

AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION NOTICE NO. 2012/67

Introduction into Parliament of the Customs Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2012

The Minister for Home Affairs, Jason Clare, introduced the Customs Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2012 into Parliament on 28 November 2012.

The Bill amends the *Customs Act 1901* (Customs Act) to introduce a new offence for bringing into Australia a new category of goods known as ‘restricted goods.’ Restricted goods will be prescribed by regulation and would be prohibited imports if they were imported into Australia.

The Bill also amends the Customs Act, the *Import Processing Charges Act 2001* and the *A New Tax System (Wine Equalisation Tax) Act 1999* to make a number of technical amendments including:

* clarifying that self-powered ships and aircraft that are imported or intended to be imported are subject to the control of Customs and should be entered for home consumption;
* amending a number of valuation definitions to ensure consistency with the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (World Trade Organization Customs Valuation Agreement);
* enabling officers of Customs to designate a customs controlled area for both passengers and crew, and the CEO to designate a seaport as a customs controlled area;
* allowing the CEO to request further information from an applicant, to address any concerns, prior to the grant of a warehouse licence;
* aligning the treatment of the timeliness of the report of cargo reporters with the cargo report;
* repealing the legislation which introduced the accredited client program;
* repealing expired moratorium period for cargo reporting; and
* other minor technical amendments.

The Bill and the Explanatory memorandum are available on the Australian Parliament House website on the Bills page. <http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation>

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