



AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS NOTICE NO. 2009/17

**Amendment to Credit Card Surcharge on accounts payable to
the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service.**

From 15 April 2009, the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service will increase the surcharge for Visa and MasterCard payments. The surcharge recovers the merchant fee incurred by Customs and Border Protection from the Credit Card provider in line with the Reserve Bank of Australia reforms from August 2002.

A surcharge has been payable for Internet and phone payments since 2004, and for payments received by Customs and Border Protection cashiers and duty collectors since May 2007.

The rates that will apply for each card type from 15th April 2009 are:

- VISA 0.94% (increase from 0.92%)
- MasterCard 0.94% (increase from 0.92%)
- AMEX 1.54% (no change)

The amount will be calculated at the point of payment and will be added to the total amount due.

Inquiries concerning this notice may be directed to Manager, Treasury & Taxation on telephone number (02) 6246 1248 or fax number (02) 6229 3531

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2 April 2009