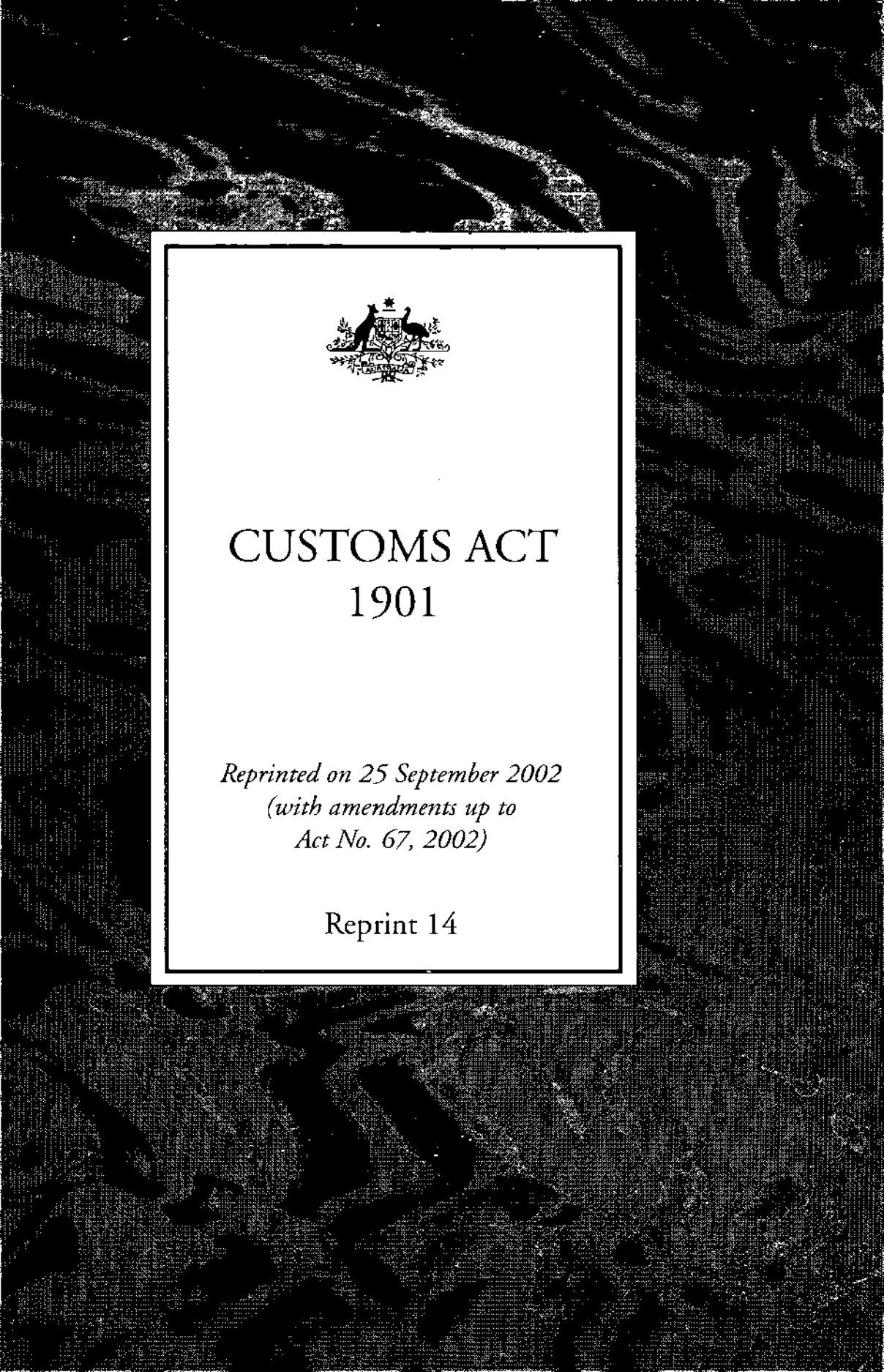

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An Act relating to the Customs

Part I—Introductory

1 Short title [*see* Note 1]

This Act may be cited as the *Customs Act 1901*.

2 Commencement [*see* Note 1]

This Act shall commence on a day to be fixed by Proclamation.

4 Definitions [*see* Notes 5 and 6]

(1) In this Act except where otherwise clearly intended:

Adjacent area means an adjacent area in respect of a State, of the Northern Territory or of the Territory of the Ashmore and Cartier Islands, as determined in accordance with section 5 of the Sea Installations Act.

Air Cargo Automation System means the computer system established under subsection 67A(2).

Aircraft includes aeroplanes, seaplanes, airships, balloons or any other means of aerial locomotion.

Airport means an airport appointed under section 15.

Airport owner includes the occupier of an airport.

Airport shop goods means:

(a) goods declared by the regulations to be airport shop goods for the purposes of section 96B; or

(b) goods included in a class of goods declared by the regulations to be a class of airport shop goods for the purposes of that section.

Answer questions means that the person on whom the obligation of answering questions is cast shall to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief truly answer all questions on the subject mentioned that an officer of Customs shall ask.

Applicable EXIT agreement, in relation to a registered EXIT user, means the EXIT agreement in force in respect of that user.

approved form means a form approved under section 4A.

AQIS means the operating group within the Department of Primary Industries and Energy having responsibility in relation to the administration of the *Quarantine Act 1908*.

Area A of the Zone of Cooperation has the same meaning as in the *Petroleum (Timor Gap Zone of Cooperation) Act 1990*.

Australia does not include the external Territories.

Australian resources installation means a resources installation that is deemed to be part of Australia because of the operation of section 5C.

Australian seabed means so much of the seabed adjacent to Australia (other than the seabed within Area A of the Zone of Cooperation) as is:

(a) within the area comprising:

(i) the areas described in Schedule 2 to the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967*; and

(ii) the Coral Sea area; and

(b) part of:

(i) the seabed beneath the coastal area; or

(ii) the continental shelf of Australia.

Australian sea installation means a sea installation that is deemed to be part of Australia because of the operation of section 5C.

Australian ship means a ship that:

(a) is an Australian ship as defined in the *Shipping Registration Act 1981*; or

(b) is not registered under the law of a foreign country and is either wholly owned by, or solely operated by:

(i) one or more residents of Australia; or

(ii) one or more Australian nationals; or

(iii) one or more residents of Australia and one or more Australian nationals.

For the purposes of this definition, ***Australian national*** and ***resident of Australia*** have the same meanings as in the *Shipping Registration Act 1981*.

Australian waters means:

(a) in relation to a resources installation—waters above the Australian seabed; and

(b) in relation to a sea installation—waters comprising all of the adjacent areas and the coastal area.

authorised officer, in relation to a section of this Act (other than a diesel fuel rebate provision), means an officer of Customs authorised in writing by the CEO to exercise the powers or perform the functions of an authorised officer under that section.

authorised taxation officer, in relation to a section of this Act, means a taxation officer authorised in writing by the Commissioner to exercise the powers or perform the functions of an authorised taxation officer under that section.

Authority to deal means:

(a) in relation to goods the subject of an export entry—an export entry advice, in the form specified under subsection 114C (1), authorising the goods to be dealt with in accordance with the entry; and

(b) in relation to goods the subject of an import entry—an authorisation of the kind referred to in subsection 71B(4).

Beer means any liquor on which, under the name of beer, any duty of Customs imposed by the Parliament is payable.

Blending means a mixing together of 2 or more substances in order to obtain a commercial product.

Brought into physical contact has the same meaning as in the Sea Installations Act.

by authority means:

(a) in relation to a provision of this Act that is not a diesel fuel rebate provision—by the authority of the officer of Customs doing duty in the matter in relation to which the expression is used; or

(b) in relation to a diesel fuel rebate provision—by the authority of the taxation officer doing duty in the matter in relation to which the expression is used.

Cannabinoids means cannabinoids of all kinds, other than a cannabinoid of a kind that can be obtained from a plant that is not a cannabis plant.

Cannabis means a cannabis plant, whether living or dead, and includes, in any form, any flowering or fruiting tops, leaves, seeds, stalks or any other part of a cannabis plant or cannabis plants and any mixture of parts of a cannabis plant or cannabis plants, but does not include cannabis resin or cannabis fibre.

Cannabis fibre means goods that consist wholly or substantially of fibre obtained from a cannabis plant or cannabis plants but do not contain any other substance or thing obtained from a cannabis plant.

Cannabis plant means a plant of the genus *Cannabis*.

Cannabis resin means a substance that consists wholly or substantially of resin (whether crude, purified or in any other form) obtained from a cannabis plant or cannabis plants.

cargo automation system means the Air Cargo Automation System or the Sea Cargo Automation System.

cargo report processing charge means charge imposed by the *Import Processing Charges Act 1997* and payable as set out in section 64ABB of this Act.

Carriage includes vehicles and conveyances of all kinds.

Carry, for the purposes of Division 1B of Part XII, has the meaning given by subsection (19).

CEO means the Chief Executive Officer of Customs.

clean fuel means fuel that does not contain any marker at all or that contains marker below the threshold proportion prescribed for the purposes of section 5D of the *Excise Tariff Act 1921*.

Coastal area means the area comprising the waters of:

(a) the territorial sea of Australia; and

(b) the sea on the landward side of the territorial sea of Australia and not within the limits of a State or an internal Territory.

commercial document, in relation to goods, means a document prepared in the ordinary course of business for the purposes of a commercial transaction involving the goods or the carriage of the goods but does not include a record of any transmission to or from Customs:

(a) under the COMPILE computer system in respect of an import entry concerning the goods or a withdrawal of such an entry; or

(b) under the EXIT computer system in respect of an export entry, submanifest, or outward manifest concerning the goods or a withdrawal of such an entry, submanifest or manifest.

Commercial quantity means:

(a) in relation to a narcotic substance that is named or described in column 1 of Schedule VI—the quantity, if any, that is specified in column 3 of that Schedule opposite to the name or description of the substance; and

(b) in relation to a narcotic substance that is for the time being declared by the regulations to be a narcotic substance—the quantity that is prescribed by the regulations to be the commercial quantity in relation to that narcotic substance.

Commissioner means the Commissioner of Taxation.

Commissioner of Police means the Commissioner of Police referred to in section 6 of the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979*, and includes an acting Commissioner of Police.

Commonwealth aircraft means an aircraft that is in the service of the Commonwealth and displaying the prescribed ensign or prescribed insignia.

Commonwealth authority means an authority or body established for a purpose of the Commonwealth by or under a law of the Commonwealth (including an Ordinance of the Australian Capital Territory).

Commonwealth ship means a ship that is in the service of the Commonwealth and flying the prescribed ensign.

COMPILE computer system means the computer facilities specified in each COMPILE user agreement for all computer communications relating to the importation of goods including, if regulations made for the purposes of section 163 so provide, communications relating to refunds and rebates in relation to duty paid, or remissions in relation to duty payable, on the importation of such goods.

COMPILE user agreement means an agreement entered into between Customs and a registered COMPILE user under subsection 77A(8).

Container means a container within the meaning of the Customs Convention on Containers, 1972 signed in Geneva on 2 December 1972, as affected by any amendment of the Convention that has come into force.

contiguous zone, in relation to Australia, means the contiguous zone within the meaning of the *Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973*, adjacent to the coast of Australia.

Continental shelf has the same meaning as in the *Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973*.

Coral Sea area has the same meaning as in the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967*.

Country includes territory or other place, but does not include an Australian resources installation or an Australian sea installation.

Customs means the Australian Customs Service.

Customs Acts means this Act and any instruments (including rules, regulations or by-laws) made under this Act and any other Act, and any instruments (including rules, regulations or by-laws)

made under any other Act, relating to customs in force within the Commonwealth or any part of the Commonwealth.

Customs-related law has the meaning given by section 4B.

Customs Tariff means an Act imposing duties of customs, and includes such an Act that has not come into operation.

data includes:

(a) information in any form; or

(b) any program (or part of a program).

Days does not include Sundays or holidays.

Deputy Commissioner of Police means a Deputy Commissioner of Police referred to in section 6 of the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979*, and includes:

(a) an acting Deputy Commissioner of Police; and

(b) a member of the Australian Federal Police authorized in writing by the Commissioner of Police to act on behalf of the Australian Federal Police for the purposes of this Act.

designated fuel means fuel that contains at least the proportion of the marker prescribed for the purposes of section 5C of the *Excise Tariff Act 1921*.

designated place means:

(a) a port, airport or wharf that is appointed, and the limits of which are fixed, under section 15; or

(b) a place that is the subject of a permission under subsection 58(2) while the ship or aircraft to which the permission relates remains at that place; or

(c) a boarding station that is appointed under section 15; or

(d) a place from which a ship or aircraft that is the subject of a permission under section 175 is required to depart, between the grant of that permission and the departure of the ship or aircraft; or

(e) a place to which a ship or aircraft that is the subject of a permission under section 175 is required to return, while that ship or aircraft remains at that place; or

(f) a section 234AA place that is not a place, or a part of a place, referred to in paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e).

Detention officer means:

(a) for the purposes of Subdivision A of Division 1B of Part XII—an officer of Customs who is a detention officer because of a declaration under subsection 219ZA(1); or

(b) for the purposes of Subdivision B of that Division—an officer of Customs who is a detention officer because of a declaration under subsection 219ZA(2); or

(c) for the purposes of Subdivision C of that Division—an officer of Customs who is a detention officer because of a declaration under subsection 219ZA(3).

Detention place means:

(a) for the purposes of Subdivision B of Division 1B of Part XII—a place that is a detention place because of subsection 219ZB(1); and

(b) for the purposes of Subdivision C of that Division—a place that is a detention place because of subsection 219ZB(2).

diesel fuel includes any other like fuel of a kind that is prescribed.

diesel fuel rebate means rebate payable in respect of diesel fuel under section 164.

diesel fuel rebate application means an application for diesel fuel rebate made under section 164.

diesel fuel rebate provision means section 164, 164A, 164AA, 164AB, 164AC, 164AD, 164AE, 164AF or 240A, or subsection 273GAA(6).

diesel fuel records means records (including records in documentary form) that are required to be maintained, or created and maintained, under section 240A.

Division 1B Judge means:

(a) a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia, of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory, or of the Family Court of Australia, in relation to whom a consent under

subsection 219RA(1) and a nomination under subsection 219RA(2) are in force; or

(b) a Judge of the Supreme Court of a State to whom an appropriate arrangement under subsection 11(1) applies; or

(c) a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory who is not a Judge referred to in paragraph (a) and to whom an appropriate arrangement under subsection 11(2) applies.

Division 1B Magistrate means:

(a) a Magistrate of the Australian Capital Territory; or

(b) a Magistrate of a State to whom an appropriate arrangement under subsection 11(1) applies; or

(c) a Magistrate of the Northern Territory to whom an appropriate arrangement under subsection 11(2) applies.

documents include:

(a) any paper or other material on which there is writing; and

(b) any paper or other material on which there are marks, figures, symbols or perforations having a meaning for persons qualified to interpret them; and

(c) any paper or other material on which a photographic image or any other image is recorded; and

(d) any article or material from which sounds, images or writing is capable of being produced with or without the aid of a computer or of some other device.

Drawback includes bounty or allowance.

Dutiable goods includes all goods in respect of which any duty of Customs is payable.

Duty means duty of Customs.

East Timor:

(a) during the period of the administration of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (***UNTAET***) means:

(i) when referred to in a geographic sense—the territory administered by UNTAET under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1272 (1999) of 25 October 1999 at New York; and

(ii) when referred to as a body politic—UNTAET; and

(b) after the territory ceases to be administered by UNTAET—has the meaning given by the regulations.

electronic in relation to a report, means transmitted to Customs by computer.

entry processing charge means charge imposed by the *Import Processing Charges Act 1997* and payable as set out in subsection 71AA(1) of this Act.

Environment related activity has the same meaning as in the Sea Installations Act.

excisable goods has the same meaning as in the *Excise Act 1901*.

exclusive economic zone, in relation to Australia, has the same meaning as in the *Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973*.

EXIT agreement means an agreement entered into between Customs and a registered EXIT user under subsection 122A(7).

EXIT computer system means the computer facilities specified in each EXIT agreement for all computer communications relating to the exportation of goods.

Export entry means a computer export entry or a documentary export entry within the meaning of section 114.

Export entry advice means a communication, in respect of an export entry, that is made in the manner, and has the form, specified in regulations made for the purpose of subsection 114C(1).

External place means:

(a) a Territory other than an internal Territory; or

(b) a foreign country.

External search, in relation to a person, means a search of the body of, and of anything worn by, the person:

(a) to determine whether the person is carrying any prohibited goods; and

(b) to recover any such goods;

but does not include an internal examination of the person's body.

foreign ship means a ship that is not an Australian ship.

Frisk search, in relation to a person, means:

(a) a quick search of the person by the rapid and methodical running of hands over the person's outer garments; and

(b) an examination of anything worn by the person that can be conveniently removed and is voluntarily removed by the person;

to:

(c) determine whether:

(i) if the search is conducted in circumstances described in subsection 219L(1) or (1A)—the person is unlawfully carrying any prohibited goods; and

(ii) if the search is conducted in circumstances described in subsection 219L(1B) or (1C)—the person is carrying any weapon or thing capable of being used to inflict bodily injury on a person conducting a search under Division 1 of Part XII; and

(d) recover any such goods.

fuel means goods of a kind that fall within a classification in subheading 2707, 2709 or 2710 of Schedule 3 to the Customs Tariff.

Gazette notice means a notice signed by the Minister and published in the *Gazette*.

goods means movable personal property of any kind and, without limiting the generality of the expression, includes documents, vessels and aircraft.

Goods under drawback includes all goods in respect of which any claim for drawback has been made.

GST has the meaning given by section 195-1 of the GST Act.

GST Act means the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999*.

Identifying code, in relation to a registered EXIT user, means the code allocated to the user under subsection 122A(8).

identity card means an identity card issued under section 4C for the purposes of the provision in which the expression is used.

import duty means duty imposed on goods imported into Australia.

Import entry means a computer import entry or a documentary import entry within the meaning of section 71A.

Import entry advice means a communication, in respect of an import entry, that is made under subsection 71B(1).

In need of protection has the meaning given by subsection (20).

insolvent under administration means a person who:

(a) under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* or the law of an external Territory, is a bankrupt in respect of a bankruptcy from which the person has not been discharged; or

(b) under the law of an external Territory or the law of a foreign country, has the status of an undischarged bankrupt;

and includes:

(c) a person any of whose property is subject to control under:

(i) section 50 or Division 2 of Part X of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*; or

(ii) a corresponding provision of the law of an external Territory or the law of a foreign country; or

(d) a person who has, at any time during the preceding 3 years, executed a deed of assignment or a deed of arrangement under:

(i) Part X of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*; or

(ii) the corresponding provisions of the law of an external Territory or the law of a foreign country; or

(e) a person whose creditors have, within the preceding 3 years, accepted a composition under:

(i) Part X of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*; or

(ii) the corresponding provisions of the law of an external Territory or the law of a foreign country.

Installation means:

(a) a resources installation; or

(b) a sea installation.

Internal search, in relation to a person, means an examination (including an internal examination) of the person's body to determine whether the person is internally concealing a substance or thing, and includes the recovery of any substance or thing suspected on reasonable grounds to be so concealed.

Justice means any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction in the place.

Lawyer means a person who has been admitted in a State or Territory to practise as a barrister, as a solicitor or as a barrister and solicitor and whose right so to practise is not suspended or has not been cancelled.

Lighter includes a craft of every description used for the carriage of goods in a port.

low value cargo has the same meaning as in section 63A.

luxury car tax has the meaning given by section 27-1 of the Luxury Car Tax Act.

Luxury Car Tax Act means the *A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax) Act 1999*.

marker means the chemical additive prescribed for the purposes of section 5C of the *Excise Tariff Act 1921* to be a fuel marker.

Master means:

(a) in relation to a ship (not being an installation)—the person in charge or command of the ship; and

(b) in relation to an installation—the person in charge of the installation;

but does not include a pilot or Government officer.

Medical practitioner means any person registered or licensed as a medical practitioner under a law of a State or Territory that provides for the registration or licensing of medical practitioners.

Member of the Australian Federal Police includes a special member of the Australian Federal Police.

Movement application means an application made under section 71E for permission to move goods that are, or will be, subject to Customs control.

Narcotic goods means goods that consist of a narcotic substance.

Narcotic-related goods means:

(a) narcotic goods;

(b) moneys within the meaning of section 229A to which that section applies or is believed by the person in possession of the moneys to apply;

(c) goods within the meaning of section 229A to which that section applies or is believed by the person in possession of the goods to apply; or

(d) ships, aircraft, vehicles or animals that are, or are believed by the person in possession of them to be, forfeited goods by reason of having been used in the unlawful importation, exportation or conveyance of prohibited imports, or prohibited exports, that are narcotic goods.

Narcotic substance means a substance or thing that is named or described in column 1 of Schedule VI or any other substance or thing for the time being declared by the regulations to be a narcotic substance.

Natural resources means the mineral and other non-living resources of the seabed and its subsoil.

Officer means an officer of Customs.

Officer of Customs means a person:

(a) employed in the Customs; or

(b) authorised in writing by the CEO under this Act to perform all of the functions of an officer of Customs; or

(ba) who from time to time holds, occupies, or performs the duties of an office or position (whether or not in or for the Commonwealth) specified in writing by the CEO under this Act for the purposes of this paragraph, even if the office or

position does not come into existence until after the CEO has specified it;

and includes:

(c) in relation to a provision of a Customs Act (other than a diesel fuel rebate provision)—a person:

(i) authorised in writing by the CEO under this Act to perform the functions of an officer of Customs under that provision; or

(ii) who from time to time holds, occupies, or performs the duties of an office or position (whether or not in or for the Commonwealth) specified in writing by the CEO under this Act in relation to that provision, even if the office or position does not come into existence until after the CEO has specified it; or

(d) in relation to a power conferred by a provision of a Customs Act (other than a diesel fuel rebate provision)—a person:

(i) authorised in writing by the CEO under this Act to perform the functions of an officer of Customs in relation to the exercise of that power; or

(ii) who from time to time holds, occupies, or performs the duties of an office or position (whether or not in or for the Commonwealth) specified in writing by the CEO under this Act in relation to the exercise of that power, even if the office or position does not come into existence until after the CEO has specified it.

