



AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS NOTICE NO. 2003/53

Amendment to the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956*

The following amendment to the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956* (the Regulations) was notified in Special Gazette No. S320 of 21 August 2003 and commenced on the same day.

The amendment has been made at the request of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, the Minister administering Part V of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, to reflect recent amendments to the *Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standard) (Cigarette Lighters) Regulations 1997*.

Regulation 4S of the Regulations controls the importation of lighters into Australia. Under this control, a lighter is defined as a “disposable lighter, novelty lighter or refillable lighter”.

The maximum value of a refillable lighter subject to Regulation 4S has been amended from a customs value of \$2 to \$5. Accordingly, the new definition of a refillable lighter is:-

“a flame producing device that:

- (a) is designed to light cigarettes, cigars or pipes; and
- (b) is designed to be refilled with fuel; and
- (c) has a customs value, determined under section 159 of the *Customs Act 1901*, of \$5 or less.”

Any enquiries on the policy supporting this change may be directed to the Consumer Safety Unit of the Treasury on (02) 6263 2747. Any administrative questions on import issues may be directed to the Customs Information Centre on 1300 363 263.

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