



AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS NOTICE NO. 2008/36

Special Safeguards on Canned Pineapple from Thailand

By Notice published in the Commonwealth Gazette on 16 July 2008, and registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments, the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has imposed special safeguards on imports of canned pineapple from Thailand. The provisions derived from Article 509 of the Thailand – Australia Free Trade Agreement relate to canned pineapple classified under tariff subheading 2008.20.00 (Statistical codes 26 and 27).

The effect of the provisions is that instead of being free of duty, all canned pineapple imported from Thailand will attract the general rate of duty of 5% from 16 July 2008 until 31 December 2008 (Preference Scheme 'GEN' in ICS), unless 'in-transit' provisions apply (Preference Scheme 'THSS' in ICS). Please also refer to **ACN 2005/27** for more information on claiming preferential rates of duty in the ICS.

To qualify for 'in-transit' provisions, the goods must meet the requirements of being Thai originating, have a valid Thai Certificate of Origin at time of importation, and be exported from Thailand on or before 16 July 2008, under a contract entered into on or before 16 July 2008.

The safeguards will cease to apply to goods imported on or after 1 January 2009.

Please note that special safeguards have not been imposed on imports of non-canned pineapple classified under tariff subheading 2008.20.00 (Statistical code 28). Preference Scheme 'TH' in ICS is to be used to receive the preferential duty rate for these goods.

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