Overseas resources installation means an off-shore installation that:

(a) is in Australian waters; and

(b) has been brought into Australian waters from a place outside the outer limits of Australian waters;

but does not include an Australian resources installation.

Overseas sea installation means a sea installation that:

(a) is in an adjacent area or a coastal area; and

(b) has been brought into the adjacent area or coastal area, as the case may be, from a place outside the outer limits of Australian waters;

but does not include an Australian sea installation.

Owner in respect of goods includes any person (other than an officer of Customs) being or holding himself out to be the owner, importer, exporter, consignee, agent, or person possessed of, or beneficially interested in, or having any control of, or power of disposition over the goods.

owner, in respect of a ship or aircraft, includes a charterer of the ship or aircraft or a slot charterer or freight forwarder responsible for the transportation of goods on the ship or aircraft.

Package includes every means by which goods for carriage may be cased covered enclosed contained or packed.

Pallet means a pallet within the meaning of the European Convention on Customs Treatment of Pallets used in International Transport signed in Geneva on 9 December 1960, as affected by any amendment of the Convention that has come into force.

Permit, in relation to a sea installation, has the same meaning as in the Sea Installations Act.

Pilot means the person in charge or command of any aircraft.

PIN number, in relation to a registered COMPILE user, means a personal user identification number allocated to the user under subsection 77A(9).

Place includes ship or aircraft.

place outside Australia includes:

(a) the waters in Area A of the Zone of Cooperation; or

(b) a resources installation in Area A;

but does not include:

(c) any other area of waters outside Australia; or

(d) any other installation outside Australia; or

(e) a ship outside Australia; or

(f) a reef or an uninhabited island outside Australia.

Port means a port appointed under section 15.

port authority means a body administering the business carried on at a port or ports in a State or Territory.

Produce documents means that the person on whom the obligation to produce documents is cast shall to the best of his power produce to the Collector all documents relating to the subject matter mentioned.

Prohibited goods means:

(a) goods whose importation or exportation is prohibited by this Act or any other law of the Commonwealth; or

(b) goods whose importation or exportation is subject to restrictions or conditions under this Act or any other law of the Commonwealth; or

(c) goods subject to the control of the Customs.

Protected object means an object in respect of which a notice under section 203T is in force.

Records offence means:

(a) an offence against subsection 240(1) or (4) of this Act;

(b) an offence against:

(i) section 6 of the *Crimes Act 1914*; or

(iii) section 237 of this Act;

being an offence that relates to an offence of the kind referred to in paragraph (a) of this definition; or

(ba) an ancillary offence (within the meaning of the *Criminal Code*) that relates to an offence of the kind referred to in paragraph (a) of this definition; or

(c) an offence against section 134.1, 134.2 or 135.1 of the *Criminal Code*, being an offence that relates to a tax liability.

Registered COMPILE user means a person registered as such a user under subsection 77A(5).

Registered EXIT user means a person registered as such a user under section 122A.

Resources installation means:

(a) a resources industry fixed structure within the meaning of subsection (5); or

(b) a resources industry mobile unit within the meaning of subsection (6).

resources installation in Area A means a resources installation that is attached to the seabed in Area A of the Zone of Cooperation.

screening charge means charge imposed by the *Import Processing Charges Act 1997* and payable as set out in section 64ABC of this Act.

Sea Cargo Automation System means the computer system established under subsection 67A(1).

Sea installation has the same meaning as in the Sea Installations Act.

Sea Installations Act means the *Sea Installations Act 1987*.

section 234AA place means a place that is identified under section 234AA as a place of a kind referred to in that section.

Ship means any vessel used in navigation, other than air navigation, and includes:

(a) an off-shore industry mobile unit; and

(b) a barge, lighter or any other floating vessel.

Smuggling means any importation, introduction or exportation or attempted importation, introduction or exportation of goods with intent to defraud the revenue.

special reporter has the same meaning as in section 63A.

Suspicious substance means a narcotic substance that would, or would be likely to, assist in the proof of the commission by any person of an offence against this Act that is punishable by imprisonment for a period of 7 years or more.

taxation officer means a person employed or engaged under the *Public Service Act 1999* who is:

(a) exercising powers; or

(b) performing functions;

under, pursuant to or in relation to a taxation law (as defined in section 2 of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*).

territorial sea, in relation to Australia, means the territorial sea area whose outer limits are from time to time specified in a Proclamation made by the Governor-General for the purposes of section 7 of the *Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973*.

The United Kingdom includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

This Act includes all regulations made thereunder.

Trafficable quantity, in relation to a narcotic substance, means:

(a) where the substance is named or described in column 1 of Schedule VI—the quantity that is specified in column 2 of that Schedule opposite to the name or description of that substance; and

(b) where the substance is for the time being declared by the regulations to be a narcotic substance—the quantity that is prescribed by the regulations to be the trafficable quantity in relation to that substance.

UNCLOS means the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Note: The text of the Convention is set out in Australian Treaty Series 1994 No. 31.

unmanufactured raw products means natural or primary products that have not been subjected to an industrial process, other than an ordinary process of primary production, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes:

(a) animals;

(b) bones, hides, skins and other parts of animals obtained by killing, including such hides and skins that have been sun-dried;

(c) greasy wool;

(d) plants and parts of plants, including raw cotton, bark, fruit, nuts, grain, seeds in their natural state and unwrought logs;

(e) minerals in their natural state and ores; and

(f) crude petroleum.

Visual examination application means an application made under section 71C for permission to examine goods.

Warehouse means a place that a person or partnership is licensed under section 79 to use for warehousing goods.

Warehoused goods means:

(a) goods received into a warehouse in pursuance of an entry for warehousing or permission granted under section 71E; or

(b) goods blended or packaged in a warehouse in compliance with this Act.

warehoused goods entry fee means a fee payable under section 71AB on warehoused goods entered for home consumption.

Wharf means a wharf appointed under section 15.

Wharf owner includes any owner or occupier of any wharf.

wine tax has the meaning given by section 33-1 of the Wine Tax Act.

Wine Tax Act means the *A New Tax System (Wine Equalisation Tax) Act 1999*.

(2) A reference in this Act to an officer of police or a police officer shall be read as a reference to a member of the Australian Federal Police or of the Police Force of a State or Territory.

(3) A reference in this Act or in any other Act to a Customs Tariff or Customs Tariff alteration proposed in the Parliament shall be read as a reference to a Customs Tariff or Customs Tariff alteration proposed by a motion moved in the House of Representatives, and a Customs Tariff or Customs Tariff alteration proposed by a motion so moved shall be deemed to have been proposed in the Parliament at the time at which the motion was moved.

(3A) A reference in this Act or any other law of the Commonwealth to the tariff classification under which goods are classified is a reference to the heading in Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* or such a heading's subheading:

(a) in whose third column a rate of duty or the quota sign within the meaning of that Act is set out; and

(b) under which the goods are classified for the purposes of that Act.

(3B) For the purposes of this Act and any other law of the Commonwealth:

(a) a heading in Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* may be referred to by the word "heading" followed by the digits with which the heading begins;

(b) a subheading of a heading in that Schedule may be referred to by the word "subheading" followed by the digits with which the subheading begins;

(c) an item in Schedule 4 to that Act may be referred to by the word "item" followed by the number, or the number and letter, with which the item begins;

(3C) Unless the contrary intention appears, if the word "Free" is set out in section 16 or 18 of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* or in the third column of Schedule 3 or 4 to that Act, that word is taken to be a rate of duty for the purposes of this Act or any other law of the Commonwealth.

(3D) Unless the contrary intention appears, any words or words and figures, set out in the third column of Schedule 3 or 4 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*, that enable the duty to be worked out in respect of goods, are taken to be a rate of duty for the purposes of this Act or any other law of the Commonwealth.

(4) For the purposes of this Act, goods (including goods in the form of a preparation, mixture or solution) that do not consist of a narcotic substance but from which a narcotic substance can be obtained shall be deemed to consist of that substance, and shall be deemed to consist of a quantity of that substance equal to the quantity of the substance that can be obtained from the goods.

(5) A reference in this Act to a resources industry fixed structure shall be read as a reference to a structure (including a pipeline) that:

(a) is not able to move or be moved as an entity from one place to another; and

(b) is used or is to be used off-shore in, or in any operations or activities associated with, or incidental to, exploring or exploiting natural resources.

(6) A reference in this Act to a resources industry mobile unit shall be read as a reference to:

(a) a vessel that is used or is to be used wholly or principally in:

(i) exploring or exploiting natural resources by drilling the seabed or its subsoil with equipment on or forming part of the vessel or by obtaining substantial quantities of material from the seabed or its subsoil with equipment of that kind; or

(ii) operations or activities associated with, or incidental to, activities of the kind referred to in subparagraph (i); or

(b) a structure (not being a vessel) that:

(i) is able to float or be floated;

(ii) is able to move or be moved as an entity from one place to another; and

(iii) is used or is to be used off-shore wholly or principally in:

(A) exploring or exploiting natural resources by drilling the seabed or its subsoil with equipment on or forming part of the structure or by obtaining substantial quantities of material from the seabed or its subsoil with equipment of that kind; or

(B) operations or activities associated with, or incidental to, activities of the kind referred to in sub-subparagraph (A).

(7) A vessel of a kind referred to in paragraph (6)(a) or a structure of a kind referred to in paragraph (6)(b) shall not be taken not to be a resources industry mobile unit by reason only that the vessel or structure is also used or to be used in, or in any operations or activities associated with, or incidental to, exploring or exploiting resources other than natural resources.

(8) The reference in subparagraph (6)(a)(ii) to a vessel that is used or is to be used wholly or principally in operations or activities associated with, or incidental to, activities of the kind referred to in subparagraph (6)(a)(i) shall be read as not including a reference to a vessel that is used or is to be used wholly or principally in:

(a) transporting persons or goods to or from a resources installation; or

(b) manoeuvring a resources installation, or in operations relating to the attachment of a resources installation to the Australian seabed.

(9) A resources installation shall be taken to be attached to the Australian seabed if:

(a) the installation:

(i) is in physical contact with, or is brought into physical contact with, a part of the Australian seabed; and

(ii) is used or is to be used, at that part of the Australian seabed, wholly or principally in or in any operations or activities associated with, or incidental to, exploring or exploiting natural resources; or

(b) the installation:

(i) is in physical contact with, or is brought into physical contact with, another resources installation that is taken to be attached to the Australian seabed by virtue of the operation of paragraph (a); and

(ii) is used or is to be used, at the place where it is brought into physical contact with the other installation, wholly or principally in or in any operations or activities associated with, or incidental to, exploring or exploiting natural resources.

(9A) Where it is necessary to determine whether a resources installation is attached to the seabed in Area A of the Zone of Cooperation, subsection (9) has effect as if a reference to the Australian seabed were a reference to the seabed in Area A.

(10) For the purposes of this Act, the space above or below a coastal area shall be deemed to be in that area.

(11) Subject to subsection (13), for the purposes of this Act, a sea installation shall be taken to be installed in an adjacent area if:

(a) the installation is in, or is brought into, physical contact with a part of the seabed in the adjacent area; or

(b) the installation is in, or is brought into, physical contact with another sea installation that is to be taken to be installed in the adjacent area because of paragraph (a).

(12) For the purposes of this Act, a sea installation shall be taken to be installed in an adjacent area at a particular time if the whole or part of the installation:

(a) is in that adjacent area at that time; and

(b) has been in a particular locality:

(i) that is circular and has a radius of 20 nautical miles; and

(ii) the whole or part of which is in that adjacent area;

for:

(iii) a continuous period, of at least 30 days, that immediately precedes that time; or

(iv) one or more periods, during the 60 days that immediately precede that time, that in sum amount to at least 40 days.

(13) Where a sea installation, being a ship or an aircraft:

(a) is brought into physical contact with a part of the seabed in an adjacent area; or

(b) is in, or is brought into, physical contact with another sea installation that is to be taken to be installed in an adjacent area;

for less than:

(c) in the case of a ship, or an aircraft, registered under the law of a foreign country—30 days; or

(d) in any other case—5 days;

it shall not be taken to be installed in that adjacent area under subsection (11).

(14) A sea installation shall not be taken to be installed in an adjacent area for the purposes of this Act unless it is to be taken to be so installed under this section.

(15) Subject to subsection (17), for the purposes of this Act, a sea installation shall be taken to be installed in a coastal area if:

(a) the installation is in, or is brought into, physical contact with a part of the seabed in the coastal area; or

(b) the installation is in, or is brought into, physical contact with another sea installation that is to be taken to be installed in the coastal area because of paragraph (a).

(16) For the purposes of this Act, a sea installation (other than an installation installed in an adjacent area) shall be taken to be installed in a coastal area at a particular time if the whole or part of the installation:

(a) is in that coastal area at that time; and

(b) has been in a particular locality:

(i) that is circular and has a radius of 20 nautical miles; and

(ii) the whole or part of which is in that coastal area;

for:

(iii) a continuous period, of at least 30 days, that immediately precedes that time; or

(iv) one or more periods, during the 60 days that immediately precede that time, that in sum amount to at least 40 days.

(17) Where a sea installation, being a ship or an aircraft:

(a) is brought into physical contact with a part of the seabed in a coastal area; or

(b) is in, or is brought into, physical contact with another sea installation that is to be taken to be installed in a coastal area;

for less than:

(c) in the case of a ship, or an aircraft, registered under the law of a foreign country—30 days; or

(d) in any other case—5 days;

it shall not be taken to be installed in that adjacent area under subsection (15).

(18) A sea installation shall not be taken to be installed in a coastal area for the purposes of this Act unless it is to be taken to be so installed under this section.

(19) For the purposes of Part XII, a person will be taken to carry a thing, including a thing constituting or containing special forfeited goods or prohibited goods, on his or her body only if the thing constitutes, or is in or under, clothing worn by the person.

(19A) In subsection (19), the reference to clothing worn by a person includes a reference to any personal accessory or device that is worn by, or attached to, the person.

(20) For the purposes of Division 1B of Part XII, a person is in need of protection if, and only if, the person is:

(a) under 18 years of age; or

(b) in a mental or physical condition (whether temporary or permanent) that makes the person incapable of managing his or her affairs.

4AA Act not to apply so as to exceed Commonwealth power

(1) Unless the contrary intention appears, if a provision of this Act:

(a) would, apart from this section, have an invalid application; but

(b) also has at least one valid application;

it is the Parliament's intention that the provision is not to have the invalid application, but is to have every valid application.

(2) Despite subsection (1), the provision is not to have a particular valid application if:

(a) apart from this section, it is clear, taking into account the provision's context and the purpose or object underlying the Act, that the provision was intended to have that valid application only if every invalid application, or a particular invalid application, of the provision had also been within the Commonwealth's legislative power; or

(b) the provision's operation in relation to that valid application would be different in a substantial respect from what would have been its operation in relation to that valid application if every invalid application of the provision had been within the Commonwealth's legislative power.

(3) Subsection (2) does not limit the cases where a contrary intention may be taken to appear for the purposes of subsection (1).

(4) This section applies to a provision of this Act, whether enacted before, at or after the commencement of this section.

(5) In this section:

application means an application in relation to:

(a) one or more particular persons, things, matters, places, circumstances or cases; or

(b) one or more classes (however defined or determined) of persons, things, matters, places, circumstances or cases.

invalid application, in relation to a provision, means an application because of which the provision exceeds the Commonwealth's legislative power.

valid application, in relation to a provision, means an application that, if it were the provision's only application, would be within the Commonwealth's legislative power.

4AB Compensation for acquisition of property

(1) If:

(a) this Act would result in an acquisition of property; and

(b) any provision of this Act would not be valid, apart from this section, because a particular person has not been compensated;

the Commonwealth must pay that person:

(c) a reasonable amount of compensation agreed on between the person and the Commonwealth; or

(d) failing agreement—a reasonable amount of compensation determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(2) Any damages or compensation recovered, or other remedy given, in a proceeding begun otherwise than under this section must be taken into account in assessing compensation payable in a proceeding begun under this section and arising out of the same event or transaction.

(3) In this section:

acquisition of property has the same meaning as in paragraph 51(xxxi) of the Constitution.

(4) The Consolidated Revenue Fund is appropriated for the purposes of making payments under this section.

4A Approved forms and approved statements

(1) In this Act, a reference to an approved form is a reference to a form that is approved, by instrument in writing, by the CEO.

(1AA) However, if an approved form is to be used in connection with the diesel fuel rebate, then the reference to the approved form has the meaning given by section 388-50 in Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*.

(1A) In this Act, a reference to an approved statement is a reference to a statement that is approved, by instrument in writing, by the CEO.

(2) The instrument by which a form or statement is approved under subsection (1) after this section commences is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 46A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

4B What is a Customs-related law

In this Act:

Customs-related law means:

(a) this Act; or

(b) the *Excise Act 1901* and regulations made under that Act; or

(c) any other Act, or any regulations made under any other Act, in so far as the Act or regulations relate to the importation or exportation of goods, where the importation or exportation is subject to compliance with any condition or restriction or is subject to any tax, duty, levy or charge (however described).

4C Identity cards

(1) The CEO must cause an identity card to be issued to an officer who is an authorised officer for the purposes of Division 3A of Part VI or is a monitoring officer for the purposes of Subdivision J of Division 1 of Part XII.

(2) An identity card:

(a) must be in a form approved by the CEO; and

(b) must contain a recent photograph of the authorised officer or monitoring officer.

(3) If a person to whom an identity card has been issued ceases to be an authorised officer or monitoring officer for the purposes of the provisions of this Act in respect of which the card was issued, the person must return the card to the CEO as soon as practicable.

Penalty: One penalty unit.

(4) An offence for a contravention of subsection (3) is an offence of strict liability.

(5) An authorised officer or monitoring officer must carry his or her identity card at all times when exercising powers in respect of which the card was issued.

5 Penalties at foot of sections or subsections

The penalty, pecuniary or other, set out:

(a) at the foot of a section of this Act; or

(b) at the foot of a subsection of a section of this Act, but not at the foot of the section;

indicates that a contravention of the section or of the subsection, as the case may be, whether by act or omission, is an offence against this Act, punishable upon conviction by a penalty not exceeding the penalty so set out.

5AA Application of the *Criminal Code*

(1) Subject to subsection (2), Chapter 2 of the *Criminal Code* applies to an offence against this Act.

(2) For the purposes of a Customs prosecution:

(a) Parts 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 of the *Criminal Code* apply; and

(b) Parts 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6 of the *Criminal Code* do not apply; and

(c) a reference to criminal responsibility in Chapter 2 of the *Criminal Code* is taken to be a reference to responsibility.

(3) This section is not to be interpreted as affecting in any way the nature of any offence under this Act, the nature of any prosecution or proceeding in relation to any such offence, or the way in which any such offence is prosecuted, heard or otherwise dealt with.

(4) Without limiting the scope of subsection (3), this section is not to be interpreted as affecting in any way the standard or burden of proof for any offence under this Act that is the subject of a Customs prosecution.

(5) In this section:

Customs prosecution has the meaning given in section 244.

Part II—Administration

5A Attachment of overseas resources installations

(1) A person shall not cause an overseas resources installation to be attached to the Australian seabed.

Penalty: $50,000.

(1A) Subsection (1) does not apply if the person has the permission of the CEO given under subsection (2).

(2) The CEO may, by notice in writing given to a person who has applied for permission to cause an overseas resources installation to be attached to the Australian seabed, give the person permission, subject to such conditions (if any) as are specified in the notice, to cause that installation to be so attached.

(3) A person who has been given permission under subsection (2) shall not refuse or fail to comply with any condition (including a condition imposed or varied under subsection (4)), to which that permission is subject.

Penalty: $10,000.

(4) Where the CEO has, under subsection (2), given a person permission to cause an overseas resources installation to be attached to the Australian seabed, the CEO may, at any time before that installation is so attached, by notice in writing served on the person:

(a) revoke the permission;

(b) revoke or vary a condition to which the permission is subject; or

(c) impose new conditions to which the permission is to be subject.

(5) Without limiting the generality of subsection (2), conditions to which a permission given under that subsection may be subject include:

(a) conditions relating to matters of quarantine; and

(b) conditions requiring the master of an installation to bring the installation to a place specified by the CEO for examination for quarantine purposes before the installation is attached to the Australian seabed.

5B Installation of overseas sea installations

(1) A person shall not cause an overseas sea installation to be installed in an adjacent area or a coastal area.

Penalty: $50,000.

(1A) Subsection (1) does not apply if the person has the permission of the CEO given under subsection (2).

(2) The CEO may, by notice in writing given to a person who has applied for permission to cause an overseas sea installation to be installed in an adjacent area or a coastal area, give the person permission, subject to such conditions (if any) as are specified in the notice, to cause that installation to be so installed.

(3) A person who has been given permission under subsection (2) shall not refuse or fail to comply with any condition (including a condition imposed or varied under subsection (4)) to which that permission is subject.

Penalty: $10,000.

(4) Where the CEO has, under subsection (2), given a person permission to cause an overseas sea installation to be installed in an adjacent area or a coastal area, the CEO may, at any time before that installation is so installed, by notice in writing served on the person:

(a) revoke the permission;

(b) revoke or vary a condition to which the permission is subject; or

(c) impose new conditions to which the permission is to be subject.

(5) Without limiting the generality of subsection (2), conditions to which a permission given under that subsection in relation to a sea installation may be subject include:

(a) conditions relating to matters of quarantine; and

(b) conditions requiring the owner of the installation, to bring the installation to a place specified by the CEO for examination for quarantine purposes before the installation is installed in an adjacent area or a coastal area.

5C Certain installations to be part of Australia

(1) For the purposes of the Customs Acts:

(a) a resources installation that becomes attached to, or that is, at the commencement of this subsection, attached to, the Australian seabed; or

(b) a sea installation that becomes installed in, or that is, at the commencement of this subsection, installed in, an adjacent area or a coastal area;

shall, subject to subsections (2) and (3), be deemed to be part of Australia.

