process past me first.

Thanks all

Asha

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au
Sent: Friday, 31 January 2025 4:30 PM
To: Asha RAJAH-CLARKE <s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support <s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; Customs and Trade Compliance Coord <s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Engineered Stone -update - FOR ACTION [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Good afternoon,

Thank you, Asha and respective teams, for providing below update on engineered stone.

Before I continue, I would like to say thank you and acknowledge the great support you and your teams have provided to me in this role, it is very much appreciated.

As you are aware AC Smith has asked future updates on engineered stone to be provided to me to collate so he has a holistic view and so we can avoid duplication of effort.

In addition to below information can you please also include the following in future reporting :

Statistics

- In your stats updates can you pls add the below table which will complement the narrative and provide detail and visibility regarding regions and volumes.

State	Finalised	Under Assessment	Examinations Raised	Examination Results	Seized	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
-------	-----------	------------------	---------------------	---------------------	--------	-----------------

Targeted Consignments #				Negative	Positive	Consignments #	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)							
Total	162	123	39		2		

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Note the updates are required weekly – every Thursday by 2pm AEST.

The next update is due by 2 pm AEST on [Thursday 6 February 2025](#).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Superintendent
Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting
Mob: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Email: [@abf.gov.au](#)



OFFICIAL: Sensitive

From: Asha RAJAH-CLARKE <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 30 January 2025 6:15 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au; Customs and Trade Compliance Coord <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au>
Subject: Engineered Stone - update [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

As mentioned earlier, here's the draft Engineered Stone update s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Between 01 January and 28 January 2025, **162 consignments** were identified for assessment by Trade Compliance.

- 119 targeted matches – 91 were assessed as not being prohibited goods and 28 remain under assessment.
- 43 consignments were referred for assessment following second layer screening.
 - 32 were assessed as not being prohibited goods
 - 11 remain under assessment.
- 10 Examinations were raised
 - five (5) consignments required testing
 - two (2) consignments returned negative test results s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
 - three (3) consignments awaiting outcome.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks all,

Asha

From: Asha RAJAH-CLARKE

Sent: Wednesday, 29 January 2025 6:17 PM

To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <@ABF.GOV.AU>

Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <@ABF.GOV.AU>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <@ABF.GOV.AU>

Subject: Engineered Stone - Potential Customs Insight [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi s. 22(1)(a)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks, s. 22(1)(a)

Asha

Asha Rajah-Clarke

Commander
Customs and Trade Compliance
National Operations Group
Australian Border Force

M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

E: @abf.gov.au

3ML – M2R57



The Department of Home Affairs and the Australian Border Force acknowledge the Traditional Custodians throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and the community. We pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their cultures and to their Elders past and present.

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 30 January 2025 2:47 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) RGAU
Subject: CM: RE: Engineered Stone - Potential Customs Insight [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Categories: TRIMMED, ENGINEERED STONE

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

s. 22(1)(a)

Information below was provided to s. 22(1)(a) on Tuesday 28th January.

- Between 01 January and 28 January 2025,
- 119 targeted matches on engineered stone, 91 have been assessed as not being prohibited goods, 28 remain under assessment.
- Second layer screening of sea and air cargo resulted in 43 consignments suspected of being engineered stone referred to PCI for assessment, 32 have been assessed as not prohibited goods, 11 remain under assessment.
- Five (5) consignments have been identified for testing. Two (2) consignments returned negative test results (National Association of Testing Authorities [NATA] accredited laboratory) three (3) consignments awaiting outcome.

Other: **See below**

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
 Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
 Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
 P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
 E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au
Sent: Thursday, 30 January 2025 6:28 AM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; RGAU <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Engineered Stone - Potential Customs Insight [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Morning team,

Anything to add to this?

Thanks,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Superintendent Trade Risk & Enforcement
 Customs Enforcement Branch | Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | National Operations

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

From: Asha RAJAH-CLARKE <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 29 January 2025 5:17 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au
Subject: Engineered Stone - Potential Customs Insight [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Released by Department of Home Affairs
 under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

Hi s. 22(1)(a)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks, s. 22(1)(a)

Asha

Asha Rajah-Clarke
 Commander
 Customs and Trade Compliance
 National Operations Group
 Australian Border Force
 M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
 E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au
 3ML – M2R57



The Department of Home Affairs and the Australian Border Force acknowledge the Traditional Custodians throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and the community. We pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their cultures and to their Elders past and present.

