AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS NOTICE NO. 2006/42

Special Safeguards on Prepared or Preserved Tuna From Thailand

By Notice published in the Commonwealth Gazette on 6 September 2006, the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has imposed special safeguards on imports of tuna from Thailand. The provisions relate to prepared or preserved tuna classified under Tariff Heading 1604.14.00.

The effect of the provisions is that instead of being subject to 2.5% duty, prepared or preserved tuna imported from Thailand will attract the general rate of duty of 5% from 7 September 2006 until 31 December 2006 (Preference Scheme “GEN” in the Integrated Cargo System [ICS]), unless “in-transit” provisions apply (Preference Scheme “THSS” in ICS). Please also refer to **ACN 2005/27** for more information on claiming preferential rates of duty in the ICS.

Importation occurs upon "the bringing of goods into a port with an intention to land them at that port, or an action which actually results in the goods being landed”.

To qualify for “in-transit” provisions, the goods must meet the requirements of being Thai originating, have a valid Thai Certificate of Origin at time of importation, and be exported from Thailand on or before 6 September 2006, under a contract entered into on or before 6 September 2006.

The safeguards will cease to apply to goods imported on or after 1 January 2007, but may be re-imposed if the limit of 23,556,320 Kgs is reached in 2007. Customs will provide further advice to importers if that occurs.

Inquiries concerning this notice may be directed to [origin@customs.gov.au](mailto:origin@customs.gov.au), or to the Valuation and Origin Section on telephone number (02) 6275 6556, or fax number (02) 6275 6477.

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