(2) A resources installation that is deemed to be part of Australia because of the operation of this section shall, for the purposes of the Customs Acts, cease to be part of Australia if:

(a) the installation is detached from the Australian seabed, or from another resources installation attached to the Australian seabed, for the purpose of being taken to a place outside the outer limits of Australian waters (whether or not the installation is to be taken to a place in Australia before being taken outside those outer limits); or

(b) after having been detached from the Australian seabed otherwise than for the purpose referred to in paragraph (a), the installation is moved for the purpose of being taken to a place outside the outer limits of Australian waters (whether or not the installation is to be taken to a place in Australia before being taken outside those outer limits).

(3) A sea installation that is deemed to be part of Australia because of the operation of this section shall, for the purposes of the Customs Acts, cease to be part of Australia if:

(a) the installation is detached from its location for the purpose of being taken to a place that is not in an adjacent area or in a coastal area; or

(b) after having been detached from its location otherwise than for the purpose referred to in paragraph (a), the installation is moved for the purpose of being taken to a place that is not in an adjacent area or in a coastal area.

6 Act does not extend to external Territories

(1) Subject to subsection (2), this Act does not extend to the external Territories.

(2) Regulations may be made to extend the whole or a part of this Act (with or without modifications) to the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands.

7 General administration of Act

(1) The Chief Executive Officer of Customs has the general administration of this Act (other than the diesel fuel rebate provisions).

(2) The Commissioner of Taxation has the general administration of the diesel fuel rebate provisions.

8 Collectors of Customs

(1) In this Act:

(a) a reference to the Collector, or to a Collector, is a reference to:

(i) the CEO; or

(ii) the Regional Director for a State or Territory; or

(iii) any officer doing duty in the matter in relation to which the expression is used; and

(b) a reference to the Regional Director, or to a Regional Director, for a State or Territory is a reference to the principal officer of Customs for that State or Territory.

(2) For the purposes of this Act, a State shall be taken to include:

(a) in the case of a State other than the State of Queensland—that part of Australian waters that is within the area described in Schedule 2 to the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967* that refers to that State; and

(b) in the case of the State of Queensland—that part of Australian waters that is within:

(i) the area described in that Schedule to that Act that refers to the State of Queensland; or

(ii) the Coral Sea area.

(3) For the purposes of this Act, the Northern Territory shall be taken to include that part of Australian waters that is within:

(a) the area described in Schedule 2 to the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967* that refers to the Northern Territory; or

(b) the area described in that Schedule to that Act that refers to the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands.

8A Attachment of part of a State or Territory to adjoining State or Territory for administrative purposes

The Governor-General may, by Proclamation, declare that, for the purposes of the administration of the Customs, a part of a State or Territory specified in the Proclamation is attached to an adjoining State or Territory so specified, and a part of a State or Territory so specified shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be part of the adjoining State or Territory.

9 Delegation

(1) The Minister may, by signed instrument, delegate to an officer of Customs all or any of the functions and powers of the Minister under the Customs Acts.

(1A) The Minister may, by signed instrument, delegate to an officer within the meaning of the *Excise Act 1901*, all or any of the functions and powers of the Minister under the diesel fuel rebate provisions.

(2) A function or power so delegated, when performed or exercised by the delegate, shall, for the purposes of the Customs Acts, be deemed to have been performed or exercised by the Minister.

(3) Paragraph 34AB(c) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* does not apply to a delegation under subsection (1).

(4) Despite subsection (1), the power of the Minister to delegate the Minister's powers and functions under the Customs Acts does not extend to a power or function conferred by subsection 269TG(1) or (2), 269TH(1) or (2), 269TJ(1), (2), (4), (5) or (6) or 269TK(1) or (2) of this Act or by subsection 8(5), 9(5), 10(3B), 10(5) or 11(4) of the Anti-Dumping Act.

11 Arrangements with States and the Northern Territory [*see* Note 6]

(1) The Governor-General may make arrangements with the Governor of a State:

(a) for the performance by all or any of the persons who from time to time hold office as Judges of the Supreme Court of that State of the functions of a Judge under Division 1A of Part XII; and

(aa) for the performance by all or any of the persons who from time to time hold office as Judges of the Supreme Court of that State of the functions of a Judge under Subdivision C of Division 1B of Part XII; and

(b) for the performance by all or any of the persons who from time to time hold office as Magistrates in that State of the functions of a Magistrate under that Subdivision; and

(c) for the performance by all or any of the persons who are medical practitioners employed by that State of the functions of a medical practitioner under Division 1B of Part XII.

(2) The Governor-General may make arrangements with the Administrator of the Northern Territory:

(a) for the performance by all or any of the persons who from time to time hold office as Judges of the Supreme Court of that Territory and are not also Judges of the Federal Court of Australia or of the Supreme Court of that State of the functions of a Judge under Division 1A of Part XII; and

(aa) for the performance by all or any of the persons who from time to time hold office as Judges of the Supreme Court of that Territory (and are not also Judges of the Federal Court of Australia or of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory) of the functions of a Judge under Subdivision C of Division 1B of Part XII; and

(b) for the performance by all or any of the persons who from time to time hold office as Magistrates in that Territory of the functions of a Magistrate under that Subdivision; and

(c) for the performance by all or any of the persons who are medical practitioners employed by that Territory of the functions of a medical practitioner under Division 1B of Part XII.

13 Customs Seal

(1) The Customs shall have a seal, called the Customs Seal, the design of which shall be determined by the CEO.

(2) The design so determined shall include:

(a) the Coat of Arms of the Commonwealth, that is to say, the armorial ensigns and supporters granted to the Commonwealth by Royal Warrant dated 19 September 1912; and

(b) the words "Australia—H.M. Customs".

(3) The Customs Seal shall be kept at such place, and in the custody of such person, as the CEO directs.

(4) The Customs Seal shall be used as directed by the CEO.

(5) The CEO, the Regional Director for a State and the Regional Director for the Northern Territory shall each have in his custody a stamp, called a Customs stamp, the design of which shall, as nearly as practicable, be the same as the design of the Customs Seal with the addition of:

(a) in the case of the stamp in the custody of the CEO—the words "Australian Capital Territory";

(b) in the case of the stamp in the custody of a Regional Director for a State—the name of the State; and

(c) in the case of the stamp in the custody of the Regional Director for the Northern Territory—the words "Northern Territory".

(6) A Customs stamp shall be used as provided by this Act.

(7) All courts (whether exercising federal jurisdiction or not) and all persons acting judicially shall take judicial notice of the impression of the Customs Seal, or of the mark of a Customs stamp, on a document or a copy of a document and, in the absence of proof to the contrary, shall presume that impression or mark, as the case may be, was made by proper authority.

14 Customs flag

The ships and aircraft employed in the service of the Customs shall be distinguished from other ships and aircraft by such flag or in such other manner as shall be prescribed.

15 Appointment of ports etc.

(1) The CEO may, by notice published in the *Gazette*:
  (a) appoint ports and fix the limits of those ports; and
  (b) appoint airports and fix the limits of those airports.

(2) The CEO may, by notice published in the *Gazette*:
  (a) appoint wharves and fix the limits of those wharves; and
  (b) appoint boarding stations for the boarding of ships and aircraft by officers.

(3) A notice under subsection (1) or (2) may provide that a port, airport, wharf or boarding station appointed by the notice is to be a port, airport, wharf or boarding station for limited purposes specified in the notice.

17 Appointment of sufferance wharfs etc.

The CEO may by *Gazette* notice:
  (a) Appoint sufferance wharfs in any port.

19 Accommodation on wharfs and at airports

Every wharf-owner and airport owner shall provide to the satisfaction of the Collector suitable office accommodation on his wharf or at his airport for the exclusive use of the officer employed at the wharf or airport also such shed accommodation

for the protection of goods as the CEO may in writing declare to be requisite.

Penalty: $100.

20 Waterfront area control

(1) A person who is in a waterfront area must, at the request of a Customs officer, produce appropriate identification for the officer's inspection.

(2) If a person refuses or fails to produce appropriate identification to a Customs officer on request, the officer may, if he or she has reason to believe that the person is a member of the crew of an international ship, request the person to return to the ship forthwith to obtain that identification.

(3) If a member of the crew of an international ship refuses or fails to produce appropriate identification to a Customs officer, the master of the ship is taken, because of that refusal or failure, to have committed an offence against this Act.

Penalty: $1,000.

(4) In any proceedings for an offence against subsection (3), it is a defence if the master of the ship establishes that he or she has taken all reasonable steps to ensure that crew members:

(a) have appropriate identification; and

(b) understand their obligation to carry their identification in a waterfront area and to produce it to Customs officers when requested to do so.

(5) If:

(a) a person refuses or fails to produce appropriate identification to a Customs officer on request; and

(b) the officer has no reason to believe that the person is a member of an international ship's crew;

the officer may:

(c) if the person can otherwise establish his or her identity to the satisfaction of the officer and explain his or her presence in the waterfront area—issue the person with a temporary identification; or

(d) if the person is unable to establish his or her identity or to explain his or her presence in the waterfront area—request the person to leave the waterfront area forthwith.

(6) For the purposes of this section, a temporary identification issued under subsection (5) has effect, until that document expires, as if it were an appropriate identification.

(7) A person must not refuse or fail to comply with a request under subsection (2) or paragraph (5)(d).

Penalty: $500.

(7A) Subsection (7) does not apply if the person has a reasonable excuse.

(8) In this section:

appropriate identification means:

(a) if a person is a member of the crew of an international ship:

(i) current passport; or

(ii) a document issued by the shipping company having control of the ship concerned setting out the full name and nationality of the person and the passport number or other official identification number of the person; or

(iii) a document issued by, or by an instrumentality of, the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory providing photographic identification of the person and setting out the person's full name, address, and date of birth; and

(b) if the person is not a member of the crew of such a ship—either:

(i) a document issued by the employer of the person providing photographic identification of the employee; or

(ii) a document issued by, or by an instrumentality of, the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory providing photographic identification of the person and setting out the person's full name, address, and date of birth.

international ship means a ship that is currently engaged in making international voyages.

waterfront area means an area:

(a) that is:

(i) a port or wharf that is appointed, and the limits of which are fixed, under section 15; or

(ii) a boarding station that is appointed under section 15; or

(iii) a place that is appointed under paragraph 17(b); and

(b) that is signposted so as to give persons present in the area a clear indication:

(i) that it is an area under Customs control; and

(ii) that they must not enter, or remain in, the area unless they carry appropriate identification; and

(iii) that they may be required to produce appropriate identification and, if they fail to do so, that they may be requested to leave the area.

25 Persons before whom declarations may be made

Declarations under this Act may be made before the Minister, an officer of Customs or a Justice.

26 Declaration by youths

No person shall knowingly receive a declaration under this Act by any person under the age of eighteen years.

27 State inspection laws

If the Governor-General shall so direct by proclamation any State Act relating to the inspection or testing of imported goods may be executed and enforced by the Customs.

28 Working days and hours etc.

(1) The regulations may prescribe the days (which may include Sundays or holidays) on which, and the hours on those days (which may be different hours on different days) between which, officers are to be available to perform a specified function in every State or Territory, in a specified State or Territory or otherwise than in a specified State or Territory.

(2) If, at the request of a person, a Collector arranges for an officer to be available to perform a function at a place outside the hours prescribed for that function, the person must pay to Customs an overtime fee.

(3) The overtime fee in relation to the officer is:

(a) $40 per hour or part hour during which the officer performs that function and engages in any related travel, or such other rate as is prescribed; and

(b) any prescribed travel expense (at the rate prescribed) associated with the officer performing that function at that place.

(4) If, at the request of a person, a Collector arranges for an officer to be available to perform a function:

(a) at a place that is not a place at which such a function is normally performed; and

(b) during the hours prescribed for that function;

the person must pay to Customs a location fee.

(5) The location fee in relation to the officer is:

(a) $37 per hour or part hour during which the officer performs that function and engages in any related travel, or such other rate as is prescribed; and

(b) any prescribed travel expense (at the rate prescribed) associated with the officer performing that function at that place.

(6) In this section:

related travel means travel to or from the place at which the function referred to in paragraph (3)(a) or (5)(a) is performed if that travel directly relates to the officer performing that function.

Part III—Customs control examination and securities generally

30 Customs control of goods [*see* Note 5]

(1) Goods shall be subject to the control of the Customs as follows:

(a) as to goods to which section 68 applies that are unshipped—from the time of their importation:

(i) until there has been compliance with a Collector's permit for their unshipment; and

(ii) if the goods are not examinable food that is entered under section 71A of this Act—until either they are delivered into home consumption in accordance with an authority to deal under section 71B or with a permission under section 69, 70 or 162A or they are exported to a place outside Australia, whichever happens first; and

(iii) if the goods are examinable food entered under section 71A for home consumption—until a food control certificate is delivered to the person having possession of the food; and

(iv) if the goods are examinable food entered under section 71A other than for home consumption—until there is delivered to the person having possession of the food an imported food inspection advice requiring its treatment, destruction or re-exportation or, if no such advice is delivered until the goods are entered into home consumption or exported to a place outside Australia, whichever happens first;

(aa) as to goods to which section 68 applies that are not unshipped—from the time of their importation until they are exported to a place outside Australia;

(ab) as to goods referred to in paragraph 68(1)(e), (f) or (i)—from the time of their importation:

(i) if they are unshipped—until there has been compliance with a Collector's permit for their unshipment and until

they are delivered into home consumption in accordance with an authority under subsection 71(2); or

(ii) if they are not unshipped—until they are exported to a place outside Australia;

(ac) as to goods referred to in paragraph 68(1)(g) or (h)—from the time of their importation:

(i) if they are unshipped—until there has been compliance with a Collector's permit for their unshipment; or

(ii) if they are not unshipped—until they are exported to a place outside Australia;

(ad) as to goods referred to in paragraph 68(1)(d)—from the time of their importation until they are delivered into home consumption in accordance with an authority under subsection 71(2) or they are exported to a place outside Australia, whichever happens first;

(b) as to all goods in respect of which a claim for drawback has been made before exportation of the goods to a place outside Australia—from the time the claim is made until the goods are exported, the claim is withdrawn or the claim is disallowed, whichever happens first;

(c) as to all goods subject to any export duty—from the time when the same are brought to any port or place for exportation until the payment of the duty;

(d) as to all goods for export (including goods delivered for export under section 61AA of the *Excise Act 1901*)—from the time the goods are made or prepared in, or are brought into, any prescribed place for export, until their exportation to a place outside Australia, or, in the case of goods delivered for export under section 61AA of the *Excise Act 1901*, their exportation to such a place or their return, in accordance with subsection 114D(2) of this Act, to the Commissioner's control under section 61 of the *Excise Act 1901*.

(2) In this section:

examinable food has the same meaning as in the *Imported Food Control Act 1992*.

imported food inspection advice has the same meaning as in the *Imported Food Control Act 1992*.

30A Exemptions under Torres Strait Treaty

(1) In this section:

area in the vicinity of the Protected Zone means an area in respect of which a notice is in force under subsection (2).

Australian place means a place in Australia that is in the Protected Zone or in an area in the vicinity of the Protected Zone.

Papua New Guinea place means a place in Papua New Guinea that is in the Protected Zone or in an area in the vicinity of the Protected Zone.

Protected Zone means the zone established under Article 10 of the Torres Strait Treaty, being the area bounded by the line described in Annex 9 to that treaty.

Protected Zone ship means a ship that is owned or operated by a traditional inhabitant.

Torres Strait Treaty means the treaty between Australia and the Independent State of Papua New Guinea that was signed at Sydney on 18 December 1978.

traditional activities has the same meaning as in the Torres Strait Treaty.

traditional inhabitants has the same meaning as in the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984*.

(2) The CEO may, by notice published in the *Gazette*, declare an area adjacent to the Protected Zone to be an area in the vicinity of the Protected Zone for the purposes of this section.

(3) The CEO may, by notice published in the *Gazette*, exempt, subject to such conditions (if any) as are specified in the notice, from so many of the provisions of the Customs Acts as are specified in the notice:

(a) any Protected Zone ship that arrives at an Australian place on a voyage from a Papua New Guinea place or that leaves

an Australian place on a voyage to a Papua New Guinea place, being a ship:

(i) on board which there is at least one traditional inhabitant who is undertaking that voyage in connection with the performance of traditional activities in the Protected Zone or in an area in the vicinity of the Protected Zone; and

(ii) no person on board which is a person other than:

(A) a person referred to in subparagraph (i); or

(B) an employee of the Commonwealth, of Queensland or of Papua New Guinea or of an authority of the Commonwealth, of Queensland or of Papua New Guinea who is undertaking that voyage in connection with the performance of his duties;

(b) the entry into Australia, or the departure from Australia, of persons on board a ship of the kind referred to in paragraph (a); or

(c) the importation into Australia, or the exportation from Australia, of goods on board a ship of the kind referred to in paragraph (a), being goods that:

(i) are owned by, or are under the control of, a traditional inhabitant who is on board that ship and have been used, are being used or are intended to be used by him in connection with the performance of traditional activities in the Protected Zone or in an area in the vicinity of the Protected Zone;

(ii) are the personal belongings of a person referred to in subparagraph (a)(ii); or

(iii) are stores for the use of the passengers or crew of that ship or for the service of that ship.

(4) Where:

(a) the master of a ship (not being a ship to which an exemption under subsection (3) applies) or the pilot of an aircraft proposes to take that ship or aircraft, as the case may be, on a voyage or flight, as the case may be, from an Australian place to a Papua New Guinea place or from a Papua New Guinea place to an Australian place; and

(b) that voyage or flight, as the case may be:

(i) will be undertaken by at least one person who is a traditional inhabitant for purposes connected with the performance of traditional activities in the Protected Zone or in an area in the vicinity of the Protected Zone; and

(ii) will not be undertaken by a person other than:

(A) a person referred to in subparagraph (i);

(B) an employee of the Commonwealth, of Queensland or of Papua New Guinea or of an authority of the Commonwealth, of Queensland or of Papua New Guinea who will be undertaking that voyage or flight in connection with the performance of his duties; or

(C) the master of the ship or a member of the crew of the ship or the pilot of the aircraft or a member of the crew of the aircraft, as the case may be;

the master of the ship or the pilot of the aircraft, as the case may be, may, by notice in writing given to the CEO setting out such information as is prescribed, request the CEO to grant an exemption under subsection (5) in relation to the voyage or flight, as the case may be.

(5) The CEO may, in his discretion, after receiving an application under subsection (4) in relation to a proposed voyage by a ship or a proposed flight by an aircraft, by notice in writing given to the person who made the application, exempt, subject to such conditions (if any) as are specified in the notice, from so many of the provisions of the Customs Acts as are specified in the notice:

(a) the entry into Australia, or the departure from Australia, of that ship or aircraft, as the case may be, in the course of that voyage or flight, as the case may be;

(b) the entry into Australia, or the departure from Australia, of any person on board that ship or aircraft, as the case may be, in the course of that voyage or flight, as the case may be; and

(c) the importation into Australia, or the exportation from Australia, of goods, or goods included in a class of goods specified in the notice, on board that ship during that voyage

or on board that aircraft during that flight, as the case may be, being goods that:

(i) are owned by, or are under the control of, a traditional inhabitant who is on board that ship or aircraft, as the case may be, and have been used, are being used or are intended to be used by him in connection with the performance of traditional activities in the Protected Zone or in an area in the vicinity of the Protected Zone;

(ii) are the personal belongings of a person who is on board that ship or aircraft, as the case may be, in the course of that voyage or flight, as the case may be; or

(iii) are stores for the use of the passengers or crew of that ship or aircraft, as the case may be, or for the service of that ship or aircraft, as the case may be.

(6) Where:

(a) under subsection (3) or (5), the arrival at a place in Australia of a ship, an aircraft or a person, or the importation into Australia of goods, is exempt from any provisions of the Customs Acts; and

(b) that ship, aircraft or person arrives at, or those goods are taken to, a place in Australia that is not in the Protected Zone or in an area in the vicinity of the Protected Zone;

the Customs Acts (including the provisions referred to in paragraph (a)) apply in relation to the arrival of that ship, aircraft or person at, or the taking of those goods to, the place referred to in paragraph (b) as if that ship, aircraft or person had arrived at the place, or those goods had been taken to that place, as the case may be, from a place outside Australia.

31 Goods on ships and aircraft subject to Customs control

All goods on board any ship or aircraft from a place outside Australia shall also be subject to the control of the Customs whilst the ship or aircraft is within the limits of any port or airport in Australia.

33 Persons not to move goods subject to the control of Customs

(1) If:

(a) a person intentionally moves, alters or interferes with goods that are subject to the control of Customs; and

(b) the movement, alteration or interference is not authorised by this Act;

the person commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 500 penalty units.

(2) If:

(a) a person moves, alters or interferes with goods that are subject to the control of Customs; and

(b) the movement, alteration or interference is not authorised by this Act;

the person commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units.

(3) If:

(a) an employee of a person moves, alters or interferes with goods that are subject to the control of Customs; and

(b) in moving, altering or interfering with the goods the employee is acting on behalf of the person; and

(c) the movement, alteration or interference is not authorised by this Act;

the person commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units.

(4) It is a defence to a prosecution of a person for a contravention of subsection (3) if the person took reasonable precautions, and exercised due diligence, to prevent the employee who is alleged to have moved, altered or interfered with the goods from moving, altering or interfering with them.

(5) If:

(a) a person intentionally directs or permits another person to move, alter or interfere with goods that are subject to the control of Customs; and

(b) the movement, alteration or interference is not authorised by this Act;

the person commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 500 penalty units.

(6) If:

(a) a person directs or permits another person to move, alter or interfere with goods that are subject to the control of Customs; and

(b) the movement, alteration or interference is not authorised by this Act;

the person commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units.

(7) An offence against subsection (2), (3) or (6) is an offence of strict liability.

(8) In this section:

employee, of a body corporate, includes a person who is a director, a member, or a member of the board of management, of the body corporate.

goods does not include installations.

Note: For permission to move goods specified in a cargo report from one place under Customs control to another place under Customs control, see section 71E.