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 7 January 2025 6:03 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: RGAU
Subject: CM: Update - Engineered Stone 07 Jan 2025 [SEC=PROTECTED]
Categories: s. 22(1)(a) - Actioned, ENGINEERED STONE

~~PROTECTED~~

Afternoon s. 22(1)(a)

Today's update

- Eight (8) consignments have been finalised and deemed to not contain engineered stone.
- 26 consignments are HELD due to potentially being engineered stone.
- One (1) consignment is awaiting raising of exam s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

HELD - s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	HELD - s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	HELD - s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	HELD - s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	EXAM TO BE RAISED	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
3	14	3	5	1	

RGAU continue to monitor and refine profiles.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au

~~PROTECTED~~

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 6 January 2025 10:57 AM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @ABF.GOV.AU>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @ABF.GOV.AU>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @ABF.GOV.AU>
Subject: FW: INPUT REQUIRED - SES MUSTER Weekly Brief - Week commencing 06JAN24 [SEC=PROTECTED]

~~PROTECTED~~

Update 06JAN2025

Currently, 15 consignments are HELD due to potentially being engineered stone.

HELD - s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	HELD - s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	HELD - s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
4	7	4	

At this time, no consignments have had examinations raised.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au)

~~PROTECTED~~

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 2 January 2025 5:13 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@ABF.GOV.AU](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@ABF.GOV.AU)
Cc: RGAU <s.22(1)(a)(ii)@ABF.GOV.AU>
Subject: RE: INPUT REQUIRED - SES MUSTER Weekly Brief - Week commencing 06JAN24 [SEC=PROTECTED]

~~PROTECTED~~

Afternoon s. 22(1)(a)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Currently, 16 consignments are being monitored or assessed as potentially being engineered stone.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Inspector, Regulated Goods Analysis Unit
Trade Risk & Enforcement | Customs Enforcement Branch
Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | Australian Border Force
P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au)

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

~~PROTECTED~~

[illegible]

~~PROTECTED~~

FYSA – if you have anything to contribute, please advise by COB today.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Superintendent Trade Risk & Enforcement

Customs Enforcement Branch | Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division | National Operations

From: Customs Enforcement Executive Support <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 2 January 2025 7:43 AM
To: S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
 S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au
Cc: Customs Enforcement Executive Support <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au
Subject: FW: INPUT REQUIRED - SES MASTER Weekly Brief - Week commencing 06JAN24 [SEC=PROTECTED]

~~PROTECTED~~

Hi team,

Please email me your input for the ABF SES Muster Weekly Brief for WC 6 January 2025 by **3pm TODAY 2 January 2025**.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Warm regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Executive Assistant to Commander John Taylor

Executive Assistant to Commander John Taylor
Customs Enforcement Branch | Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting Division
National Operations Group

National Operations Group
Australian Border Force

P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au | s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au



Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

~~PROTECTED~~

~~PROTECTED~~

From: National Coordination Unit [s.22\(1\)\(a\)@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)@abf.gov.au)

Sent: Monday, 30 December 2024 9:48 AM

To: S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; Future Traveller <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; Andrew TANKEY <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; MBC Chief of Staff <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; David COYLES <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; Alice STANLEY
S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; MBC Partnerships <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; Linda CAPPELLO <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>;
S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; SA Ops and Planning <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; DC Strategy & Capability Executive Support <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; Civil Maritime Executive Support
<S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au>; MBC Chief of Staff <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
<S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; Jason REGAN <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; College Coordination Unit <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; AC West Executive Support
S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; ALO Issues <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; MBC_NCU <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; ABOC Response <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; DNCU <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; DNCU Inspectors <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; Border Targeting Coord <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; JATF
Operations <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; JATF-Coordination <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; Workforce Operational Policy and Practices <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; Supply Chain
National Coordination & Reform <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; ABF STS Engagement <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; ABF Government Relations
<S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; Belinda CONN <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au; ABF Op AEGIS <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; VTOC <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; Illicit Tobacco Taskforce
<S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; AC Customs Compliance Enforcement & Targeting Executive Support <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au;
Customs and Trade Compliance Coord <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; Customs Enforcement Executive Support <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>;
John TAYLOR <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; Op LEEDSTRUM <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>;
Cc: Duty Superintendents <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; RCUs ALL <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>; National Coordination Unit <S. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>;
Subject: INPUT REQUIRED - SES MUSTER Weekly Brief - Week commencing 06JAN24 [SEC=PROTECTED]

~~PROTECTED~~

Good morning

The National Coordination Unit (NCU) is seeking your contribution into the weekly SES Muster Brief week commencing **06JAN25** by **COB Thursday 02JAN25** to the [@abf.gov.au](mailto:abf.gov.au). Kindly note that where your team has nothing to report, a NIL response is still required. Regional Coordination Units (RCUs) – please coordinate regional contributions.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Document 31

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Should your team need any assistance with this request, or require an extension to the deadline, the NCU is available to provide advice and support.

