AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS NOTICE NO. 2005/63

Special safeguards on Tuna from Thailand

By Notice published in the Commonwealth Gazette on 20/10/2005, the Minister for Agriculture has imposed special safeguards on imports of tuna. The provisions relate to tuna classified under Tariff Heading 1604.14.00.

The effect of the provisions is that all tuna imported from Thailand will attract the general rate of duty from 21/10/2005 until 31 December 2005 (Preference Scheme “GEN” in ICS, or Preference Code“X” in COMPILE), unless “in-transit” provisions apply (Preference Scheme “THSS” in ICS, or Preference Code “I” in COMPILE). 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 20/10/2005, under a contract entered into on or before 20/10/2005.

The safeguards will cease to apply to goods imported on or after 1 January 2006, but may be re-imposed if the limit of 22,434,591 Kgs is reached in 2006. Preference Scheme “TH” will apply in the ICS, or Preference Code “H” in COMPILE (If applicable), to goods imported on or after I January 2006, until that limit is reached.

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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