33A Resources installations subject to the control of the Customs

(1) A person shall not use an Australian resources installation that is subject to the control of the Customs in, or in any operations or activities associated with, or incidental to, exploring or exploiting the Australian seabed.

Penalty: $50,000.

(1A) Subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(1B) Subsection (1) does not apply if the person has permission in force under subsection (2).

(2) The CEO may give permission in writing to a person specified in the permission, subject to such conditions (if any) as are specified

in the permission, to engage in specified activities in relation to the use of an Australian resources installation that is subject to the control of the Customs.

(3) A person who has been given permission under subsection (2) shall not refuse or fail to comply with any condition (including a condition imposed or varied under subsection (4)) to which that permission is subject.

Penalty: $10,000.

(4) Where the CEO has, under subsection (2), given a person permission to engage in any activities in relation to an Australian resources installation, the CEO may, while that installation remains subject to the control of Customs, by notice in writing served on the person:

(a) suspend or revoke the permission;

(b) revoke or vary a condition to which the permission is subject; or

(c) impose new conditions to which the permission is to be subject.

33B Sea installations subject to the control of the Customs

(1) A person shall not use an Australian sea installation that is subject to the control of the Customs.

Penalty: $50,000.

(1A) Subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(1B) Subsection (1) does not apply if the person has permission in force under subsection (2).

(2) The CEO may give permission in writing to a person specified in the permission, subject to such conditions (if any) as are specified in the permission, to engage in specified activities in relation to the use of an Australian sea installation that is subject to the control of the Customs.

(3) A person who has been given permission under subsection (2) shall not refuse or fail to comply with any condition (including a condition imposed or varied under subsection (4)) to which that permission is subject.

Penalty: $10,000.

(4) Where the CEO has, under subsection (2), given a person permission to engage in any activities in relation to an Australian sea installation, the CEO may, while that installation remains subject to the control of the Customs, by notice in writing served on the person:

(a) suspend or revoke the permission;

(b) revoke or vary a condition to which the permission is subject; or

(c) impose new conditions to which the permission is to be subject.

34 No claim for compensation for loss

The Customs shall not be liable for any loss or damage occasioned to any goods subject to the control of the Customs except by the neglect or wilful act of some officer.

35 Goods imported by post

Goods imported by post shall be subject to the control of the Customs equally with goods otherwise imported.

35A Persons having possession of dutiable goods to keep them safely

[*see* Note 5]

(1) Where a person who has, or has been entrusted with, the possession, custody or control of dutiable goods which are subject to the control of the Customs:

(a) fails to keep those goods safely; or

(b) when so requested by a Collector, does not account for those goods to the satisfaction of a Collector;

that person shall, on demand in writing made by a Collector, pay to the Commonwealth an amount equal to the amount of the duty of Customs which would have been payable on those goods if they

had been entered for home consumption on the day on which the demand was made.

(1A) Where:

(a) dutiable goods subject to the control of the Customs are, in accordance with authority given under section 71B or by authority of a permission given under section 71E, taken from a place for removal to another place;

(b) the goods are not, or part of the goods is not, delivered to that other place; and

(c) when so requested by a Collector, the person who made the entry or to whom the permission was given, as the case may be, does not account for the goods, or for that part of the goods, as the case may be, to the satisfaction of a Collector;

the person shall, on demand in writing made by a Collector, pay to the Commonwealth an amount equal to the amount of the duty of Customs which would have been payable on the goods, or on that part of the goods, as the case may be, if they had been entered for home consumption on the day on which the demand was made.

(1B) Where:

(a) dutiable goods subject to the control of the Customs are, by authority of a permission given under section 71E, removed to a place other than a warehouse; and

(b) the person to whom the permission was given fails to keep those goods safely or, when so requested by a Collector, does not account for the goods to the satisfaction of a Collector;

the person shall, on demand in writing made by a Collector, pay to the Commonwealth an amount equal to the amount of the duty of Customs which would have been payable on those goods if they had been entered for home consumption on the day on which the demand was made.

(2) An amount payable under subsection (1), (1A) or (1B) shall be a debt due to the Commonwealth and may be sued for and recovered in a court of competent jurisdiction by proceedings in the name of the Collector.

(3) In proceedings under the last preceding subsection, a statement or averment in the complaint, claim or declaration of the Collector is evidence of the matter or matters so stated or averred.

(4) This section does not affect the liability of a person arising under or by virtue of:

(a) any other provision of this Act; or

(b) a security given under this Act.

42 Right to require security [*see* Note 5]

(1) The Customs shall have the right to require and take securities for compliance with this Act, for compliance with conditions or requirements to which the importation or exportation of goods is subject and generally for the protection of the revenue of the Customs, and pending the giving of the required security in relation to any goods subject to the control of the Customs may refuse to deliver the goods or to give any authority under section 71B to deal with the goods.

(1A) The right of the Customs under subsection (1) to require and take a security includes the right to require and take securities for payment of any penalty that a person may become liable to pay to the Commonwealth under the *Customs Undertakings (Penalties) Act 1981*.

(1B) The right of the Customs under subsection (1) to require and take a security includes the right to require and take securities in respect of any interim duty that may be payable on goods under the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975* but no such security shall be required or taken under this Act:

(a) on an application under section 269TB of this Act in respect of the goods to which the application relates before the time at which the CEO has made a preliminary affirmative determination, within the meaning of Part XVB, in respect of those goods; or

(b) on like goods imported into Australia before that time.

(1C) If:

(a) an undertaking is given and accepted under subsection 269TG(4) or 269TJ(3) in respect of goods; and

(b) the undertaking is subsequently breached;

the Customs may require and take securities in respect of any interim duty that may be payable under the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975* on the goods or on like goods imported into Australia.

(1D) The right of the Customs under subsection (1) to require and take a security includes the right to require and take a security in respect of any interim duty that may be payable under the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975* on goods the subject of an application under subsection 269ZE(1) of this Act.

(2) The right of the Customs under subsection (1) to require and take securities includes the right to require and take a security for a purpose or purposes for which security may be taken under that subsection and for a purpose or purposes for which security may be taken under section 16 of the *Excise Act 1901-1957* and the succeeding provisions of this Part apply to and in relation to such a security in the same manner as they apply to and in relation to any other security required and taken under subsection (1).

(3) The rights of the Customs under this section may be exercised by a Collector on behalf of the Customs.

43 Form of security

A security shall be given in a manner and form approved by a Collector and may, subject to that approval, be by bond, guarantee, cash deposit or any other method, or by two or more different methods.

44 General bonds may be given

When security is required for any particular purpose security may by the authority of the CEO be accepted to cover all transactions for such time and for such amounts as the CEO may approve.

45 Cancellation of bonds

(1) All Customs securities may after the expiration of 3 years from the date thereof or from the time specified for the performance of the conditions thereof be cancelled by the CEO.

(2) A security taken in respect of any interim duty that may become payable on goods under section 8, 9, 10 or 11 of the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975*, being a security taken before the publication by the Minister of a notice declaring that section to apply to those goods, shall be cancelled before the expiration of the prescribed period after the date the security is taken.

(3) In subsection (2), ***prescribed period*** means:

(a) in relation to a security in respect of any interim duty that may be payable on goods under section 8 or 9 of the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975*—a period of 6 months or such longer period (not being a period exceeding 9 months) as is requested by the exporter of the goods concerned; or

(b) in any other case—a period of 4 months.

(4) Where:

(a) a notice is published by the Minister declaring section 8, 9, 10 or 11 of the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975* to apply to goods of a particular kind that may be imported into Australia;

(b) goods of that kind are imported while that notice is in force; and

(c) security is taken after the importation of those goods in relation to the interim duty that may be payable in respect of them;

subsection (2) does not apply in relation to that security.

46 New sureties

If the Collector shall not at any time be satisfied with the sufficiency of any security the Collector may require a fresh security and a fresh security shall be given accordingly.

47 Form of Customs security

The form of Customs security in Schedule I hereto shall suffice for all the purposes of a bond or guarantee under this Act and without sealing shall bind its subscribers as if sealed and unless otherwise provided therein jointly and severally and for the full amount.

48 Effect of Customs security

(1) Whenever any such Customs security is put in suit by the Collector the production thereof without further proof shall entitle the Collector to judgment for their stated liability against the persons appearing to have executed the same unless the defendants shall prove compliance with the condition or that the security was not executed by them or release or satisfaction.

(2) If it appears to the Court that a non-compliance with a Customs security has occurred, the security shall not be deemed to have been discharged or invalidated, and the subscribers shall not be deemed to have been released or discharged from liability by reason of:

(a) an extension of time or other concession;

(b) the Customs having consented to, or acquiesced in, a previous non-compliance with the condition; or

(c) the Collector having failed to bring suit against the subscribers upon the occurrence of a previous non-compliance with the condition.

Part IV—The importation of goods

Division 1A—Preliminary

49 Importation

For the purpose of securing the due importation of goods:

(1) The ship or aircraft may be boarded.

(2) The cargo shall be reported.

(3) The goods shall be entered unshipped and may be examined.

49A Ships and aircraft deemed to be imported

(1) Where:

(a) a ship or an aircraft has entered Australia; and

(b) a Collector, after making such inquiries as he thinks appropriate, has reason to believe that the ship or aircraft might have been imported into Australia;

he may serve, in accordance with subsection (4), a notice in respect of the ship or aircraft stating that, if the ship or aircraft remains in Australia throughout the period of 30 days commencing on the day on which the notice was served, the ship or aircraft shall be deemed to have been imported into Australia and may be forfeited.

(2) Where a notice under subsection (1) has been served in respect of a ship or an aircraft, a Collector, if he considers that, having regard to weather conditions or any other relevant matter, it is reasonable to do so, may extend the period specified in the notice by serving, in accordance with subsection (4), a notice in respect of the ship or aircraft stating that that period has been extended and specifying the period by which it has been extended.

(3) Where a notice under subsection (1) has been served in respect of a ship or an aircraft, a Collector may, before the expiration of the period specified in the notice, or, if that period has been extended under subsection (2), that period as extended, revoke that notice by serving, in accordance with subsection (4), a notice in respect of

the ship or aircraft stating that the first-mentioned notice is revoked.

(4) A Collector shall serve a notice under subsection (1), (2) or (3) in respect of a ship or an aircraft by causing the notice to be affixed to a prominent part of the ship or aircraft.

(5) Where a Collector serves a notice under subsection (1), (2) or (3) in respect of a ship or an aircraft, he shall, as soon as practicable after serving the notice, publish a copy of the notice in:

(a) a newspaper circulating generally in the State or Territory in which the ship or aircraft is situated, or, in the case of a ship or seaplane that is not in a State or Territory, in the State or Territory that is adjacent to the place where the ship or seaplane is situated; and

(b) if that newspaper does not circulate in the locality in which the ship or aircraft is situated—a newspaper (if any) circulating in that locality.

(6) Where a Collector who proposes to serve a notice under subsection (1), (2) or (3) in respect of a ship or aircraft considers that the person (if any) in charge of the ship or aircraft is unlikely to be able to read the English language but is likely to be able to read another language, the Collector shall, when causing the notice to be affixed to the ship or aircraft, cause a translation of the notice into a language that that person is likely to be able to read to be affixed to the ship or aircraft as near as practicable to the notice.

(7) Where:

(a) a Collector has served a notice under subsection (1) in respect of a ship or aircraft;

(b) the Collector has complied with subsections (5) and (6) in relation to the notice;

(c) the notice has not been revoked under subsection (3);

(d) the ship or aircraft has remained in Australia throughout the period specified in the notice, or, if that period has been extended under subsection (2), that period as extended; and

(e) an entry has not been made in respect of the ship or aircraft during that period or that period as extended, as the case requires;

the ship or aircraft shall, for the purpose of this Act be deemed to have been imported into Australia on the expiration of that period or that period as extended, as the case requires.

(8) A reference in this section to Australia shall be read as including a reference to waters within the limits of any State or internal Territory.

(9) A reference in this section to a ship shall be read as not including a reference to an overseas resources installation or to an overseas sea installation.

49B Installations and goods deemed to be imported

(1) Where:

(a) an overseas resources installation (not being an installation referred to in subsection (2)), becomes attached to the Australian seabed; or

(b) an overseas sea installation (not being an installation referred to in subsection (2)) becomes installed in an adjacent area or in a coastal area;

the installation and any goods on the installation at the time when it becomes so attached or so installed shall, for the purposes of the Customs Acts, be deemed to have been imported into Australia at the time when the installation becomes so attached or so installed.

(2) Where:

(a) an overseas resources installation is brought to a place in Australia and is to be taken from that place into Australian waters for the purposes of being attached to the Australian seabed; or

(b) an overseas sea installation is brought to a place in Australia and is to be taken from that place into an adjacent area or into a coastal area for the purposes of being installed in that area;

the installation and any goods on the installation at the time when it is brought to that place shall, for the purpose of the Customs Acts, be deemed to have been imported into Australia at the time when the installation is brought to that place.

Division 1—Prohibited imports

50 Prohibition of the importation of goods

(1) The Governor-General may, by regulation, prohibit the importation of goods into Australia.

(2) The power conferred by the last preceding subsection may be exercised:

(a) by prohibiting the importation of goods absolutely;

(aa) by prohibiting the importation of goods in specified circumstances;

(b) by prohibiting the importation of goods from a specified place; or

(c) by prohibiting the importation of goods unless specified conditions or restrictions are complied with.

(3) Without limiting the generality of paragraph (2)(c), the regulations:

(a) may provide that the importation of the goods is prohibited unless a licence, permission, consent or approval to import the goods or a class of goods in which the goods are included has been granted as prescribed by the regulations made under this Act or the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*; and

(b) in relation to licences or permissions granted as prescribed by regulations made under this Act—may make provision for and in relation to:

(i) the assignment of licences or permissions so granted or of licences or permissions included in a prescribed class of licences or permissions so granted;

(ii) the granting of a licence or permission to import goods subject to compliance with conditions or requirements, either before or after the importation of the goods, by the holder of the licence or permission at the time the goods are imported;

(iii) the surrender of a licence or permission to import goods and, in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the surrender of a licence or permission to

import goods in exchange for the granting to the holder of the surrendered licence or permission of another licence or permission or other licences or permissions to import goods; and

(iv) the revocation of a licence or permission that is granted subject to a condition or requirement to be complied with by a person for a failure by the person to comply with the condition or requirement, whether or not the person is charged with an offence against subsection (4) in respect of the failure.

(3A) Without limiting the generality of subparagraph (3)(b)(ii), a condition referred to in that subparagraph may be a condition that, before the expiration of a period specified in the permission or that period as extended with the approval of the Collector, that person, or, if that person is a natural person who dies before the expiration of that period or that period as extended, as the case may be, the legal personal representative of that person, shall export, or cause the exportation of, the goods from Australia.

(4) A person is guilty of an offence if:

(a) a licence or permission has been granted, on or after 16 October 1963, under the regulations; and

(b) the licence or permission relates to goods that are not narcotic goods; and

(c) the licence or permission is subject to a condition or requirement to be complied with by the person; and

(d) the person engages in conduct; and

(e) the person's conduct contravenes the condition or requirement.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

(5) Subsection (4) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(6) Absolute liability applies to paragraph (4)(a), despite subsection (5).

Note: For ***absolute liability***, see section 6.2 of the *Criminal Code*.

(7) A person is guilty of an offence if:

(a) a licence or permission has been granted, on or after 16 October 1963, under the regulations; and

(b) the licence or permission relates to goods that are narcotic goods; and

(c) the licence or permission is subject to a condition or requirement to be complied with by the person; and

(d) the person engages in conduct; and

(e) the person's conduct contravenes the condition or requirement.

(8) A person who is convicted of an offence against subsection (7) is punishable as provided by section 235.

(9) Absolute liability applies to paragraph (7)(a).

Note: For ***absolute liability***, see section 6.2 of the *Criminal Code*.

(10) In this section:

engage in conduct means:

(a) do an act; or

(b) omit to perform an act.

51 Prohibited imports

(1) Goods, the importation of which is prohibited under section 50, are prohibited imports.

(2) Notwithstanding the generality of subsection (1), ships, boats and aircraft the importation of which is prohibited under section 50 are prohibited imports if, and only if, they have been imported into Australia.

Division 2—The boarding of ships and aircraft

58 Ships and aircraft to enter ports or airports

(1) The master of a ship or the pilot of any aircraft shall not suffer his ship or aircraft to enter any place other than a port or airport unless from stress of weather or other reasonable cause.

Penalty: $50,000.

(1A) Subsection (1) does not apply if the master or pilot has the permission of a Collector given under subsection (2).

(2) A Collector may, by notice in writing given to the master of a ship or the pilot of an aircraft who has applied for permission to bring his ship or aircraft to a place other than a port or airport, give the person permission, subject to such conditions (if any) as are specified in the notice, to bring the ship or aircraft to, or to remain at, that place.

(3) A person who has been given permission under subsection (2) shall not refuse or fail to comply with any condition (including a condition imposed or varied under subsection (4)) to which that permission is subject.

Penalty: $10,000.

(4) Where a Collector has, under subsection (2), given a person permission to bring a ship or aircraft to a place other than a port or airport, the Collector may, at any time before that ship or aircraft is brought to that place, by notice in writing served on the person:

(a) revoke the permission;

(b) revoke or vary a condition to which the permission is subject; or

(c) impose new conditions to which the permission is to be subject.

(5) Conditions to which a permission under subsection (2) may be subject include conditions relating to matters occurring while the ship or aircraft is at the place to which the permission relates.

(6) A reference in this section to a ship or aircraft entering, or being brought to, a place other than a port or airport shall be read as including a reference to the ship or aircraft being brought to a ship that is at an Australian resources installation or an Australian sea installation.

58A Direct journeys between installations and external places prohibited

(1) For the purposes of this section, installations shall be deemed not to be a part of Australia.

(2) Subject to subsection (6), where a person:

(a) travels from an external place to:

(i) a sea installation installed in an adjacent area or in a coastal area; or

(ii) a resources installation attached to the Australian seabed;

whether or not in the course of a longer journey; and

(b) has not been available for questioning in Australia for the purposes of this Act after leaving the place and before arriving at the installation;

then:

(c) that person;

(d) the holder of the permit for the installation or, if there is no such holder, the owner of the installation; and

(e) the owner and person in charge of a ship or aircraft on which the person travelled from the place to the installation;

are each guilty of an offence against this section.

(3) Subject to subsection (6), where goods:

(a) are brought from an external place to:

(i) a sea installation installed in an adjacent area or in a coastal area; or

(ii) a resources installation attached to the Australian seabed;

whether or not previously brought to that place from another place; and

(b) have not been available for examination in Australia for the purposes of this Act after leaving the place and before arriving at the installation;

then:

(c) the owner of the goods at the time of their arrival at the installation;

(d) the holder of the permit for the installation or, if there is no such holder, the owner of the installation; and

(e) the owner and person in charge of a ship or aircraft on which the goods were transported from the place to the installation;

are each guilty of an offence against this section.

(4) Subject to subsection (6), where a person:

(a) travels from:

(i) a sea installation installed in an adjacent area or in a coastal area; or

(ii) a resources installation attached to the Australian seabed;

whether or not in the course of a longer journey; and

(b) has not been available for questioning in Australia for the purposes of this Act after leaving the installation and before arriving in the place;

then:

(c) that person;

(d) the holder of the permit for the installation or, if there is no such holder, the owner of the installation; and

(e) the owner and person in charge of a ship or aircraft on which the person travelled from the installation to the place;

are each guilty of an offence against this section.

(5) Subject to subsection (6), where goods:

(a) are sent from:

(i) a sea installation installed in an adjacent area or in a coastal area; or

(ii) a resources installation attached to the Australian seabed;

whether or not the goods are sent on from that place; and

(b) have not been available for examination in Australia for the purposes of this Act after leaving the installation and before arriving in the place;

then:

(c) the person who sent the goods;

(d) the holder of the permit for the installation or, if there is no such holder, the owner of the installation; and

(e) the owner and person in charge of a ship or aircraft on which the goods were transported from the installation to the place;

are each guilty of an offence against this section.

(5A) Subsections (2), (3), (4) and (5) are offences of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(6) It is a defence to a charge of an offence against this section if it is established that the journey because of which the offence would have been committed:

(a) was necessary to secure the safety of, or appeared to be the only way of averting a threat to, human life;

(b) was necessary to secure, or appeared to be the only way of averting a threat to, the safety of a ship at sea, of an aircraft in flight or of an installation; or

(c) was authorised in writing, by the CEO, and was carried out in accordance with the conditions (if any) specified in that authorisation.

(7) Subsection (6) shall not be taken to limit by implication any defence that would, but for the subsection, be available to a person charged with an offence against this section.

(8) For the purposes of this section:

(a) a person shall not be taken to travel from or to an external place or an installation because only of having been in an aircraft flying over, or on a landing place in, the place or installation; and

(b) goods shall not be taken to have been brought from, or sent to, an external place or an installation because only of being in an aircraft flying over, or on a landing place in, the place or installation.

Penalty: $10,000.

58B Direct journeys between certain resources installations and external places prohibited

(1) In this section:

external place does not include East Timor.

(2) Subject to subsection (6), where a person travels from an external place to a resources installation in Area A (whether or not in the course of a longer journey) without entering either Australia or East Timor:

(a) that person; and

(b) the owner of the installation; and

(c) the owner and person in charge of the ship or aircraft on which the person arrives at the installation;

are each guilty of an offence against this section.

(3) Subject to subsection (6), where goods are taken from an external place to a resources installation in Area A (whether or not previously brought to that place from another place) without being taken into either Australia or East Timor:

(a) the owner of the goods at the time of their arrival at the installation; and

(b) the owner of the installation; and

(c) the owner and person in charge of the ship or aircraft on which the goods arrive at the installation;

are each guilty of an offence against this section.

(4) Subject to subsection (6), where a person travels from a resources installation in Area A to an external place (whether or not in the course of a longer journey) without entering either Australia or East Timor:

(a) that person; and

(b) the owner of the installation; and

(c) the owner and person in charge of the ship or aircraft on which the person left the installation;

are each guilty of an offence against this section.