Kind Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

National Coordination Unit
Australian Border Operations Centre
Australian Border Force

P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

E: s. 22(1) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)@abf.gov.au)

The information in this email has been disclosed by the Department of Home Affairs under part 6 of the Australian Border Force Act 2015. The recipient must not use or further disclose this information except for the purpose for which it was disclosed or as otherwise required or authorised by law.

~~PROTECTED~~

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*



**Back Pocket Brief Number: TR-6
PDR Number: SB25-000354**

BACK POCKET BRIEF

Budget Estimates Hearing – March 2025

Topic: Engineered Stone
Group: National Operations
Division: Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting

Key Statistics:

- From the border control coming into effect on 01 January 2025 to 27 February 2025, 281 targeted matches of engineered stone have occurred, of which 261 have been investigated and determined not to be prohibited goods, while 20 remain under assessment.
- As at 27 February 2025, 17 consignments have been identified for testing. Of these 14 returned negative test results, two consignments returned a positive test result for crystalline silica in excess of 1%, and one consignment is currently awaiting the outcome of testing.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

- All testing has been completed by National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) accredited laboratories.
- As of today, no seizures of engineered stone have occurred as preparations are underway for one positive consignment to be re-exported by the importer to the manufacturer, while the other consignment is progressing to voluntary disposal.



Back Pocket Brief Number: TR-6
PDR Number: SB25-000354

Engineered Stone Detections: 1 January 2025 – 27 February 2025

	Targeted Consignm ents #	Finalis ed	Under Assessm ent	Examinatio ns Raised	Examination Results			s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
					Pending	Negative	Positive	
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)								
Total	281	261	20	17	1	14	2	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*



Back Pocket Brief Number: TR-6
PDR Number: SB25-000354

Key Issues:

- From 1 January 2025, engineered stone benchtops, panels and slabs are prohibited imports under regulation 5M of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956*.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

- The import prohibition complements the domestic ban on the supply, manufacture, processing and installation of engineered stone under the *Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011 (Cth)* (the WHS Regulations).
- The ABF, Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) and Work Health and Safety State and Territory regulators are supporting the whole-of-government framework on engineered stone prohibitions.
- On 20 February 2025, section 206 of the *Customs Act 1901* was amended to allow for the immediate destruction of prohibited engineered stone goods following seizure. Expedited seizure and timely disposal of seized engineered stone goods will support the operational effectiveness of the import prohibition, enabling ABF officers to effectively manage these goods at the border.
- DEWR as the lead policy agency, are responsible for the development of international testing standards for engineered stone. *Any questions in relation testing standards to should be directed to DEWR.*



Back Pocket Brief Number: TR-6
PDR Number: SB25-000354

What is prohibited?

- The importation of engineered stone benchtops, panels and slabs containing at least 1% crystalline silica is prohibited without a valid permit, confirmation of end use or exemption.
- The prohibition does NOT extend to:
 - Exportation of engineered stone products; in some cases, the ABF may allow the importer to re-export the goods suspected of, or confirmed to, contain engineered stone at the cost of the importer.; or
 - Engineered stone products that are not benchtops panels and slabs, finished engineered stone products that do not need to be processed or modified, such as prefabricated sinks, jewellery or garden ornaments; or
 - Concrete and cement products, bricks, pavers, blocks, ceramic wall and floor tiles sintered stone, porcelain products, roof tiles, grout, mortar, render, and plasterboard; or
 - Samples of engineered stone taken from benchtops, panels or slabs for testing purposes that are no larger than 250mm by 250mm and 40mm thick.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982



s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*



s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*



Back Pocket Brief Number: TR-6

PDR Number: SB25-000354

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Consultation:

Area	Title and position
ABF	Customs and Trade Policy
Home Affairs	Chief Statistician

Additional References:

- SB21-000041 – Trade

Cleared through:	Tony Smith, Assistant Commissioner, Customs, Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting – 5 March 2025
Final clearance: Position: Date:	Tim Fitzgerald Deputy Commissioner, National Operations 10 March 2025

