

AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION NOTICE NO. 2013/17

Commencement of the Customs Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Act 2013

The Customs Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Act 2013 (Amendment Act) received the Royal Assent on 30 March 2013.

All measures in Parts 2 to 9 of the Amendment Act commenced on the day after Royal Assent. The new ‘restricted goods’ offence in Part 1 of the Amendment Act commences on a day to be fixed by Proclamation.

The Amendment Act amends the *Customs Act 1901* (Customs Act), the *Import Processing Charges Act 2001* and the *A New Tax System (Wine Equalisation Tax) Act 1999* to make a number of technical amendments. The Amendment Act:

* clarifies that self-powered ships and aircraft that are imported or intended to be imported are subject to the control of Customs and should be entered for home consumption;
* amends a number of valuation definitions to ensure consistency with the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (World Trade Organization Customs Valuation Agreement);
* enables officers of Customs to designate a customs controlled area for both passengers and crew, and the CEO to designate a seaport as a customs controlled area;
* allows the CEO to request further information from an applicant, to address any concerns, prior to the grant of a warehouse licence;
* aligns the treatment of the timeliness of the report of cargo reporters with the cargo report;
* repeals the legislation which introduced the accredited client program;
* repeals expired moratorium period for cargo reporting; and
* repeals a redundant definition and corrects a minor numbering error.

A copy of the Act can be found on the Government legislation website. [www.comlaw.gov.au](http://www.comlaw.gov.au/)

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