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Special Safeguards on Prepared or Preserved Tuna fro m Thailand

By Notice p ublis hed in t he Commonwe alth Gazette on 17 October 2007, a n d registered on t he Federal Register of Legislative Instr umen t s, t he Minister for

Agric ultu re, Fis heries a nd Forestry h as im posed special safegu ards on im ports of

prepared or preserved tuna from Thailand. The provision s derive from Article 509 of t he Thaila n d – Au s tralia Free Trade Agreement a n d rela te to t u n a classified u nder

tariff s u b heading 1604 .14 .00 .

The effect of t he provision s is t h a t instead of being free of d u ty, all prepared or

preserved t u n a (HS classification 1604 . 14 . 00 ) imported from Thaila n d will a ttr act t he general rate of d u ty of 5% from 18 October 2007 until 31 Decem ber 2007 (Preference Scheme ‘GEN’ in ICS), u nless ‘in -transit’ provision s apply (Preference Scheme ‘TH SS’

in ICS). Please also refer to **ACN 2005 / 27** for more infor m a tion on claiming preferential rates of d u ty in the ICS.

To q u alify for ‘in -tra n sit’ provision s, t he goods must meet t he requirements of being

Thai origin ating, h ave a valid Thai Certificat e of Origin a t time of im portation, a n d be exported from Th aila n d on or before 17 October 2007, u n der a con tract en tered in to

on or before 17 October 2007.

The safeguards will cease to apply to goods imported on or after 1 J a nuary 2008 , b u t m ay be re-im posed if the limit of 24 ,734 ,136 kilogra m s is reached in 2008. C u s tom s will provide fu rt her advice to im porters if t h a t occu r s .

Inq uiries concerning t his no tice may be directed to [origin@c u stom s.gov. a u](mailto:origin@customs.gov.au) , or to t he Valu a tion a n d Origin Section on telep hone n um ber (02) 6275 6556, or fax n um ber (02) 6275 6477.

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