(5) Subject to subsection (6), where goods are sent from a resources installation in Area A to an external place (whether or not the goods are sent on from that place) without being taken into Australia or East Timor:

(a) the person who sends the goods; and

(b) the owner of the installation; and

(c) the owner and person in charge of the ship or aircraft on which the goods leave the installation;

are each guilty of an offence against this section.

(5A) Subsections (2), (3), (4) and (5) are offences of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(6) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against this section that the journey because of which the offence would have been committed:

(a) was necessary to secure the safety of, or appeared to be the only way of averting a threat to, human life; or

(b) was necessary to secure, or appeared to be the only way of averting a threat to, the safety of a ship at sea, of an aircraft in flight or of a resources installation; or

(c) was authorised in writing by the CEO and was carried out in accordance with the conditions (if any) specified in the authorisation.

(7) Subsection (6) is not to be taken to limit by implication any defence that would, apart from that subsection, be available to a person charged with an offence against this section.

(8) For the purposes of this section:

(a) a person is not to be taken to travel from or to an external place or an installation only because the person is in an aircraft flying over, or on a landing place in or on, the place or installation; and

(b) goods are not to be taken to have been brought from, or sent to, an external place or an installation only because the

goods were in an aircraft that flew over, or was on a landing place in or on, the place or installation.

(9) A person who commits an offence against this section is punishable, on conviction, by a fine not exceeding $10,000.

60 Boarding stations

(1) The master of every ship from a place outside Australia bound to or calling at any port shall bring his ship to for boarding at a boarding station appointed for that port and shall permit his ship to be boarded.

Penalty: $10,000.

(1A) Subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(2) The pilot of an aircraft from a place outside Australia arriving in Australia shall not suffer the aircraft to land at any other airport until the aircraft has first landed:

(a) at such airport for which a boarding station is appointed as is nearest to the place at which the aircraft entered Australia; or

(b) at such other airport for which a boarding station is appointed as has been approved by the CEO, in writing, as an airport at which that aircraft, or a class of aircraft in which that aircraft is included, may land on arriving in Australia from a place outside Australia.

Penalty: $10,000.

(2A) For the purposes of an offence against subsection (2), strict liability applies to the physical element of circumstance of the offence, that an airport for which a boarding station is appointed and at which the aircraft did not first land:

(a) is nearest to the place at which the aircraft entered Australia; or

(b) is one that has been approved by the CEO, in writing, as an airport at which that aircraft, or a class of aircraft in which that aircraft is included, may land on arriving in Australia from a place outside Australia.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(3) The pilot of an aircraft engaged on an air service or flight between Australia and a place outside Australia:

(a) shall not suffer the aircraft to land at an airport for which a boarding station is not appointed; and

(b) shall, as soon as practicable after the aircraft lands at an airport, bring the aircraft for boarding to a boarding station appointed for that airport and shall permit the aircraft to be boarded.

Penalty: $10,000.

(4) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against a provision of subsection (2) or (3) if the person charged proves that he was prevented from complying with the provision by stress of weather or other reasonable cause.

61 Facility for boarding

(1) The master of any ship or the pilot of any aircraft permitting his ship or aircraft to be boarded, the master of a resources installation, or the owner of a sea installation, shall, by all reasonable means, facilitate the boarding of the ship, aircraft or installation by a person who is authorized under this Act to board that ship, aircraft or installation.

Penalty: $5,000.

(2) Subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

62 Ships to come quickly to place of unlading

(1) When a ship has been brought to at a boarding station and boarded by an officer, the master of the ship shall, subject to any direction given under section 275A, bring the ship to the proper place of mooring or to the proper wharf appointed under subsection 15(2), without touching at any other place, as quickly as it is practicable for him lawfully to do so.

Penalty: $5,000.

(2) Subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

63 Ship or aircraft not to be moved without authority

(1) No ship or aircraft after arrival at the proper place of mooring or at the proper wharf appointed under subsection 15(2) shall be removed therefrom before the discharge of the cargo intended to be discharged at the port or airport.

Penalty: $5,000.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the removal is by authority or by direction of the harbour or aerial authority.

(3) Subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

Division 3—The report of the cargo

Subdivision A—General reporting requirements

63A Definitions [*see* Notes 5 and 6]

In this Division:

abbreviated cargo report means a computer cargo report, in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind, made by a special reporter in relation to cargo of that kind in accordance with the requirements of section 64AB.

applicant means an applicant under Subdivision C for registration, or for renewal of registration, as a special reporter in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind.

application means an application under Subdivision C for registration, or for renewal of registration, as a special reporter in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind.

dedicated computer facilities, in relation to a person who is seeking to be registered, or is or has been registered, as a special reporter in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind, means computer facilities of that person that meet the requirements of Subdivision C relating to the making of abbreviated cargo reports in relation to cargo of that kind, and the storage of electronic information concerning individual consignments covered by those reports.

house agreement, in relation to a particular mail-order house and to a particular registered user proposing to handle consignments from that house, means a written agreement between that house and that user that includes provisions:

(a) setting out the arrangements made by the user with the house for the shipment of low value goods consigned by that house and handled by that user; and

(b) providing that all such consignments from that house that are to be handled by that user will be consolidated at a single

place of export outside Australia designated or determined in accordance with the agreement; and

(c) providing that the house will transmit electronically to the user full particulars of each such consignment for which an order has been placed including details of the consignment's transportation to Australia.

low value cargo means cargo of one of the following kinds:

(a) cargo (other than reportable documents) consigned from a particular mail-order house;

(b) cargo comprising reportable documents;

(c) cargo comprising other goods of a kind prescribed by the regulations;

being cargo in relation to each single consignment of which:

(d) section 68 does not apply because of paragraph 68(1)(f); and

(e) the total liability for import duty and sales tax does not exceed $50 or such other amount, not exceeding $75, as is from time to time prescribed for the purposes of this definition.

mail-order house means a commercial establishment carrying on business outside Australia that sells goods solely in response to orders placed with it either by mail or electronic means.

notified premises, in relation to a person who is, or has been, a special reporter in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind, means:

(a) the premises or all premises indicated in the application, in accordance with subsection 67EC(3), as places in Australia at which are located:

(i) dedicated computer facilities for the storage of information relating to cargo of that kind; or

(ii) documents relating to such information; and

(b) if a special reporter notifies the CEO under subsection 67EF(2) that, with effect from a particular day, the premises at which all or any of those facilities or documents will be located is to be changed to another place in Australia—with effect from that day, the premises at which all of those facilities and documents will be located.

registered user means a registered user under section 67C in relation to the Sea Cargo Automation System or the Air Cargo Automation System.

reportable document means:

(a) any paper or other material on which there is writing; or

(b) any paper or other material on which there are marks, figures, symbols or perforations having a meaning for persons qualified to interpret them; or

(c) any paper or other material on which a photographic image or other image is recorded; or

(d) any article or material from which sounds, images or writing is capable of being produced with or without the aid of a computer or of some other device;

but does not include any such paper, article or other material:

(e) that comprises advertising material; or

(f) that does not yet contain the sounds, images or writing for the carriage of which it was produced.

special reporter means a person who is registered under Subdivision C as a special reporter in respect of low value cargo of a particular kind.

64 Impending arrival report [*see* Note 5]

(1A) This section applies to a ship or aircraft on a voyage or flight to Australia from a place outside Australia.

(1) The master or owner of a ship to which this section applies that is due to arrive at a port in Australia (whether the first port or any subsequent port on the same voyage) must, in accordance with subsection (3) or (4), report its impending arrival to Customs:

(a) if the journey from the last port is likely to take not less than 48 hours—not later than 48 hours before its arrival; and

(b) if the journey from the last port is likely to take less than 48 hours—not later than 24 hours before its arrival.

Penalty: $500.

(2) The pilot or owner of an aircraft to which this section applies that is due to arrive at an airport in Australia (whether the first airport

or any subsequent airport on the same flight) must, in accordance with subsection (3), report its impending arrival to Customs:

(a) if the journey from the last airport is likely to take not less than 3 hours—not later than 3 hours before its arrival; and

(b) if the journey from the last airport is likely to take less than 3 hours—not later than one hour before its arrival.

Penalty: $500.

(2A) A report under subsection (1) or (2) may be made by document, telephone call, facsimile or, in the case of a report under subsection (1) made by an owner of a ship who is a registered user in relation to the Sea Cargo Automation System, by computer.

(3) A report for the purposes of subsection (1) or (2) (other than a computer report for the purposes of subsection (1)) must:

(a) be communicated to Customs by sending or giving it to an officer doing duty in relation to the reporting of ships or aircraft at the port or airport at which the ship or aircraft is expected to arrive; and

(b) identify the ship or aircraft concerned and the port or airport at which it is expected to arrive and state the expected time of its arrival at that port or airport.

(4) A computer report for the purposes of subsection (1) must:

(a) be transmitted to Customs using the Sea Cargo Automation System; and

(b) communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement; and

(c) be signed by transmitting the identifying code of the person making the report.

64AA Arrival report [*see* Note 5]

(1AA) This section applies to a ship or aircraft on a voyage or flight to Australia from a place outside Australia.

(1) The master or owner of a ship to which this section applies that has arrived at a port in Australia (whether the first port or any subsequent port on the same voyage) must, in accordance with subsection (2), report the ship's arrival to Customs together with

particulars of the ship's stores, and of the personal effects of the crew, on board at the time of arrival:

(a) before the end of a period of 24 hours after the ship's arrival; or

(b) before the issue of a Certificate of Clearance in respect of the ship and the port;

whichever first happens.

Penalty: $500.

(1A) In calculating the period of 24 hours after the ship's arrival for the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), any time that falls on a Sunday or a holiday is to be disregarded.

(1B) The pilot or owner of an aircraft to which this section applies that has arrived at an airport in Australia (whether the first airport or any subsequent airport on the same flight) must, in accordance with subsection (2), report the aircraft's arrival to Customs together with particulars of the aircraft's stores, within the meaning of section 130C, on board at the time of arrival:

(a) before the end of a period of 3 hours after the aircraft's arrival; or

(b) before the issue of a Certificate of Clearance in respect of the aircraft and the airport;

whichever happens first.

Penalty: $500.

(2) A report for the purposes of subsection (1) or (1B) must:

(a) be in writing; and

(b) be in an approved form; and

(c) be communicated to Customs by sending or giving it to an officer doing duty in relation to the reporting of ships or aircraft at the port or airport of arrival; and

(d) contain such information as is required by the form; and

(e) be signed in a manner specified in the form.

(3) In this section:

ship's stores means ship's stores within the meaning of section 130C.

64AAA–64AAC [Not in operation—*see* Note 5]

64AB Cargo report [*see* Notes 5 and 6]

(1) This section applies to a ship or aircraft on a voyage or flight to Australia from a place outside Australia.

(2) Before a Collector's permit is granted in respect of any goods, being cargo on board a ship to which this section applies that is due to arrive at a port in Australia (whether the first port or any subsequent port on the same voyage), the master or owner of the ship must communicate to Customs a report of the cargo that is intended to be unshipped at the port:

(a) if the journey from the last port is likely to take not less than 48 hours—not later than 48 hours before the ship's arrival at the port; and

(b) if the journey from the last port is likely to take less than 48 hours—not later than 24 hours before its arrival.

(3) Before a Collector's permit is granted in respect of any goods, being cargo on board an aircraft to which this section applies that is due to arrive at an airport in Australia, (whether the first airport or any subsequent airport on the same journey), the pilot or owner of the aircraft must communicate to Customs a report of the cargo that is intended to be unshipped at the airport not later than:

(a) if that report is made by document—3 hours after the arrival of the aircraft at the airport; or

(b) if that report is made by computer—2 hours before the arrival of the aircraft at the airport.

(3A) A report under subsection (2) or (3) may be made by document or, in the case of a report by an owner of a ship or aircraft who is a registered user, by computer.

(3B) An owner of a ship or an aircraft who is a special reporter in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind must, unless subsection (3C) applies, transmit each cargo report that relates to low value cargo of that kind to Customs by computer.

(3C) Subsection (3B) does not affect the obligations imposed on the owner of a ship or an aircraft to report a particular consignment of

low value cargo in relation to which the owner is a special reporter at any time when the owner is temporarily unable to transmit to Customs a computer report that covers that consignment.

(3D) For the purposes of a computer cargo report in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind, the statement approved under subsection (5) must not require the special reporter making the report to include information relating to cargo of that kind at a level of specificity below the level of a submaster air waybill or an ocean bill of lading, as the case requires.

(4) A documentary report of the cargo intended to be unshipped from a ship or aircraft at a particular port or airport must:

(a) be communicated to Customs by sending or giving it to a prescribed officer; and

(b) be in the approved form for ship cargo or air cargo, as the case requires; and

(c) contain:

(i) the information required by the form; or

(ii) particulars of the person who is able to provide the information required by the form; and

(d) be signed in a manner specified in the form.

(5) A computer report of the cargo intended to be unshipped from a ship or aircraft must:

(a) be transmitted to Customs using a cargo automation system; and

(b) communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement; and

(c) be signed by transmitting the identifying code of the person making the report.

(6) Nothing in this section prevents the CEO from approving different approved forms and different approved statements for the cargo reports of different kinds of owner of a ship or aircraft.

(7) A report (whether documentary or electronic) that:

(a) would be, or would be a part of, a cargo report except that the report was communicated to Customs later than the relevant time specified in subsection (2) or (3); and

(b) otherwise complies with subsection (4) or (5), as the case requires;

is, for the purposes only of sections 64ABB, 64ABC and 64ABD, taken to be, or to be a part of, a cargo report and to have been communicated to Customs in accordance with this section.

64ABAA–64ABAC [Not in operation—*see* Note 5]

64ABA Amendment of cargo reports [*see* Note 6]

(1) At any time after a cargo report is communicated to Customs but before the delivery of the goods into home consumption or warehousing covered by the report, the person who communicated the report to Customs may, by document or by computer, communicate a variation of the report to Customs.

(2) If a variation of a cargo report will result in a decrease in the quantity of any kind of goods previously covered by the report, the person communicating the variation must, as soon as practicable after so doing but not later than 90 days after so doing, also communicate to Customs an explanation of why the quantity of goods of that kind is so decreased.

(3) The variation and, if it is dealt with at a separate time, the explanation, must:

(a) if it is a variation of, or an explanation relating to, a documentary cargo report—be communicated to Customs, and be signed, as required for the original cargo report under subsection 64AB(4); and

(b) if it is a variation of, or an explanation relating to, a computer cargo report—be transmitted to Customs, and signed, as required for the original cargo report under subsection 64AB(5).

(4) A variation of a report is taken to have been communicated to Customs at the time when, in accordance with section 64AD, it would be taken to be so communicated if it constituted a complete cargo report and, with effect from that time, the original cargo report has effect as if it had been communicated incorporating the variations.

64ABB Liability for cargo report processing charge

A person who communicates to Customs a documentary report:

(a) that is, or is a part of, a cargo report; and

(b) that provides particulars of a consignment; and

(c) that identifies a person who has a beneficial interest in the goods in that consignment;

is liable to pay cargo report processing charge in respect of the documentary report.

64ABC Liability for screening charge [*see* Note 5]

(1) Subject to subsection (1A), a person who communicates to Customs a report (whether documentary or electronic):

(a) that is, or is a part of, a cargo report of goods that are intended to be, or that have been, unshipped from a ship or aircraft at a particular port or airport; and

(b) that relates, in whole or in part, to a consignment of goods that do not require entry; and

(c) that provides:

(i) in the case of a report other than an electronic report made by a special reporter—particulars of the consignment; and

(ii) in the case of an electronic report made by a special reporter in relation to low value cargo of a kind to which the reporter's registration relates—such information concerning the cargo covered by the report as is required under subsection 64AB(5); and

(d) that identifies a person who has a beneficial interest in the goods in that consignment;

is liable to pay screening charge, additional to any cargo report processing charge that may be payable under section 64ABB, in respect of the documentary or electronic report.

(1A) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person who makes a cargo report in relation to goods that are intended to be, or that have been, unshipped from a ship except to the extent (if any) that the goods covered by the report are low value cargo of a particular kind and the person is a special reporter in relation to those goods.

(2) In this section:

goods that do not require entry means goods that, because they are included in paragraph 68(1)(f), are not goods to which section 68 applies.

64ABD Special arrangements for payment of cargo report processing charge or screening charge [*see* Note 5]

(1) The CEO may make an arrangement with a person under which the person agrees to pay to the Commonwealth:

(a) within a specified interval after the end of each consecutive period specified in the arrangement (a ***liability period***); and

(b) in the manner provided in the arrangement;

the total of all cargo report processing charge, of all screening charge, or of all of both charges, in relation to goods covered by documentary reports, for which the person becomes liable during the liability period.

(2) If:

(a) the CEO has not made an arrangement under subsection (3); or

(b) an arrangement made under subsection (3) is terminated in the circumstances set out in subsection (6);

the person must, within 21 days after the person is notified by Customs of the total amount of all the screening charge in relation to goods covered by electronic reports for which the person becomes liable during each respective month of the year, pay to the Commonwealth that amount.

(3) The CEO may make an arrangement with a person under which the person agrees to pay to the Commonwealth, in the manner provided in the arrangement, screening charge, in relation to goods covered by electronic reports.

(4) An amount payable by a person:

(a) under an arrangement made under subsection (1) or (3); or

(b) in accordance with subsection (2);

may be recovered by the Commonwealth by action against the person in a court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due to the Commonwealth.

(5) If:

(a) a person has entered into an arrangement under subsection (1); and

(b) a person refuses or fails, within the specified interval after the end of a liability period referred to in that arrangement, to pay to the Commonwealth the amount of screening charge or cargo report processing charge for which the person became liable during that liability period;

the arrangement is terminated by force of this subsection.

(6) If:

(a) a person has entered into an arrangement under subsection (3); and

(b) a person refuses or fails to pay screening charge in accordance with the arrangement;

the arrangement is terminated by force of this subsection.

64AC Passenger and crew report [*see* Notes 5 and 6]

(1) This section applies to a ship or aircraft on a voyage or flight to Australia from a place outside Australia.

(2) The master or owner of a ship to which this section applies that is due to arrive at a port in Australia (whether the first port or any subsequent port on the same voyage) must communicate to Customs, by document or computer, a report of all the crew and passengers who will be on board the ship at the time of its arrival at the port:

(a) if the journey from the last port is likely to take not less than 48 hours—not later than 48 hours before the ship's arrival at the port; and

(b) if the journey from the last port is likely to take less than 48 hours—not later than 24 hours before its arrival.

Penalty: $500.

(2A) The pilot or owner of an aircraft to which this section applies that is due to arrive at an airport in Australia (whether the first airport or any subsequent airport on the same flight) must communicate to Customs:

(a) by document—not later than 3 hours after the arrival of the aircraft at the airport; or

(b) by computer—not later than the time of arrival of the aircraft at the airport;

a report of the full name and date of birth of each crew member and the number of passengers who were or will be on board the aircraft at the time of its arrival at the airport.

Penalty: $500.

(3) A documentary passenger and crew report must:

(a) be communicated to Customs by sending or giving it to a prescribed officer; and

(b) be in an approved form; and

(c) contain the information required by the form; and

(d) be signed in a manner specified in the form.

(4) A computer passenger and crew report must:

(a) be transmitted to Customs using the prescribed computer system; and

(b) communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement; and

(c) be signed by transmitting such identifying information as is prescribed.

64ACA [Not in operation—*see* Notes 5 and 6]

64ACB–64ACD [Not in operation—*see* Note 6]

64ACE [Not in operation—*see* Notes 5 and 6]

64AD Communication of reports to Customs [*see* Notes 5 and 6]

(1) For the purposes of this Act, a documentary impending arrival report, an arrival report, a documentary cargo report or a

documentary passenger and crew report may be sent to an officer referred to in subsection 64(3), 64AA(2), 64AB(4) or 64AC(3), as the case requires, in any manner prescribed and, when so sent, is taken to have been communicated to Customs at such time and in such circumstances as are prescribed.

(2) For the purposes of this Act, a documentary impending arrival report, an arrival report, a documentary cargo report or a documentary passenger and crew report that is given to an officer referred to in subsection 64(3), 64AA(2), 64AB(4) or 64AC(3), as the case requires, is taken to have been communicated to Customs when it is received by the officer.

(3) For the purposes of this Act, a computer impending arrival report, a computer cargo report or a computer passenger and crew report that is transmitted to Customs using a prescribed computer system is taken to have been communicated to Customs when an acknowledgment of the report is transmitted to the person identified in the report as the person transmitting the report.

64ADA Disclosure of cargo reports to port authorities

(1) The CEO or an officer may disclose a cargo report to a port authority for the purpose of enabling the authority to collect statistics or compute liability for wharfage charges.

(2) A person to whom information is disclosed under subsection (1) must not:

(a) use the information for any purpose other than the purpose for which the information was disclosed; or

(b) disclose the information to any person except to the extent necessary for that purpose.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 2 years.

(3) A reference in this section to disclosure of information includes a reference to disclosure by way of the provision of electronic access to the information.

64AE Obligation to answer questions and produce documents

[*see* Notes 5 and 6]

(1) The master and owner of a ship to which section 64, 64AA, 64AB or 64AC applies must each:

(a) answer questions asked by a Collector relating to the ship or the ship's cargo, crew, passengers, stores or voyage; and

(b) at the request of a Collector, produce documents relating to the ship or the ship's cargo, crew, passengers, stores or voyage that are in his or her possession or control at the time of the request.

Penalty: $500.

(1A) Subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(2) The pilot and owner of an aircraft to which section 64, 64AA, 64AB or 64AC applies must each:

(a) answer questions asked by a Collector relating to the aircraft or the aircraft's cargo, crew, passengers, stores or flight; and

(b) at the request of a Collector, produce documents relating to the aircraft or the aircraft's cargo, crew, passengers, stores or flight that are in his or her possession or control at the time of the request.

Penalty: $500.

(2A) Subsection (2) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(3) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against subsection (1) or (2) if the person charged had a reasonable excuse for:

(a) refusing or failing to answer questions asked by a Collector; or

(b) refusing or failing to produce documents when so requested by a Collector.

