



## RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTING ICE PIPES

From 10 December 2011, the importation of ice pipes will be prohibited under the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956*.

### WHAT ARE THE RESTRICTIONS?

The import of ice pipes will only be permitted with the approval of the Minister for Home Affairs or an authorised person. The importer must demonstrate a legitimate use for the ice pipe to receive import permission.

Approval will **not** be granted to individuals for personal use.

### WHY ARE THE RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE?

The control on ice pipes has been introduced as a result of the Australian Government's commitment to reduce the abuse of illicit drugs.

Amphetamine Type Stimulants (ATS) have been identified by the Australian Crime Commission as one of the three highest organised crime priorities for the Australian Government.

While ATS can be administered in a range of ways, smoking its crystalline form (known as ice) is particularly dangerous, due to high drug purity levels, which can result in serious physical and emotional harm.

### WHAT IS AN ICE PIPE?

An ice pipe is defined as a device that is:

- capable of being used for administering methylamphetamine, or any other drug controlled by Customs and Border Protection
- used to draw or inhale smoke or fumes resulting from heating the drug in the device, in a crystal, powder, oil or base form.

Importation of components of an ice pipe is also prohibited, without permission.

Items such as traditional shisha and hookah water pipes, bongs, laboratory equipment and glassware are **not** covered under this control.

### HOW TO APPLY FOR PERMISSION TO IMPORT?

The Minister or authorised person may grant permission to import ice pipes or their components. However, permission to import will be strictly limited to law enforcement or scientific purposes.

Applications for permission to import ice pipes for personal use will **not** be considered.

Application forms are available via [www.ag.gov.au](http://www.ag.gov.au)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Further information on importing ice pipes can be obtained from the Attorney-General's Department by email at [drugparaphernalia@ag.gov.au](mailto:drugparaphernalia@ag.gov.au) or by telephoning (02) 6141 2730.

For information on any Customs and Border Protection matter, please contact the Customs Information and Support Centre:

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