Released by Department of Home Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act 1982



BACK POCKET BRIEF

Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2025

Topic: Engineered Stone
Group: National Operations
Division: Customs Compliance, Enforcement and Targeting

Key Statistics:

- At 20 January 2025, since the border control on certain engineered stone goods came into effect, 89 targeted matches on engineered stone have occurred of which 53 have been investigated and determined not to be prohibited goods, while 36 remain under assessment.
- Since 1 January 2025, a second layer of additional screening of monitored sea and air cargo resulted in 39 consignments suspected of being engineered stone referred for further assessment. These consignments did not hit target profiles but were identified for screening based on historic importation of engineered stone. As at 20 January 2025, 21 of these have been assessed as not being controlled goods and 18 remain under assessment.
- Five (5) consignments are currently waiting for the importer to arrange testing with a National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) accredited laboratory.

Engineered Stone Detections 1 – 20 January 2025

State	Targeted Importations	Acquitted	Under Assessment	Seized	Re-exported
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)				nil	nil
				nil	nil
				nil	nil
				nil	nil
				nil	nil
				nil	nil
Total	128	74	54		



Key Issues:

- From 1 January 2025, engineered stone benchtops, panels and slabs are prohibited imports under the new regulation 5M of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956*.
- **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)**
- The import prohibition complements the domestic ban on the supply, manufacture, processing and installation of engineered stone under the Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011 (Cth) (the WHS Regulations).
- The ABF, Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) and Work Health and Safety State and Territory regulators are supporting the whole-of-government framework on engineered stone prohibitions.
- DEWR as the lead policy agency, are responsible for the development of international testing standards for engineered stone. *Any questions in relation testing standards to should be directed to DEWR.*

What is prohibited?

- The importation of engineered stone benchtops, panels and slabs containing at least 1% crystalline silica is prohibited without a valid permit, confirmation of end use or exemption.
- The prohibition does NOT extend to:
 - o Exportation of engineered stone products; in some cases, the ABF may allow the importer to re-export the goods suspected of, or confirmed to, contain engineered stone at the cost of the importer.; or
 - o Engineered stone products that are not benchtops panels and slabs, finished engineered stone products that do not need to be processed or modified, such as prefabricated sinks, jewellery or garden ornaments; or
 - o Concrete and cement products, bricks, pavers, blocks, ceramic wall and floor tiles sintered stone, porcelain products, roof tiles, grout, mortar, render, and plasterboard; or



- Samples of engineered stone taken from benchtops, panels or slabs for testing purposes that are no larger than 250mm by 250mm and 40mm thick.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)



s. 22(1)(a)(ii)



- Specific engineered stone communication products were developed and published on the ABF website including an Australian Customs Notice and a dedicated engineered stone web page.
- Media press releases and social media posts were developed and published on the ABF website and the ABF social media accounts.
- Communication products were distributed to ABF International Branch, including ABF posts overseas (China and Hong Kong) to enable engagement at post, and with host countries identified to be large exporters of engineered stone to Australia.
- As with all prohibited imports, the ABF has developed a range of guidance materials and operational policy documents specific to managing engineered stone at the border.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)



OFFICIAL

Back Pocket Brief Number: TR-6
PDR Number: SB25-000180

Consultation:

Area	Title and position
ABF	Assistant Secretary, Customs and Trade Policy

Additional References:

- *SB21-000041 – Trade*

Cleared through:	Tony Smith, Assistant Commissioner, Customs Compliance, Enforcement & Targeting Division 24 January 2025
Final clearance: Position: Date:	Tim Fitzgerald Deputy Commissioner, National Operations Group 29 January 2025

OFFICIAL



Freedom of Information Request – FA 25/08/01345

Number of containers, consignments, or shipments inspected, stopped, detained, seized, or refused entry at the Australian border due to the engineered stone / crystalline silica prohibition, from 1 January 2025 to 19 August 2025

Match Status	Count of Full Import Declaration (FID)
NEGATIVE TEST RESULTS	73 ^{*See Note 2}
POSITIVE TEST RESULTS	18 ^{*See Note 2}
RE-EXPORTED WITH NO TEST	4 ^{*See Note 3}
Grand Total	95

Notes:

1. Source: Department of Home Affairs
2. The number of consignments/shipments where examinations were raised and the scientific test was conducted in Australia.
3. The number of consignments/shipments re-exported without a test being conducted in Australia.

Caveats:

This information is provided for the specific purpose of this request.