64AF Obligation to provide access to passenger information

(1) An operator of an international passenger air service commits an offence if:

(a) the operator receives a request from the CEO to allow authorised officers ongoing access to the operator's passenger information in a particular manner and form; and

(b) the operator fails to provide that access in that manner and form.

Note 1: For ***operator***, ***international passenger air service*** and ***passenger information***, see subsection (6).

Note 2: The obligation to provide access must be complied with even if the information concerned is personal information (as defined in the *Privacy Act 1988*).

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

(2) An operator of an international passenger air service does not commit an offence against subsection (1) at a particular time if, at that time, the operator cannot itself access the operator's passenger information.

Note 1: For example, the operator cannot access the operator's passenger information if the operator's computer system is not working.

Note 2: A defendant bears an evidential burden in relation to the matter in subsection (2) (see subsection 13.3(3) of the *Criminal Code*).

(3) An operator of an international passenger air service commits an offence if the operator fails to provide an authorised officer to whom the operator is required to allow access in accordance with subsection (1) with all reasonable facilities, and assistance, necessary to obtain information by means of that access and to understand information obtained.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

(4) An operator of an international passenger air service does not commit an offence against subsection (3) if the operator had a reasonable excuse for failing to provide the facilities and assistance in accordance with that subsection.

Note: A defendant bears an evidential burden in relation to the matter in subsection (4) (see subsection 13.3(3) of the *Criminal Code*).

(5) An authorised officer must only access an operator's passenger information for the purposes of performing his or her functions in accordance with:

(a) this Act; or

(b) a law of the Commonwealth prescribed by regulations for the purposes of this paragraph.

(6) In this section:

Australian international flight means a flight:

(a) from a place within Australia to a place outside Australia; or

(b) from a place outside Australia to a place within Australia.

international passenger air service means a service of providing air transportation of people:

(a) by means of Australian international flights (whether or not the operator also operates domestic flights or other international flights); and

(b) for a fee payable by people using the service; and

(c) in accordance with fixed schedules to or from fixed terminals over specific routes; and

(d) that is available to the general public on a regular basis.

operator, in relation to an international passenger air service, means a person who conducts, or offers to conduct, the service.

passenger information, in relation to an operator of an international passenger air service, means any information the operator of the service keeps electronically relating to:

(a) flights scheduled by the operator (including information about schedules, departure and arrival terminals, and routes); and

(b) payments by people of fees relating to flights scheduled by the operator; and

(c) people taking, or proposing to take, flights scheduled by the operator; and

(d) passenger check-in, and seating, relating to flights scheduled by the operator; and

(e) numbers of passengers taking, or proposing to take, flights scheduled by the operator; and

(f) baggage, cargo or anything else carried, or proposed to be carried, on flights scheduled by the operator and the tracking and handling of those things; and

(g) itineraries (including any information about things other than flights scheduled by the operator) for people taking, or proposing to take, flights scheduled by the operator.

Note: The flights referred to are any flights scheduled by the operator (not just Australian international flights).

64A Ships or aircraft arriving at certain places

(1) The master of a relevant ship or the pilot of a relevant aircraft shall, if required to do so by a Collector, make a report within such time as is specified by the Collector and in such form as is specified by the Collector, of the ship or aircraft and of the cargo of the ship or aircraft.

Penalty: $2,000.

(2) The master of a relevant ship or the pilot of a relevant aircraft shall, if required to do so by a Collector, answer questions relating to the ship or aircraft, to its cargo, crew, passengers or stores or to its voyage or flight.

Penalty: $1,000.

(3) The master of a relevant ship or the pilot of a relevant aircraft shall, if required to do so by a Collector, produce documents relating to the matters referred to in subsection (2).

Penalty: $1,000.

(3A) Subsections (1), (2) and (3) are offences of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(4) In this section:

relevant aircraft means an aircraft that arrives from parts beyond the seas at a place other than an airport in pursuance of permission granted under section 58.

relevant ship means a ship that arrives from parts beyond the seas at a place other than a port in pursuance of permission granted under section 58.

65 Master or pilot of wrecked ship or aircraft to report

(1) When any ship is lost or wrecked upon the coast the master or owner shall without any unnecessary delay make report of the ship and cargo by delivering to the Collector a Manifest so far as it may be possible for him to do so at the Customs house nearest to the place where the ship was lost or wrecked or at the chief Customs house of the State where the ship was lost or wrecked.

Penalty: $5,000.

(2) When any aircraft arriving from parts beyond the seas is lost or wrecked at any place within Australia, the pilot or owner shall, without any unnecessary delay, make report of the aircraft and cargo by delivering to the Collector a Manifest, as far as it may be possible for him to do so, at the Customs House nearest to the place where the aircraft was lost or wrecked.

Penalty: $5,000.

(3) Subsections (1) and (2) are offences of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

66 Goods derelict to be delivered to officer

Whoever has any dutiable goods derelict flotsam jetsam lagan or wreck in his possession shall deliver the same to an officer without unnecessary delay.

Penalty: $2,000.

67 Interference with derelict goods

(1) No person shall unnecessarily move alter or interfere with any goods derelict flotsam jetsam lagan or wreck.

Penalty: $2,000.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person who moves, alters or interferes with the goods by authority.

Note: For ***by authority***, see subsection 4(1).

Subdivision B—The use of computers in sea and air cargo automation systems [*see* Note 5]

67A Sea and air cargo automation systems [*see* Note 5]

(1) Customs must establish and maintain a computer system, to be known as the Sea Cargo Automation System, for purposes that include:

(a) the receipt and processing of reports relating to the impending arrival of ships or relating to their cargo; and

(b) the receipt and processing of variations of cargo reports referred to in paragraph (a); and

(c) the acknowledgment of such report or variations of such cargo reports; and

(d) the grant or refusal of permits to unship at a port goods covered by such cargo reports; and

(e) the grant or refusal of cargo clearance advices under section 74A in respect of all or a part of the goods covered by such cargo reports; and

(f) the receipt and processing of movement applications under section 71E.

(2) Customs must establish and maintain a computer system, to be known as the Air Cargo Automation System, for purposes that include:

(a) the receipt and processing of reports relating to an aircraft's cargo; and

(b) the receipt and processing of variations to cargo reports referred to in paragraph (a); and

(c) the acknowledgment by Customs of such reports or variations of such cargo reports; and

(d) the grant or refusal, by Customs, of cargo clearance advices under section 74A in respect of all or a part of the goods covered by such cargo reports; and

(e) the receipt and processing of movement applications under section 71E.

67B Computer access to Customs [*see* Note 5]

(1) A person cannot transmit information to Customs using either the Sea Cargo Automation System or the Air Cargo Automation System unless the person is a registered user in relation to that system.

(2) A person cannot obtain information from Customs using the Sea Cargo Automation System or the Air Cargo Automation System unless:

(a) the person is a registered user in relation to that system, is AQIS or, in relation to the Sea Cargo Automation System, is a port authority; and

(b) if the person is AQIS or is a port authority—the information is provided, and used, only in accordance with section 16 of the *Customs Administration Act 1985*.

(3) A person who becomes a registered user in relation to a cargo automation system will, according to the nature of the person's business, be permitted access to that system in accordance with this Act and with any user agreement entered into by the person.

(4) A registered user, in relation to the Sea Cargo Automation System, is permitted only such access to the system as is set out below:

(a) if the registered user is the owner of a ship:

(i) access to transmit reports relating to the impending arrival of the ship or relating to its cargo; and

(ii) access to transmit variations of reports relating to the cargo of the ship; and

(iii) access to discover whether a permit to unship has been granted, granted subject to conditions, or refused in respect of any goods covered by such a report; and

(iv) access to discover whether a cargo clearance advice has been granted or refused in respect of any goods covered by such a report;

(b) if the registered user is not the owner of a ship:

(i) access to discover whether a permit to unship has been granted, granted subject to conditions, or refused in respect of particular cargo; and

(ii) access to discover whether a cargo clearance advice has been granted or refused in respect of particular cargo.

(5) A registered user, in relation to the Air Cargo Automation System, is permitted only such access to the system as is set out below:

(a) if the registered user is the owner of an aircraft:

(i) access to transmit reports relating to the cargo of the aircraft; and

(ii) access to transmit variations of reports relating to the cargo of the aircraft; and

(iii) access to discover whether a cargo clearance advice has been granted or refused;

(b) if the registered user is not the owner of an aircraft—access to discover whether a cargo clearance advice has been granted or refused in respect of particular cargo.

(6) AQIS is permitted only such access to a cargo automation system as is set out below:

(a) access to any cargo report transmitted to Customs on the computer;

(b) access to discover, in the case of cargo brought to Australia by ship, whether a permit to unship has been granted, granted subject to conditions, or refused in respect of any goods covered by such a report;

(c) access to discover whether a cargo clearance advice has been granted or refused in respect of any goods covered by such a report.

(7) A port authority is permitted access only to the Sea Cargo Automation System and is permitted that access only to obtain such particulars from any cargo report transmitted to Customs on the system as are required for the purpose of compiling statistics and calculating wharfage charges.

67C Registered users [*see* Note 5]

(1) A person who wishes to become a registered user in relation to the Sea Cargo Automation System or the Air Cargo Automation System may apply to the CEO to be so registered in relation to that system.

(2) An application must:
  (a) be in writing; and
  (b) be in an approved form; and
  (c) contain such information as the form requires; and
  (d) be signed in the manner indicated in the form.

(3) The CEO may require an applicant for registration to give such additional information as the CEO considers necessary for the purposes of the application and may refuse to register the person until the information is given to the satisfaction of the CEO.

(4) If an application is made to the CEO under this section for registration in relation to the Sea Cargo Automation System or the Air Cargo Automation System, the CEO must, having regard to that application and, where additional information is supplied in response to a request under subsection (3), to that additional information:
  (a) register the applicant as a registered user in relation to that system by signing a notice stating that the applicant is such a registered user; or
  (b) refuse to register the applicant as a registered user in relation to that system by signing a notice stating that the CEO has refused to register the applicant and setting out the reasons for the refusal.

(5) Without limiting the generality of subsection (4), the CEO may refuse to register an applicant as a registered user in relation to a system if the CEO is satisfied that the applicant does not have, and is not likely to acquire within a reasonable time after making the application, computer facilities of the kind referred to in paragraph (7)(a) in respect of an application for such a registration.

(6) If the CEO registers a person as a registered user in relation to a system, the registration has effect from the day on which the relevant notice was signed.

(7) Each registered user in relation to a system must, as soon as practicable after registration, enter into an agreement with Customs, setting out the terms and conditions of computer access to Customs in accordance with section 67B including:

(a) a condition that the user will use computer facilities of a kind specified in the agreement as suitable for all computer communications with Customs on that system; and

(b) a condition that the user, when assigned an identifying code by the CEO, will ensure the security of the code in a manner indicated in the agreement.

(8) Where a registered user in relation to a system enters into a user agreement, the CEO must forthwith allocate to the user an identifying code for the use of the registered user and any employee of the user when communicating with Customs on that system.

(9) Where, at any time, the CEO becomes satisfied that a person who is a registered user in relation to a system has failed to comply:

(a) with an obligation imposed on the user under this Act; or

(b) with a term of the applicable user agreement;

the CEO may cancel the person's registration as a registered user in relation to that system by sending a notice to the person to the effect that the registration has been cancelled and setting out the reasons for that cancellation.

(10) The cancellation of the registration of a registered user in relation to a system has effect from the day the relevant notice is signed.

(11) The CEO must, as soon as practicable after signing a notice under subsection (4) or (9), serve a copy of the notice on the person concerned but a failure to do so does not alter the effect of the notice.

67D Unauthorised use of registered user's identifying code [*see* Note 5]

If a computer report is communicated to Customs using a registered user's identifying code:

(a) without the authority of the user to whom the code is assigned; and

(b) before notification to Customs by the user of a possible breach of security;

that report will be taken, subject to any evidence of the user to the contrary, to have been communicated by the user.

67E What happens if a cargo automation system is down? [*see* Note 5]

(1) If, because a cargo automation system is inoperative, a registered user in relation to that system cannot transmit a report or, in relation to a cargo report, a variation of the report, to Customs by computer, the user must communicate that report, or that variation, to Customs by document.

(2) If, because a cargo automation system is inoperative, Customs cannot transmit an acknowledgment by computer of a report, or of a variation of a cargo report, to the user, Customs must acknowledge that report, or that variation, by document.

Subdivision C—The registration, rights and obligations of special reporters

67EA Special reporters [*see* Note 5]

For the purposes of sections 64AB and 64ABC of this Act, and of section 7 of the *Import Processing Charges Act 1997*, a person or a partnership may, in accordance with this Subdivision, become a special reporter in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind.

67EB Requirements for registration as a special reporter [*see* Note 5]

(1) The CEO must not register a person as a special reporter if:

(a) the applicant is not a registered user; or

(b) the applicant has not reported as a registered user in relation to low value cargo of that kind in accordance with subsection (2); or

(c) if the applicant is applying to be registered in respect of low value cargo consigned from a particular mail-order house—the applicant is not a party to a house agreement with that mail-order house in force at all times during the 3 consecutive months before the making of the application; or

(d) the applicant does not have dedicated computer facilities having such specifications as are determined, in writing, by the CEO for the purpose of this paragraph, in relation to low value cargo generally, including, in particular, specifications to ensure that the information maintained by the applicant in those facilities will not be able to be accessed or altered by unauthorised persons; or

(e) in the CEO's opinion:

(i) if the applicant is a natural person—the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be registered as a special reporter; or

(ii) if the applicant is a partnership—any of the partners is not a fit and proper person to be a member of a partnership registered as a special reporter; or

(iii) if the applicant is a company—any director, officer or shareholder of a company who would participate in the management of the affairs of the company is not a fit and proper person so to participate; or

(iv) an employee of the applicant who would participate in the management of the applicant's dedicated computer facilities is not a fit and proper person so to participate; or

(v) if the applicant is a company—the company is not a fit and proper company to be registered as a special reporter.

(2) An applicant for registration as a special reporter in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind will be taken to have reported as a registered user in relation to cargo of that kind in accordance with this subsection if the applicant has, in the capacity of a registered user, made cargo reports covering:

(a) in the case of low value cargo consigned from a particular mail-order house to consignees in Australia—at least 5,000 such consignments per month from that mail-order house during the 3 consecutive months immediately before making an application under section 67EC; or

(b) in the case of low value cargo comprising reportable documents consigned from places outside Australia to consignees in Australia—at least 1,000 individual consignments of such documents per month during the 3 consecutive months immediately before making an application under section 67EC; or

(c) in the case of low value cargo of another prescribed kind consigned from a place outside Australia to a consignee in Australia—such number of consignments of that prescribed kind as may be specified by the regulations.

(3) The CEO must, in deciding whether a person is a fit and proper person for the purposes of subparagraph (1)(e)(i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) have regard to:

(a) any conviction of the person of an offence against this Act committed within the 10 years immediately before the decision; and

(b) any conviction of the person of an offence punishable by imprisonment for one year or longer:

(i) against another law of the Commonwealth; or

(ii) against a law of a State or of a Territory;

if that offence was committed within the 10 years immediately before that decision; and

(c) whether the person is an insolvent under administration; and

(d) whether the person was, in the 2 years immediately before that decision, a director of, or concerned in the management of, a company that:

(i) had been, or is being, wound up; or

(ii) had had its registration as a special reporter in relation to any low value cargo of any kind cancelled by the CEO because of a breach of any condition to which the registration of the company as a special reporter was subject; and

(e) whether any misleading information or document has been furnished in relation to the person by the applicant under subsection 67EC(2), 67ED(5) or 67EK(12); and

(f) if any information or document given by or in relation to the person was false—whether the applicant knew that the information or document was false.

(4) The CEO must, in deciding whether a company is a fit and proper company for the purpose of subparagraph (1)(e)(v), have regard to:

(a) any conviction of the company of an offence:

(i) against this Act; or

(ii) if it is punishable by a fine of $5,000 or more—against another law of the Commonwealth, or a law of a State or of a Territory;

committed:

(iii) within the 10 years immediately before that decision; and

(iv) at a time when any person who is presently a director, officer or shareholder of a kind referred to in subparagraph (1)(e)(iii) in relation to the company was such a director, officer or shareholder; and

(b) whether a receiver of the property, or part of the property, of the company has been appointed; and

(c) whether the company is under administration within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001*; and

(d) whether the company has executed, under Part 5.3A of that Act, a deed of company arrangement that has not yet terminated; and

(e) whether the company has been placed under official management; and

(f) whether the company is being wound up.

(5) Nothing in this section affects the operation of Part VIIC of the *Crimes Act 1914* (which includes provisions that, in certain circumstances, relieves persons from the requirement to disclose spent convictions and requires persons aware of such convictions to disregard them).

67EC The making of an application [*see* Note 5]

(1) An applicant for registration as a special reporter in respect of low value cargo of a particular kind may make an application under this subsection in relation to cargo of that kind.

(2) An application must:
  (a) be in writing; and
  (b) be in an approved form; and
  (c) contain such information as the form requires; and
  (d) be accompanied by such other documentation as the form requires; and
  (e) be signed in the manner indicated in the form; and
  (f) be lodged as required by subsection (4).

(3) Without limiting by implication the generality of the information that may be required by the approved form, the application must indicate the premises in Australia at which the dedicated computer facilities of the applicant are located and the premises in Australia at which documents relating to information required to be stored on those facilities are or will be located.

(4) An application is taken to have been lodged with Customs when the application is first received by an officer of Customs designated by the CEO to receive such applications.

(5) The day on which an application is taken to have been lodged must be recorded on the application.

(6) For the avoidance of doubt, it is the intention of the Parliament that a person who seeks to be registered as a special reporter:
  (a) if the person seeks that registration in relation to low value cargo consigned from more than one mail-order house—must make a separate application for such registration in relation to each such house; and
  (b) if the person seeks that registration in relation to low value cargo comprising reportable documents—must make a separate application for registration in relation to low value cargo of that kind; and
  (c) if the person seeks that registration in relation to low value cargo of any other kind prescribed by the regulations—must

make a separate application for such registration in relation to each prescribed kind of low value cargo.

67ED Consideration of the application

(1) If an application under section 67EC for registration as a special reporter in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind is lodged, the CEO must, having regard:

(a) to the terms of the application; and

(b) if additional information is supplied in response to a requirement under subsection (5)—to that additional information;

decide whether or not to register the applicant in relation to low value cargo of that kind.

(2) The CEO must make a decision within 60 days after:

(a) if paragraph (b) does not apply—the lodgment of the application; and

(b) if the CEO requires further information to be supplied under subsection (5) and the applicant supplies the information in accordance with that subsection—the receipt of the information.

(3) If the CEO decides to register the applicant in relation to low value cargo of the kind referred to in the application, the CEO must register the applicant as a special reporter in respect of low value cargo of that kind and notify the applicant, in writing, of that decision specifying the day on which the registration comes into force.

(4) If the CEO decides not to register the applicant in respect of low value cargo of that kind referred to in the application, the CEO must notify the applicant, in writing, of that decision setting out the reasons for so deciding.

(5) If, in considering the application, the CEO decides that he or she needs further information on any matter dealt with in the application:

(a) the CEO may, by notice in writing to the applicant, require the applicant to provide such additional information relating

to that matter as the CEO specifies within a period specified in the notice; and

(b) unless the information is given to the CEO within that period—the applicant is taken to have withdrawn the application.

67EE Basic conditions attaching to registration as a special reporter

(1) The registration of a special reporter is subject to:

(a) the conditions set out in this section and section 67EF; and

(b) if the special reporter is registered as a special reporter in respect of low value cargo consigned from a mail-order house—section 67EG; and

(c) if regulations under section 67EH apply—that section.

(2) The special reporter must give the CEO written information of any of the following matters within 30 days after the occurrence of the matter:

(a) any matter that might, if the reporter were not a special reporter but were an applicant for registration, cause paragraph 67EB(1)(e) to apply in relation to the reporter;

(b) if, after the registration, or renewal of registration, of a company as a special reporter, a person commences to participate, as a director, officer or shareholder, in the management of the affairs of the company—the fact of such commencement; and

(c) if, after the registration, or renewal of registration, of a special reporter, a person commences to participate as an employee of the special reporter in the management of the dedicated computer facilities of the special reporter—the fact of such commencement; and

(d) if the special reporter is a partnership—the fact of any change in the membership of the partnership.

(3) The special reporter must, except in the circumstances referred to in subsection 64AB(3C), communicate such cargo reports by using dedicated computer facilities.

67EF Storage and record maintenance conditions

(1) A person who is or has been a special reporter must:

(a) store in dedicated computer facilities at notified premises all information relating to individual consignments that the reporter would, but for the reporter's registration under section 67ED or renewal of registration under section 67EK, be required to give to Customs under section 64AB; and

(b) for 2 years after the date that an abbreviated cargo report covering a consignment is transmitted to Customs, retain at notified premises all the information stored under paragraph (a) in relation to that consignment and also all physical documents of a prescribed kind that cover or relate to that consignment.

(2) If, at any time, while a person is, or within 2 years after the person ceased to be, a special reporter in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind, the person intends to change the location of notified premises at which:

(a) all or any of the dedicated computer facilities used to store information relating to cargo of that kind are situated; or

(b) all or any documents containing information relating to cargo of that kind required to be stored in such facilities are situated;

the person must, before so doing, notify the CEO in writing of the intention to change the premises and include particulars of the changes proposed and of the date on which those changes will take effect.

(3) The special reporter must ensure that the changed premises referred to in subsection (2) are located in Australia.

(4) The special reporter must provide Customs with online access to the information stored and retained under subsection (1) and with the capacity to download that information, or a part of that information, at any time as required by Customs.

(5) The special reporter must, despite providing Customs with the capacity to download information referred to in subsection (4), electronically transfer that information, or a part of that

information, to Customs at any reasonable time as required by Customs.

