



## **Tariff, Duty Rate and Statistical Code Changes for 1 January 2008**

This message summarises tariff and statistical code changes that will occur on 1 January 2008.

### **Phasing Rates of Duty – United States and Thailand Free Trade Agreements**

Duty rates for certain US originating goods (passenger motor vehicles and certain footwear) and Thai originating goods (certain chemicals and plastics, yarns and finished textile products and footwear) are due to be reduced on 1 January 2008. These rates are set out in Schedules 5 and 6 of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* (the Customs Tariff).

Where applicable, the ICS will apply the new duty rates automatically from 1 January 2008.

### **Statistical Code Changes**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has advised of changes to the statistical codes in the Customs Tariff Working Pages, operative on and from 1 January 2008, as set out below. Refer Australian Customs Notice No. 2007/63.

- Subheading 1211.90.00 – **Plants and parts of plants used in pharmacy and other applications** – New statistical code 63 (ephedra) will be inserted. Existing codes 66 and 67 (other) will be replaced by codes 80 and 81, respectively. Units of quantity are kilograms.
- Subheading 1302.19.90 – **Vegetable saps and extracts** – New statistical code 25 (ephedra extract) will be inserted. Existing code 29 (other) will be replaced by code 90. Units of quantity are kilograms.
- Subheading 2922.39.00 – **Oxygen-function amino-compounds** – New statistical code 63 (ketamine) will be inserted. Existing code 62 will be replaced by code 65 (other). Units of quantity are kilograms.
- Subheading 2932.29.00 – **Lactones** – New statistical code 10 (Gammabutyrolactone) will be inserted. Existing code 08 will be replaced by code 15 (other). Units of quantity are kilograms.
- Subheading 2939.49.00 – **Ephedrines and their salts** – New statistical code 90 (phenylpropanolamine (INN) (norephedrine) and its salts) will be inserted. Existing code 89 will be replaced by code 95 (other). Units of quantity are grams.

- Subheading 4813.10.00 – **cigarette paper in the form of booklets or tubes** – New statistical codes 01 and 02, respectively, will replace existing codes 15 and 16 and also remove the requirement to record the number of goods.
- Subheading 6115.10.10 – **graduated compression hosiery** (panty hose, socks, ankle-socks, sockettes and the like) – Existing statistical code 12, applicable to socks, ankle-socks, sockettes and the like, will be split to new codes 14 (goods of synthetic fibres) and 15 (other). Units of quantity are pairs.
- Subheading 8486.90.10 – **Parts and accessories for machines and equipment for manufacturing semiconductors and similar devices** – Existing statistical code 16 (parts of equipment for projection, drawing or plating circuit patterns) will be repealed. New code 11 (parts of drawing or marking-out instruments for the manufacture of masks etc) will be inserted. Existing statistical code 18 (other) will be replaced by statistical code 12. No units of quantity are required.

### **Tariff Reprint Pages**

Tariff reprint pages to reflect the above statistical code changes will be distributed in the week commencing 17 December 2007. All tariff working pages will be available on the Customs website at [www.customs.gov.au](http://www.customs.gov.au). (Select import/export then customs tariff).

### **Customs By-laws**

Customs By-law No. 9040001, made for the purposes of item 13 of Schedule 4 to the Customs Tariff will cease to have effect from 1 January 2008.

### **Amendments to the AHECC**

ACN 2007/62 will be issued to advise of amendments to the Australian Harmonized Export Commodity Classification.

### **Special Safeguards – Tuna and Pineapple from Thailand**

ACNs 2007/51 and 2007/52 advised of the imposition of special safeguards on imports of certain canned pineapple and canned tuna from Thailand. The 2007 safeguard provisions will cease to apply to goods imported on or after 1 January 2008.

Safeguard provisions may be applied again in 2008 if the trigger amounts are reached.

### **Further Information**

If Customs clients receive error messages in the ICS when accessing the new rates of duty, they should contact Customs Systems Support, either by email at [cargosupport@customs.gov.au](mailto:cargosupport@customs.gov.au) or by phone on 1300 558 099.

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Other tariff queries may be addressed to Nick Blackaby on Canberra 02 6275 6506.

We wish you all a happy Christmas and New Year.

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