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**IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES**

In the August 1996 Budget, the Government announced charges that would apply to certain Customs commercial activities (refer[ACN 96/44](https://borderauthor.border.gov.au/busi/cust/aust/Australian-Customs-Notice-1997-15) - 23 September 1996). The legislation required to introduce the charges has now been passed and the charges will apply from **1 April 1997.**

The charges are shown on the following page. These charges have been subject to minor amendments since initial notification in [ACN 96/44.](https://borderauthor.border.gov.au/busi/cust/aust/Australian-Customs-Notice-1997-15) Some arrangements have also been amended, as foreshadowed in [ACN 97/11](https://borderauthor.border.gov.au/busi/cust/aust/Australian-Customs-Notice-1997-15) of February 1997.

*Depot Licensing Arrangements*

A two-tier structure for depot licensing will be implemented from 1 April 1997. *Commercial Entry Threshold at the Post*

There will be a 12 month delay in implementing the reduction of the commercial entry threshold from $1000 to $250 at the Post. From 1 April 1998 it will be necessary to lodge a formal import entry for commercial goods over $250.

Other relevant notices in relation to cost recovery are:

[ACN 97/17](https://borderauthor.border.gov.au/busi/cust/aust/Australian-Customs-Notice-1997-15) Manual Reporting Charge and Charge for Air Cargo Not Requiring an Entry - Air Cargo Procedures. [ACN 97/16](https://borderauthor.border.gov.au/busi/cust/aust/Australian-Customs-Notice-1997-15) Manual Reporting Charge - Sea Cargo Procedures

**Schedule of charges**

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| **Item** | **Charge** | **Payable By** |
| Import Entry via sea (lodged electronically) | $29.65 plus $0.20 per line after line 10 | the owner, on entry into home consumption or into a warehouse |
| Manual Import Entry via sea | $51.40 plus $1.00 per line after the first line | the owner, on entry as above |
| Import Entry via air or post (lodged electronically) | $22.80 plus $0.20 per line after line 10 | the owner, on entry as above |
| Manual Import Entry charge via air or post0 | $44.55 plus $1.00 per line after the first line | the owner, on entry as above |
| Manual Reporting charge for sea cargo | $2.60 per manifest line | the cargo handler, on reporting |
| Manual Reporting charge for air cargo | $3.00 per house or straight line air waybill | the cargo handler, on reporting |
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| Charge for air cargo not requiring an import entry | $2.40 per house or straight line air waybill | the cargo handler, on periodic settlement |
| Import Entry ex-warehouse (lodged electronically) | $5.00 plus $0.20 per line after line 10 | the owner, on removal of goods from a warehouse |
| Import Entry ex-warehouse (lodged manually) | $26.75 plus $0.80 per line after the first line | the owner, on removal of goods from a warehouse |
| Licence Fee for Customs depot | $1000 for initial licence | existing 17(b) operators |
|  | $3000 per application | new applicants |
|  | $1500 annual fee, or | depots with less than 100 transactions p.a., or |
|  | $4000 annual fee | all other depots |
| Refund Application Fee (lodged electronically) | $45.00 per application | the duty payer, on application |
| Refund Application Fee (lodged manually) | $65.00 per application | the duty payer, on application |
| S. 28 Location &amp; Overtime Fees | $37.00 (Location) or $40.00 (Overtime) per hr or part thereof plus transport costs | the company/individual requesting the service |

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