67EG Special mail-order house condition [*see* Note 5]

If a registered user is registered as a special reporter in relation to low value cargo consigned from a particular mail-order house, the registered user must:

(a) ensure, at all times while that registered user continues to be a special reporter in relation to that mail-order house, that there is in force between the registered user and that mail-order house a house agreement within the meaning of section 63A; and

(b) if the agreement expires or for any reason is terminated or there is a breach or an alleged breach of the terms of that agreement—notify the CEO, in writing, of that expiration or termination or of that breach or alleged breach.

67EH Further conditions may be imposed by regulations

The regulations may, at any time, provide that:

(a) if a person is first registered as a special reporter after that time; or

(b) if a person's registration as a special reporter is renewed after that time;

that registration, or registration as renewed, is subject to such further conditions relevant to registration or renewal of registration as a special reporter under this Subdivision as the regulations specify.

67EI Breach of conditions of registration

(1) A person who is or has been a special reporter must not breach a condition of the person's registration as a special reporter.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

(2) An offence against subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

67EJ Duration of registration

If a person is registered as a special reporter in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind, that registration:

(a) unless paragraph (b) applies—comes into force on a date specified by the CEO under subsection 67ED(3); and

(b) if it is a renewed registration—comes into force on a date determined under subsection 67EK(8); and

(c) remains in force for 2 years after it comes into force unless, before that time, it is cancelled under section 67EM.

67EK Renewal of registration [*see* Note 5]

(1) A person who is a special reporter in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind may seek renewal of registration in relation to cargo of that kind by making and lodging a further application in accordance with the requirements of section 67EC:

(a) unless paragraph (b) applies—not later than 30 days before the end of the current period of registration; or

(b) if the CEO is satisfied that, for reasons beyond the control of the special reporter, it was not possible to meet the requirements of paragraph (a)—not later than such later date before the end of the period of registration as the CEO specifies.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), sections 67EB and 67EC apply in relation to an application for renewal of registration in the same manner as they applied to the original application.

(3) Subsection 67EB(2) has effect in relation to an application for renewal of registration:

(a) if the registration relates to a low value cargo consigned from a particular mail-order house—as if that subsection required the applicant, as a special reporter, to have reported at least 15,000 consignments of such cargo from that house during the 3 months immediately before the making of the application; and

(b) if the registration relates to reportable documents—as if that subsection required the applicant, as a special reporter, to have reported at least 3,000 consignments of such cargo

during the 3 months immediately before the making of the application; and

(c) if the registration relates to low value cargo of another prescribed kind—as if that subsection required the applicant, as a special reporter, to have reported at least the prescribed number of consignments of cargo of that kind during the 3 months before the making of the application.

(4) In considering an application for renewal of registration as a special reporter, if the CEO has varied the specifications in relation to dedicated computer facilities in any manner, the special reporter must ensure that the computer facilities meet the specifications as so varied.

(5) If an application for renewal of registration as a special reporter in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind is lodged, the CEO must, having regard to the terms of the application and, where additional information is supplied under subsection (12), to the additional information, decide whether or not to renew the registration of the applicant in relation to low value cargo of that kind.

(6) The CEO must make the decision before, or as soon as possible after, the end of the current period of registration.

(7) If, for any reason, the CEO has not completed the consideration of the application for renewal of registration at the time when the current period of registration would, but for this subsection, expire, the current period of registration is taken to continue until the consideration of the application is concluded and a resulting decision made.

(8) If the CEO decides to renew the registration of a special reporter in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind, the CEO must renew the registration and notify the applicant for renewal, in writing, of that decision specifying the day on which, in accordance with subsection (10), the renewal of registration comes into force.

(9) If the CEO decides not to renew the registration of a special reporter in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind, the

CEO must notify the applicant for renewal, in writing, of that decision setting out the reasons for so deciding.

(10) If the CEO decides to renew the registration of a special reporter in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind, that renewal takes effect on the day following the end of the current period of registration, or of that period as it is taken to have been extended under subsection (7).

(11) If the CEO refuses to renew the registration of a special reporter in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind, the registration in relation to cargo of that kind continues:

(a) until the end of the current period of registration, unless it is earlier cancelled; or

(b) if the current period of registration is taken to have been extended under subsection (7)—until the making of the decision to refuse to renew registration.

(12) If, in considering an application for renewal of registration, the CEO decides that he or she needs further information on any matter dealt with in the application:

(a) the CEO may, by notice in writing to the applicant, require the applicant to provide such additional information relating to the matter as the CEO specifies within a period specified in the notice; and

(b) unless the information is given to the CEO within that period—the applicant is taken to have withdrawn the application.

67EL CEO to allocate a special identifying code for each special reporter [*see* Note 5]

If the CEO registers an applicant as a special reporter in respect of low value cargo of a particular kind, the CEO must allocate to the reporter a special identifying code for use by the special reporter when making an abbreviated cargo report in relation to cargo of that kind on the Sea Cargo Automation System or the Air Cargo Automation System.

67EM Cancellation of registration as special reporter [*see* Note 5]

(1) The CEO may, at any time, give to a special reporter a notice of intention to cancel the special reporter's registration if the CEO is satisfied that:

(a) the special reporter has ceased to be a registered user; or

(b) if the special reporter were not a special reporter but were an applicant for registration—circumstances have arisen whereby paragraph 67EB(1)(e) applies in relation to the reporter; or

(c) the special reporter has breached any condition to which the registration as a special reporter is subject in accordance with section 67EE, 67EF, 67EG or 67EH; or

(d) if the special reporter is registered as such in relation to low value cargo consigned from a particular mail-order house:

(i) there is no longer a house agreement in force between the special reporter and that house; or

(ii) the terms of such an agreement have been breached.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(b), the expression ***10 years immediately before the decision*** in subsections 67EB(3) and (4) is to be taken to be 10 years immediately before the notice.

(3) The notice of intention to cancel registration must:

(a) specify the ground or grounds for the intended cancellation; and

(b) invite the special reporter to provide a written statement to Customs within 30 days after the notice is given (the ***submission period***) explaining why the registration should not be cancelled; and

(c) state that the CEO may decide to cancel the registration at any time within the 14 days following the end of the submission period, if the grounds or at least one of the grounds exists at that time.

(4) At any time within the 14 days referred to in paragraph (3)(c), the CEO may, by notice in writing, decide to cancel the registration of the special reporter generally in relation to low value cargo of all kinds or of a particular kind, as the CEO considers appropriate, if, having regard to any statements made by the special reporter in

response to the notice, the CEO is satisfied that at least one of the grounds specified in the notice exists at the time of the decision.

(5) If the CEO decides to cancel the registration within the 14 days, the registration is cancelled:

(a) if paragraph (b) does not apply—28 days after the CEO's decision; or

(b) if the special reporter applies to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for a review of the CEO's decision—when the Tribunal affirms the CEO's decision.

(6) The CEO must, by notice in writing, cancel a registration if the CEO receives a written request by the special reporter that the registration be cancelled on or after a specified day indicated in the request letter.

(7) A notice under subsection (1), (4) or (6) may be served:

(a) by post at the address indicated by the special reporter in the application for registration or renewal or at an address subsequently indicated by the special reporter; or

(b) if the special reporter is a company—by post at the registered office of the company; or

(c) by giving it personally to the special reporter, if the special reporter is a natural person.

(8) Failure to send a notice to a special reporter under subsection (6) does not affect the cancellation of the registration.

(9) The cancellation of the registration of a special reporter does not affect his or her status as a registered user.

Division 4—The entry, unshipment, landing, and examination of goods

Heading to Subdivision A [Not in operation—*see* Note 5]

68 Entry of imported goods [*see* Note 5]

(1) This section applies to:

(a) goods that are imported into Australia; and

(b) goods that are intended to be imported into Australia and that are on board a ship or aircraft that has commenced its journey to Australia; and

(c) a ship or aircraft that is intended to be imported into Australia and that has commenced its journey to Australia;

but does not apply to:

(d) goods that are accompanied or unaccompanied personal or household effects of a passenger, or a member of a crew, of a ship or aircraft; and

(e) goods, other than prescribed goods:

(i) that are included in a consignment consigned through the Post Office by one person to another; and

(ii) that have a value not exceeding $1,000 or such other amount as is prescribed; and

(f) goods, other than prescribed goods:

(i) that are included in a consignment consigned otherwise than by post by one person to another; and

(ii) that are all transported to Australia in the same ship or aircraft; and

(iii) that have a value not exceeding $250 or such other amount as is prescribed; and

(g) containers:

(i) that are the property of a person carrying on business in Australia; and

(ii) that are imported on a temporary basis to be re-exported, whether empty or loaded; and

(h) containers:

(i) that were manufactured in Australia; and

(ii) that are, when imported into Australia, the property of a person carrying on business in Australia; and

(iii) that were the property of that person when, and have remained the property of that person since, they were exported or were last exported from Australia; and

(i) goods that, under the regulations, are exempted from this section, either absolutely or on such terms and conditions as are specified in the regulations.

(2) The owner of goods to which this section applies may, at any time before the ship or aircraft carrying the goods first arrives at a port or airport in Australia at which any goods are to be discharged, enter the goods:

(a) for home consumption; or

(b) for warehousing; or

(c) for transhipment.

(3) If the owner of goods to which this section applies does not enter the goods under subsection (2) for a purpose set out in that subsection, the owner must enter the goods for one or other such purpose after the ship or aircraft carrying the goods first arrives at a port or airport in Australia at which any goods are to be discharged.

(4) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(d), goods:

(a) in quantities exceeding what could reasonably be expected to be required by a passenger or member of the crew of a ship or aircraft for his or her own use; or

(b) that are, to the knowledge or belief of a passenger or member of the crew of a ship or aircraft, to be sold, or used in the course of trading, in Australia;

are not included in the personal or household effects of a passenger or crew member.

(5) For the purposes of paragraphs (1)(e) or (f), the value of goods must be ascertained or determined under Division 2 of Part VIII.

68A [Not in operation—*see* Note 5]

69 Like customable goods

(1) In this section:

like customable goods means:

(a) goods to which section 68 applies that are classified under a subheading specified in column 1 of the Table to section 19 of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*; and

(b) any other goods that are prescribed for the purposes of this section.

(2) A person who has imported or who proposes to import particular like customable goods, or like customable goods of a particular kind, may apply to Customs, in writing, for permission to deliver those goods, or goods of that kind into home consumption without entering them for that purpose.

(3) An officer of Customs may, on receipt of an application under subsection (2), by notice in writing:

(a) grant permission for the particular like customable goods, or like customable goods of the particular kind, to which the application relates to be delivered into home consumption without entering them for that purpose; or

(b) refuse to grant such a permission and set out in the notice the reasons for so refusing.

(4) A permission granted in respect of particular goods, or goods of a particular kind, is subject:

(a) to the condition that, on or after their importation and before they are delivered into home consumption, goods to which the permission relates must have been, or must be, entered for warehousing; and

(b) to any other condition, specified in the permission, that Customs considers appropriate.

(5) Where:

(a) permission is granted in respect of particular goods or goods of a particular kind; and

(b) those goods or goods of that kind are delivered into home consumption under that permission;

the person to whom the permission is granted must:

(c) give Customs returns at such intervals, not exceeding 2 months, as are specified in the permission, providing particulars in accordance with section 71K or 71L in relation to those goods or to goods of that kind that have, during the periods to which the returns relate, been delivered into home consumption; and

(d) at the time when each return is given to Customs, pay any duty owing at the rate applicable when the goods were delivered into home consumption; and

(e) comply with any conditions to which the permission is subject.

Penalty: $5,000.

(6) Where an officer of Customs is satisfied that a person to whom a permission has been granted under this section has failed to comply with any condition to which the permission is subject, the officer may:

(a) if the permission related to particular goods—at any time before those goods are delivered into home consumption; and

(b) if the permission related to goods of a particular kind—at any time while the permission remains in force;

by notice in writing, revoke the permission and set out in the notice the reasons for that revocation.

70 Special clearance goods [*see* Note 5]

(1) In this section, ***special clearance goods*** means goods to which section 68 applies comprising:

(a) goods reasonably required for disaster relief or for urgent medical purposes; or

(b) engines or spare parts that are unavailable in Australia and are urgently required for ships or aircraft, or for other machinery that serves a public purpose; or

(c) perishable food.

(2) A person who has imported or proposes to import goods referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition of ***special clearance goods*** may apply to Customs at any time, in writing, for permission to deliver the goods into home consumption without entering them for that purpose.

(3) A person who has imported goods referred to in paragraph (b) or (c) of the definition of ***special clearance goods*** may apply to Customs, in writing, for permission to deliver the goods into home consumption without entering them for that purpose:

(a) if the goods become subject to Customs control outside the hours of business for dealing with import entries; and

(b) the application is made before those hours of business resume.

(4) Subject to subsection (5), an officer of Customs may, on receipt of an application under subsection (2) or (3), by notice in writing:

(a) grant permission for the goods to which the application relates to be delivered into home consumption without entering them for that purpose; or

(b) refuse to grant such a permission and set out in the notice the reasons for so refusing.

(5) A permission granted in respect of goods is subject to any condition, specified in the permission, that Customs considers appropriate.

(6) Where an application is made in respect of perishable food, an officer of Customs must not grant the permission unless he or she is satisfied that, if he or she refused to do so, the food would be of little or no commercial value when the hours of business for dealing with import entries resumed.

(7) Where permission is granted in respect of goods, the person to whom the permission is granted must:

(a) give Customs a return, within 7 days of the delivery of the goods into home consumption, providing particulars in accordance with section 71K or 71L in relation to the goods; and

(b) at the time when the return is given to Customs, pay any duty owing at the rate applicable when the goods were delivered into home consumption; and

(c) comply with any condition to which the permission is subject.

Penalty: $5,000.

(7A) Subsection (7) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(8) Where an officer of Customs is satisfied that a person to whom a permission has been granted under this section has failed to comply with any of the conditions to which the permission is subject, the officer may, at any time before goods are delivered into home consumption, by notice in writing, revoke the permission and set out in the notice the reasons for that revocation.

(9) In this section, a reference to the hours of business for dealing with import entries is a reference:

(a) if an applicant is a registered COMPILE user—to a time when, under regulations made for the purposes of section 28, the applicant would be able to give a documentary import entry, or transmit a computer import entry, to Customs; and

(b) if an applicant is not a registered COMPILE user—to a time when, under those regulations, the applicant would be able to give a documentary import entry to Customs.

71 Information in relation to goods not requiring import entry

[*see* Note 5]

(1) The owner of the goods of a kind referred to in paragraphs 68(1)(d), (e), (f) or (i) must, in any circumstances specified in the regulations, provide such information:

(a) at such time; and

(b) in such manner and form;

as the regulations specify.

(2) Subject to subsections (2A) and (3), if goods of a kind referred to in paragraph 68(1)(d), (e), (f) or (i) are imported into Australia, Customs must, having regard to any information given to Customs

in accordance with the regulations and any further information supplied under section 196C, by notice in writing:

(a) authorise the delivery of those goods into home consumption; or

(b) refuse to authorise the delivery of those goods into home consumption and give reasons for its refusal.

(2A) Customs must not authorise the delivery of the goods unless the duty (if any) and other charge or tax (if any) payable on the importation of the goods has been paid.

(3) Customs must not authorise the delivery of goods of a kind referred to in paragraph 68(1)(f) into home consumption unless:

(a) the person liable to pay screening charge in respect of those goods pays that charge; or

(b) the person liable to pay that charge is entitled to pay that charge in accordance with subsection 64ABD(2); or

(c) the person liable to pay that charge is entitled to pay that charge in accordance with an arrangement in force under subsection 64ABD(1) or (3).

71AAA, 71AAB [Not in operation—*see* Note 5]

Heading to Subdivision B [Not in operation—*see* Note 5]

71A Making an import entry [*see* Note 5]

(1) An import entry is a communication to Customs of information:

(a) concerning goods to which section 68 applies that are intended to be entered for home consumption, for warehousing, or for transhipment; or

(b) concerning warehoused goods that are intended to be entered for home consumption;

that is effected:

(c) by document; or

(d) except so far as goods intended to be entered for transhipment are concerned—by computer.

(2) A documentary import entry must:

(a) be made by the owner of the goods concerned; and

(b) be communicated to Customs:

(i) by giving or sending it to an officer doing duty in relation to entries under this Part; or

(ii) by leaving it at a place that has been allocated for lodgment of import entries in a Customs Office;

at the place at which the goods are to be delivered for home consumption, warehousing, or transhipment.

(3) A computer import entry must be transmitted by a registered COMPILE user as the owner, or on behalf of the owner, of the goods concerned.

(4) Despite the fact that any law of the Commonwealth, including this Act, provides that the importation of particular goods into Australia is prohibited unless a permission (however it is described) to import those goods is produced to an officer of Customs, that obligation will, in such cases as are prescribed, be taken to have been complied with if the permission obtained in respect of those goods is adequately identified in the information communicated to Customs in an import entry relating to those goods.

(5) Nothing in subsection (4) affects any power of an officer of Customs, under this Act, to require the production of such permission.

(6) When an import entry is, or is taken under section 71L to have been, communicated to Customs, and the goods to which the entry relates have been imported or have been brought to the first port or airport in Australia at which any goods are to be discharged, the goods are taken to have been entered.

(7) When an import entry is, or is taken under section 71L to have been, communicated to Customs before the goods to which the entry relates have been brought to the first port or airport in Australia at which any goods are to be discharged, the goods are taken to have been entered only when they are brought to that port or airport.

71AA Liability for entry processing charge [*see* Note 5]

(1) When an import entry (including an altered import entry) in respect of goods is, or is taken to have been, communicated to Customs under section 71A, the owner of the goods becomes liable to pay entry processing charge.

(2) In any circumstance where one person who is an owner of goods pays entry processing charge in respect of an import entry relating to particular goods, any other person who is an owner of those goods ceases to be liable to pay charge in respect of that entry.

(3) If an import entry is withdrawn under subsection 71F(1), or is taken, under subsection 71F(1A) or (6), to have been withdrawn, before the issue of an authority to deal in respect of goods covered by the entry, then, despite subsection (1), the owner of the goods is not liable to pay entry processing charge in respect of that entry.

(4) In this section:

import entry does not include an entry for transhipment.

71AB Warehoused goods entry fee [*see* Note 5]

(1) An owner of warehoused goods who enters the goods for home consumption is liable to pay a fee (the ***warehoused goods entry fee***) for the processing by Customs of that entry.

(2) The amount of the warehoused goods entry fee is an amount worked out using the formula:

FR + [LR × Number of relevant lines]

where:

FR means the flat rate applicable under subsection (3) to the entry concerned.

LR means the line rate applicable under subsection (4) to each relevant line of the entry concerned.

number of relevant lines, in relation to the entry concerned, means the number of lines of the entry to which, under subsection (4), the line rate applies.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), the flat rate is:

(a) $5.00, or such other amount as is prescribed, for a computer import entry; and

(b) $26.75, or such other amount as is prescribed, for a documentary import entry.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (2), the line rate is:

(a) $0.20, or such other amount as is prescribed, for each line of a computer import entry after the tenth line of the entry; and

(b) $0.80, or such other amount as is prescribed, for each line of a documentary import entry after the first line of the entry.

(5) In any circumstance where one person who is the owner of warehoused goods pays the warehoused goods entry fee for an entry relating to those goods, any other person who is an owner of those goods ceases to be liable to pay the fee for that entry.

(6) In this section:

line, in relation to an import entry, means the part of the import entry that constitutes a description of particular goods covered by the entry that fall to a single tariff classification to which a duty rate attaches (whether or not the import entry contains descriptions of other goods covered by the entry and falling to the same tariff classification or to another tariff classification).

warehoused goods includes goods that may be treated as if they are warehoused goods by virtue of section 100.

71B Authority to deal with goods entered under section 71A

[*see* Note 5]

(1) Where an entry in respect of goods has been given or transmitted to Customs, Customs must give an import entry advice, by document or computer, in accordance with this section.

(2) An import entry advice relating to goods entered by documentary import entry:

(a) must be given to the owner of the goods or be made available for collection by leaving it at a place in a Customs office that has been allocated for collection of such advices; and

(b) must contain:

(i) a statement to the effect that the goods are cleared for home consumption, warehousing, or transhipment; or

(ii) a statement that the goods are directed for further examination.

(3) An import entry advice relating to goods entered by a computer import entry:

(a) must refer to the entry number given by the COMPILE computer system to the particular import entry; and

(b) must be transmitted to the registered COMPILE user whose PIN number was transmitted in relation to the entry; and

(c) must include:

(i) a statement to the effect that the goods are cleared for home consumption or warehousing; or

(ii) a statement that the goods are directed for further examination.

(3A) An authority to deal may not be issued unless a cargo clearance advice authorising the goods the subject of the import entry advice to be released for home consumption or warehousing has first been issued under section 74A.

(4) Where:

(a) an import entry advice is given or transmitted under this section; and

(b) a payment is made of any duty, GST, luxury car tax, wine tax, entry processing charge, warehoused goods entry fee or other charge or fee payable at the time of entry of, or in respect of, the goods covered by the import entry advice;

Customs must:

(c) if the advice was given under subsection (2)—give the person to whom the advice was given an authority, in writing, to take the goods into home consumption, to warehouse them or to tranship them, as the case requires; and

(d) if the advice was given under subsection (3)—give the person to whom the advice was transmitted, by message transmitted to the person, an authority to take the goods into

home consumption or to warehouse them, as the case requires.

(4A) Customs must give an authority under subsection (4) of this section in relation to goods covered by item 2 of the table in subsection 132AA(1) if subsection (4) would require Customs to do so apart from paragraph (4)(b).

Note: Subsection 132AA(1) provides that import duty on goods covered by item 2 of the table in that subsection must be paid by a time worked out under the regulations.

