AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS NOTICE NO. 2004/21

Amendments to the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956*

and *Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958 –*

Cat and Dog Fur Products

The *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956* and the *Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958* have been amended to introduce new import and export restrictions on cat and dog fur, and goods made wholly or partially from such fur. The restrictions are intended to cover the importation and exportation of raw, dressed or tanned cat or dog fur and goods incorporating such fur. The amendments were notified in Special Gazette No. S227 dated

25 June 2004. The amendments commenced on notification.

The Regulations prohibit the importation or exportation of:

* cat fur (species *Felis catus*);
* dog fur (species *Canis familiaris*); and
* goods consisting, in whole or in part, of cat fur or dog fur or both,

without the permission of the Minister for Justice and Customs or a person authorised by the Minister and the permission is produced to a Collector. *Felis catus* and *Canis familiaris* are the species of domestic cats and dogs.

Applications for import or export permissions should be addressed to: National Manager

Cargo Branch Customs

5 Constitution Avenue

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Inquiries concerning this notice may be directed to Community Protection Policy on telephone number (02) 6275 6307 or fax number (02) 6275 5828.

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