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**New Import Prohibition - Signal Jammers**

On 10 May 2016, a new border control to prohibit the importation of signal jammers will commence . This follows the Federal Executive Council's endorsement of amendments to the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956.* Effective from 10 May 2016, signal jammers' imports will be prohibited unless a domestic exemption applies. The import prohibition will complement the existing domestic prohibition for these goods.

# Background

Signal jammers can prevent or disrupt mobile phone and satellite navigation services. The prohibited device must be a device that:

* is designed to have an adverse effect on radiocommunications; or
* would be likely to substantially:
  + interfere with radiocommunications; or
  + disrupt or disturb radiocommunications in any other way; or
* is a radiocommunications transmitter, or a radiocommunications receiver, that would be reasonably likely to have an adverse effect on the health or safety of persons who:
  + operate the device; or
  + work on the device; or
  + use services supplied by means of the device; or
  + are reasonably likely to be affected by the operation of the device.

Signal jammers are prohibited for domestic use in Australia by operation of section 190 of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992,* administered by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA).

Once the new import prohibition for signal jammers commences, the Australian Border Force will be able to seize these goods at the border. Importing these prohibited goods may lead to penalties and prosecution.

# Further information

* Further information about the new border control can be obtained at the Department's website [https://www.border.gov.au/Busi/lmpo/Pro](http://www.border.gov.au/Busi/lmpo/Proh)h .
* Further information about signal jamming devices can be obtained at ACMA's website [www.acma.gov.au](http://www.acma.gov.au/) .

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