



Tariff, Duty Rate and Statistical Code Changes for 1 January 2009

This message summarises tariff and statistical code changes that will occur on 1 January 2009.

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

Duty rates for certain US and Thai originating goods (mainly textiles, clothing and footwear goods) are due to be reduced on 1 January 2009. 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 2009.

Statistical Code Changes

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has not advised of any changes to the statistical codes in the Customs Tariff Working Pages for 1 January 2009.

Amendments to the AHECC

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has not advised of any amendments to the Australian Harmonized Export Commodity Classification for 1 January 2009.

Special Safeguards – Tuna and Pineapple from Thailand

ACNs 2008/36 and 2008/47 advised of the imposition of special safeguards on imports of certain canned pineapple and canned tuna from Thailand. The 2008 safeguard provisions will cease to apply to goods imported on or after 1 January 2009.

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 or by phone on 1300 558 099.

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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Canberra
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