AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS NOTICE NO. 2006/21

Changes to Import Processing Charges

The Australian Government has announced changes to Customs import declaration processing charges for goods imported by air, sea and post.

The increase follows the Governments decision to increase the import entry threshold for goods imported by air and sea from $250 to $1,000, which took effect from October 2005.

The new charges are contained in the *Import Processing Charges Regulations 2006,* which are made under the *Import Processing Charges Act 2001,* and will take effect on 10 May 2006.

The revised schedule of charges is summarised in the table below.

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| **Schedule of Integrated Cargo System Cost Recovery Charges** | | |
| **Item** | **Proposed Charge** | **Paid By** |
| **Import (N10) and warehouse (N20) declaration charges** | | |
| Sea (electronic)  Air and post (electronic) | **$50.00 per declaration**  **$40.20 per declaration** | The owner, when the declaration is communicated to Customs |
| **Manual documentary import (N10) and warehouse (N20) declaration charges** | | |
| Sea (documentary)  Air and post (documentary) | $65.75 per declaration  $48.85 per declaration | The owner, when the declaration is communicated to Customs |
| **Periodic declaration processing charges** | $1,275 per declaration | The owner, as above |
| **Request for cargo release**  **(RCR) processing charge** | $9.40 per RCR | The owner |
| **Depot licence application charge** | | |
|  | $3,000 per application | New applicants |
|  | $1,500 annual fee for depots with less than 300 transactions per annum. | Depots with less than 300 transactions p.a. |
|  | $4,000 annual fee for all other depots | All other depots |
| **Depot licence variation charge** | $300 depot license variation charge | All depots |



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| **Import declaration (N30 Warehoused goods) fee** | | |
| Electronic  Documentary | $23.20 per declaration  $60 per declaration | The owner of warehoused goods, on making an import declaration |
| **Manual cargo reporting charges** | *(to be discontinued after statutory moratorium on mandatory electronic reporting of cargo reports under section 64AB of the Customs Act 1901)* | |
| Sea Air | $2.60 per manifest line  $3.00 per house or straight line airway bill | The cargo handler, on reporting |

The above schedule of charges will apply to transactions processed through the Integrated Cargo System from and including 10 May 2006.

Inquiries concerning this notice may be directed to Director Revenue and Budgets,

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