(4B) Customs must give an authority under subsection (4) in relation to goods if:

(a) that subsection would require Customs to do so apart from the fact that any or all of the following were not paid when duty on the goods was paid (or would have been payable if the goods had been subject to duty):

(i) the GST payable on the taxable importation (as defined in the GST Act), if any, that is associated with the import of the goods;

(ii) if a taxable importation of a luxury car (as defined in the Luxury Car Tax Act) is associated with the import of the goods—the luxury car tax payable on that taxable importation;

(iii) if a taxable dealing (as defined in the Wine Tax Act) is associated with the import of the goods—the wine tax payable on that dealing; and

(b) because of the following provisions, the unpaid GST, luxury car tax or wine tax (as appropriate) was not payable until after duty on the goods was payable (or would have been payable if the goods had been subject to duty):

(i) paragraph 33-15(b) of the GST Act;

(ii) paragraph 13-20(b) of the Luxury Car Tax Act;

(iii) paragraph 23-5(b) of the Wine Tax Act.

(5) Where goods are authorised to be taken into home consumption, to be warehoused or to be transhipped, the authority to deal, whether given by document or computer, must set out:

(a) any condition, of the kind referred to in subsection (6), to which the authority is subject; and

(b) the date on which the authority is given; and

(c) such other information as is prescribed.

(6) An authority to deal with goods may be expressed to be subject to a condition that a specified permission for the goods to be dealt with (however it is described) be obtained under another law of the Commonwealth.

(7) Where an authority to deal with goods is expressed to be subject to the condition that a specified permission be obtained, the authority is taken not to have been given until the permission has been obtained.

(8) An officer may, at any time before goods authorised to be taken into home consumption, to be warehoused or to be transhipped are so dealt with, cancel that authority:

(a) if the authority was given in respect of a documentary entry—by signing a notice stating that the authority is cancelled and setting out the reasons for that cancellation and serving a copy of that notice on the person who made the entry or, if that person does not have possession of the goods, on the person who has possession of the goods; and

(b) if the authority was given in respect of a computer entry:

(i) by transmitting to the registered COMPILE user to whom the authority was given a cancellation notice setting out the same particulars as are required to be included in a notice referred to in paragraph (a); or

(ii) by signing and serving a notice of the kind referred to in paragraph (a) on the registered COMPILE user to whom the authority was given, or, if that person does not have possession of the goods, on the person who has possession of the goods;

and the cancellation has effect from the moment the notice is served or transmitted, as the case requires.

71BA [Not in operation—*see* Note 5]

71C Visual examination in presence of officer of Customs [*see* Note 5]

(1) If a person permitted or required to make an import entry in respect of goods to which section 68 applies does not have the information to complete the entry, the person may make application to Customs, by document, for permission to examine the goods in the presence of an officer of Customs.

(2) An application must be communicated to Customs by giving it to an officer of Customs doing duty in relation to import entries.

(3) When an application is given to Customs under subsection (2), an officer of Customs must, by notice in writing, give the applicant permission to examine the goods to which the application relates on a day and at a place nominated in the notice.

(4) A person who has received a visual examination permission may examine the goods in accordance with the permission in the presence of an officer of Customs.

71D An officer of Customs may request additional information

[*see* Note 5]

(1) Without limiting the generality of the information that may be required to be included in an import entry, where goods have been entered, authority to deal with the goods in accordance with the entry may be refused until an officer doing duty in relation to import entries:

(a) has verified particulars of the goods shown in the entry; or

(b) is satisfied of any other matter that may be relevant to the granting of an authority to deal.

(2) An officer doing duty in relation to import entries may, by document or by computer, require the owner of goods entered under section 71A:

(a) to deliver to the officer the commercial documents in respect of the goods that are in the owner's possession or under the owner's control (including any such documents that had

previously been delivered to an officer and had been returned to the owner); or

(b) to deliver to the officer such information, in writing, relating to the goods, being information of a kind specified in the notice, as is within the knowledge of the owner or as the owner is reasonably able to obtain.

(3) A documentary requirement for the delivery of documents or information in respect of an import entry must:

(a) be communicated to the person by whom, or on whose behalf, the entry was communicated; and

(b) be in an approved form and contain such particulars as the form requires.

(4) A computer requirement for the delivery of documents or information in respect of an import entry must:

(a) be transmitted to the registered COMPILE user by whom, or on whose behalf, the entry was communicated; and

(b) be transmitted using the COMPILE computer system; and

(c) communicate such particulars as are set out in an approved statement.

(5) An officer doing duty in relation to import entries may ask the owner of goods entered under section 71A and, if another person communicated the entry on behalf of the owner, that other person, any questions relating to the goods.

(6) An officer doing duty in relation to import entries may require the owner of any goods entered under section 71A to verify the particulars shown in the entry by declaration or the production of documents.

(7) Where:

(a) the owner of goods has been required to deliver documents or information in relation to the goods under subsection (2); or

(b) the owner of, or the person giving an entry in respect of, goods has been asked a question in respect of the goods under subsection (5); or

(c) the owner of goods has been required to verify a matter in respect of the goods under subsection (6);

authority to deal with the relevant goods in accordance with the entry must not be granted unless:

(d) the requirement referred to in paragraph (a) has been complied with or withdrawn; or

(e) the question referred to in paragraph (b) has been answered or withdrawn; or

(f) the requirement referred to in paragraph (c) has been complied with or withdrawn, or a security has been taken for compliance with the requirement;

as the case requires.

(8) Subject to section 215, where a person delivers a commercial document to an officer doing duty in relation to import entries under this section, the officer must deal with the document and then return the document to that person.

71DA–71DL [Not in operation—*see* Note 5]

Heading to Subdivision E [Not in operation—*see* Note 5]

71E Application for movement permission [*see* Note 5]

(1) Where particular goods, or goods of a particular kind, are, or after their importation will be, subject to Customs control, application may be made to Customs, by document or by computer, in accordance with this section, for permission to move those goods, or goods of that kind, or to move them after their importation, to a place specified in the application.

(2) A documentary movement application must:

(a) be made by the owner of the goods concerned; and

(b) be communicated to Customs by giving it to an officer doing duty in relation to import entries or to the movement of goods subject to Customs control.

(2A) A computer movement application must be transmitted by a registered user of a cargo automation system as the owner, or on behalf of the owner, of the goods concerned.

(3) When an application is communicated to Customs under subsection (2) or (2A), an officer of Customs must, by notice in writing in respect of a documentary movement application under subsection (2), or by computer transmission using a cargo automation system in respect of a computer movement application under subsection (2A):

(a) give the applicant permission to move the goods to which the application relates in accordance with the application either absolutely or subject to such conditions as are specified in the notice; or

(b) refuse the application and set out in the notice the reasons for that refusal.

(3A) A person to whom a permission has been given under subsection (3) must not move the goods to which the permission relates otherwise than in accordance with the permission.

Penalty: $50,000.

(3AA) Subsection (3A) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(3AB) Subsection (3A) does not apply if the person has a reasonable excuse.

(3B) If a person moves goods otherwise than in accordance with the requirement of a permission to which the goods relate, the movement of the goods is, for the purposes of paragraph 229(1)(g), taken not to have been authorised by this Act.

(4) Where goods are moved to a place other than a warehouse in accordance with a permission under subsection (3), an officer of Customs may, at any time while the goods remain under Customs control, direct in writing that they be moved from that place to a warehouse specified in the direction within a period specified in the direction.

(5) If goods are not moved in accordance with such a direction, an officer of Customs may arrange for the goods to be moved to the warehouse specified in the direction or to any other warehouse.

(6) Where an officer of Customs has arranged for goods to be moved to a warehouse, Customs has a lien on the goods for any expenses

incurred in connection with their removal to the warehouse and for any warehouse rent and charges incurred in relation to the goods.

71F Withdrawal of import entriesHeading to Subdivision B

[*see* Note 5]

(1) At any time after an import entry is communicated to Customs and before the goods to which it relates are dealt with in accordance with the entry, a withdrawal of the entry may be communicated to Customs by document or computer.

(1A) If, at any time after a person has communicated an import entry to Customs and before the goods to which it relates are dealt with in accordance with the entry, the person changes information included in the entry, the person is taken, at the time when an import entry advice is given or transmitted in respect of the altered entry, to have withdrawn the entry as it previously stood.

(2) A documentary withdrawal of an import entry must:

(a) be communicated by the person by whom, or on whose behalf, the entry was communicated; and

(b) be communicated to Customs by giving it to an officer doing duty in relation to import entries.

(3) A computer withdrawal of an import entry in respect of particular goods must be transmitted by a registered COMPILE user as, or on behalf of, the owner of the goods.

(4) A withdrawal of an import entry has no effect during any period while a requirement under subsection 71D(2) in respect of the goods to which the entry relates has not been complied with.

(5) A withdrawal of an entry is effected when it is, or is taken under section 71L to have been, communicated to Customs.

(6) If:

(a) an import entry is communicated to Customs; and

(b) any duty, fee, charge or tax in respect of goods covered by the entry remains unpaid for 30 days starting on:

(i) the day on which the import entry advice relating to the goods is communicated; or

(ii) if under subsection 132AA(1) the duty is payable by a time worked out under the regulations—the day on which that time occurs; and

(c) after that period ends, the Collector gives written notice to the owner of the goods requiring payment of the unpaid duty, fee, charge or tax (as appropriate) within a further period set out in the notice; and

(d) the unpaid duty, fee, charge or tax (as appropriate) is not paid within the further period;

the import entry is taken to have been withdrawn under subsection (1).

71G Goods not to be entered while an entry is outstanding

[*see* Note 5]

Where goods have been entered for home consumption under subsection 68(2) or (3), a person must not communicate a further import entry to Customs in respect of those goods or of any part of those goods unless the first-mentioned entry is withdrawn.

Penalty: $1,500.

71H Effect of withdrawal [*see* Note 5]

(1) When a withdrawal of an import entry takes effect, any authority to deal with the goods to which the entry relates is revoked.

(2) Despite the withdrawal of an import entry:

(a) a person may be prosecuted, or action taken under section 243T, in respect of the entry; and

(b) a penalty may be imposed on a person who is convicted of an offence in respect of the entry;

as if it had not been withdrawn.

(3) The withdrawal of a documentary entry does not entitle the person who communicated it to have it returned.

71J Annotation of import entry by Customs for certain purposes not to constitute withdrawal [*see* Note 5]

Any annotation of an import entry that is made by Customs as a result of the acceptance by Customs of an application for a refund or rebate of all or a part of the duty paid, or for a remission of all or a part of the duty payable, on goods covered by the import entry, is not to be taken to constitute a withdrawal of the entry for the purposes of this Act.

71K Manner of communicating with Customs by document [*see* Note 5]

An import entry, a withdrawal of an import entry, a visual examination application, a movement application, or a return for the purposes of subsection 69(5) or 70(7), that is communicated to Customs by document:

(a) must be in an approved form; and

(b) must include such information as the approved form requires; and

(c) must be signed in the manner indicated in the approved form.

71L Manner and effect of communicating with Customs by computer [*see* Note 5]

(1) An import entry, a withdrawal of such an entry, or a return for the purposes of subsection 69(5), 70(7) or 77D(5) that is transmitted to Customs by computer:

(a) must be transmitted using the COMPILE computer system during a time when, under regulations made for the purpose of section 28, a person can transmit a computer import entry to Customs; and

(b) must be signed by transmitting, in relation to the entry or the withdrawal, the registered COMPILE user's PIN number; and

(c) must communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement relating to that communication.

(2) For the purposes of this Act, an import entry, a withdrawal of such an entry, or a return for the purposes of subsection 69(5), 70(7) or 77D(5) is taken to have been communicated to Customs by computer when an import entry advice or an acknowledgment of the withdrawal or of the return is transmitted by Customs using the COMPILE computer system to the registered COMPILE user whose PIN number was transmitted in relation to the entry or withdrawal.

(3) A movement application that is transmitted to Customs by computer:

(a) must be transmitted using a cargo automation system or the COMPILE computer system during a time when, under regulations made for the purposes of section 28, a person can transmit a computer entry to Customs; and

(b) must be signed by transmitting, in relation to the application, the registered user's identifying code under the cargo automation system or the registered COMPILE user's PIN number, as the case requires; and

(c) must communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement relating to that communication.

(4) For the purposes of this Act, a movement application is taken to have been communicated to Customs by computer:

(a) when an acknowledgment of the application is transmitted by Customs using a cargo automation system to the registered user of that system whose identifying code was transmitted in relation to the application; or

(b) when an acknowledgment of the application is transmitted by Customs using the COMPILE computer system to the registered COMPILE user whose PIN number was transmitted in relation to the application;

as the case requires.

72 Failure to make entries [*see* Note 5]

(1) Where:

(a) imported goods are required to be entered; and

(b) an entry is not made in respect of the goods within such period commencing on the importation of the goods as is prescribed, or any further period allowed by a Collector;

a Collector may cause or permit the goods to be removed to a warehouse or such other place of security as the Collector directs or permits.

(2) Where goods that have been, or may be, removed under subsection (1) are live animals or are of a perishable or hazardous nature and a Collector considers it expedient to do so without delay, the Collector may sell, or otherwise dispose of, the goods.

(3) A Collector has a lien on goods for any expenses incurred by him in connection with their removal under subsection (1) and for any warehouse rent or similar charges incurred in relation to the goods.

(4) Where:

(a) goods (other than goods to which subsection (2) applies) have been, or may be, removed under subsection (1); and

(b) all things that are required to be done to enable authority to deal with the goods to be given under section 71B, including the making of an entry in respect of the goods, are not done within:

(i) if the goods have been removed—such period as is prescribed commencing on the removal of the goods; or

(ii) if the goods have not been removed—such period as is prescribed commencing on the expiration of the period applicable under paragraph (1)(b) in relation to the goods;

a Collector may sell, or otherwise dispose of, the goods.

(5) A period prescribed for the purposes of subsection (1) or subparagraph (4)(b)(i) or (ii) may be a period prescribed in relation to all goods or in relation to goods in a class of goods.

73 Breaking bulk

(1) Subject to subsections (2B) and (3), a person shall not break the bulk cargo of a ship arriving in, or on a voyage to, Australia while the ship is within waters of the sea within the outer limits of the

territorial sea of Australia, including such waters within the limits of a State or an internal Territory.

Penalty: $25,000.

(2) Subject to subsections (2B) and (3), a person shall not break the bulk cargo of an aircraft arriving in, or on a flight to, Australia while the aircraft is:

(a) flying over Australia; or

(b) in, or flying over, waters of the sea within the outer limits of the territorial sea of Australia.

Penalty: $25,000.

(2A) Subsections (1) and (2) are offences of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(2B) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply if the person has the permission of a Collector.

(3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply in respect of goods authority to deal with which has been given under section 71B.

74 Authority for unshipment [*see* Note 5]

(1) Except as prescribed, the master or owner of a ship or the pilot or owner of an aircraft must not unship goods at a port or airport otherwise than in accordance with a Collector's permit to unship the goods.

Penalty: $25,000.

(2) A Collector's permit to unship goods may be subject to such conditions as are specified in the permit.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), a permit to unship must be communicated:

(a) to the person who communicated to Customs the cargo report covering the goods to which the permit relates; and

(b) to any other person responsible for the physical removal of the cargo covered by the report from the ship or aircraft.

(4) If a permit to unship goods is communicated to a person other than the person who communicated to Customs that cargo report covering the goods, Customs may inform that other person of any conditions attaching to the grant of the permit that directly affect the physical removal of goods covered by the cargo report but must not disclose any other conditions or the reasons for the imposition of any of the conditions to which the grant of the permit is subject.

74A Cargo clearance [*see* Note 5]

If:

(a) a person has lodged a cargo report in respect of goods intended to be discharged at a port or airport in Australia; and

(b) in respect of some or all of the goods covered by the report:

(i) cargo report processing charge has been paid; or

(ii) the person liable to pay that charge is entitled to pay it in accordance with an arrangement in force under subsection 64ABD(1); and

(c) a permit to unship the goods in respect of which that charge has been paid or that arrangement is in force has been issued under section 74 (whether before or after the payment of that charge); and

(d) an officer of Customs doing duty in relation to cargo is satisfied that there is no reason why the goods in respect of which that charge has been paid or that arrangement is in force cannot be released for home consumption or warehousing;

the Customs officer may, by document or by computer, grant a cargo clearance advice authorising the goods on which that charge was paid or that arrangement was in force to be so released.

76 Goods landed on permit at ship's risk etc. [*see* Note 5]

Goods unshipped and landed under a Collector's permit shall be placed by and at the expense of the master or owner of the ship or the pilot or owner of the aircraft from which they were unshipped in a place of security approved by the Collector, and shall until lawfully removed therefrom be at the risk of the master or owner

of the ship or the pilot or owner of the aircraft as if they had not been unshipped.

77 Repacking on wharf

Any goods may by authority be repacked or skipped on the wharf.

77AA [Not in operation—*see* Note 5]

Division 4A—The use of computers for import entry purposes [*see* Note 5]

77A Registered COMPILE users [*see* Note 5]

(1) To communicate with Customs by computer for a purpose identified in Division 4, a person must be a registered COMPILE user.

(2) A person wishing to become a registered COMPILE user may apply to the CEO to be so registered.

(3) An application must:
  (a) be in writing; and
  (b) be in an approved form; and
  (c) contain such information as the form requires; and
  (d) be signed in the manner indicated in the form.

(4) The CEO may require an applicant for registration to give such additional information as the CEO considers necessary for the purposes of this Act and may refuse to register the person until the information is given to the satisfaction of the CEO.

(5) Where an application is made to the CEO under this section, the CEO must, having regard to that application and, where additional information is supplied in response to a request under subsection (4), to that additional information:
  (a) register the applicant as a registered COMPILE user by signing a notice stating that the applicant is a registered COMPILE user; or
  (b) refuse to register the applicant as a registered COMPILE user by signing a notice stating that the CEO has refused to register the applicant and setting out the reasons for the refusal.

(6) Without limiting the generality of subsection (5), the CEO may refuse to register an applicant as a registered COMPILE user if the CEO is satisfied that the applicant does not have and is not likely to acquire within a reasonable time after making the application, computer facilities of the kind referred to in paragraph (8)(a).

(7) Where the CEO registers a person as a registered COMPILE user, the registration has effect from the day on which the relevant notice was signed.

(8) Each registered COMPILE user must, as soon as practicable after registration, enter into an agreement with Customs, setting out the terms and conditions of computer access to Customs for the purpose of communications relating to the importation of goods including:

(a) a condition that the user will use computer facilities of a kind specified in the agreement for all computer communications with Customs relating to import entries; and

(b) a condition that the user, when assigned a personal identification number by the CEO, will ensure the security of the number in a manner indicated in the agreement.

(9) Where a registered COMPILE user enters into a COMPILE user agreement, the CEO must forthwith allocate to the user:

(a) if the user is a natural person—a PIN number or sufficient PIN numbers for the user and each employee of the user who is nominated to Customs in accordance with the agreement; or

(b) if the user is not a natural person—sufficient PIN numbers for each employee of the user who is nominated to Customs in accordance with the agreement.

(10) A registered COMPILE user who is a licensed customs broker under Part XI of this Act must not allocate a PIN number to an employee of that broker unless the employee is himself or herself a licensed customs broker under that Part.

(11) Where, at any time the CEO becomes satisfied that a person who is a registered COMPILE user has failed to comply:

(a) with an obligation imposed on the user under this Act; or

(b) with a term of the applicable COMPILE user agreement;

the CEO may cancel the allocation of all or any of the PIN numbers allocated to the user by sending a notice that the allocation has been cancelled and setting out the reasons for that cancellation.

(12) The cancellation of the allocation to a registered COMPILE user of a PIN number or PIN numbers has effect from the day the relevant notice was signed.

(13) The CEO must, as soon as practicable after signing a notice under subsection (5) or (11), serve a copy of the notice on the person concerned but a failure to do so does not alter the effect of the notice.

77B Unauthorised use of registered COMPILE user's PIN number

[*see* Note 5]

Where a computer import entry or a withdrawal of such an entry is communicated to Customs using a registered COMPILE user's PIN number:

(a) without the authority of the user to whom the number was assigned; and

(b) before notification to Customs by the user of a possible breach of security;

that entry or withdrawal will be taken, subject to any evidence of the user to the contrary, to have been communicated by the user.

77C Contingency arrangements to apply when the COMPILE computer system is down [*see* Note 5]

(1) The contingency arrangements set out in sections 77D and 77E:

(a) only apply if the CEO declares, in writing, that they are to apply; and

(b) only cease to apply if the CEO declares, in writing, that they cease to apply.

(2) The COMPILE computer system is inoperative if:

(a) registered COMPILE users cannot transmit to Customs import entries; or

(b) Customs cannot transmit to registered COMPILE users import entry advices; or

(c) Customs cannot transmit to registered COMPILE users authorities to take goods into home consumption or to warehouse them.

(3) If the COMPILE computer system is inoperative, the CEO may declare, in writing, that the contingency arrangements apply.

(4) If:

(a) the CEO has declared, in writing, that the contingency arrangements apply; and

(b) the COMPILE computer system becomes operative again;

the CEO may declare, in writing, that the contingency arrangements cease to apply.

(5) If the CEO makes a declaration under subsection (3) or (4), the CEO must communicate the declaration, in a prescribed manner, to all registered COMPILE users.

77D Contingency arrangements for goods not subject of an import entry advice [*see* Note 5]

(1) If, while a declaration that contingency arrangements apply is in force:

(a) a registered COMPILE user cannot enter for home consumption or warehousing goods imported or proposed to be imported; or

(b) Customs cannot transmit to a registered COMPILE user an import entry advice in respect of goods so imported or proposed to be imported;

the user may apply to Customs, in writing, for permission to take the goods into home consumption, or to warehouse them.

(2) An application must:

(a) be in an approved form; and

(b) include such information as the approved form requires; and

(c) be signed in the manner indicated in the approved form.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), an officer of Customs may, on receipt of an application, by notice in writing:

(a) grant permission for the goods to which the application relates to be taken into home consumption, or to be warehoused; or

(b) refuse to grant such a permission and set out in the notice the reasons for so refusing.

(4) A permission granted in respect of such goods is subject to any condition specified in the permission that Customs considers appropriate.

(5) If permission is granted in respect of such goods, the registered COMPILE user to whom the permission is granted must not without reasonable excuse fail to:

(a) give Customs a return:

(i) by the end of the working day next following the day on which the CEO declares that the contingency arrangements cease to apply; or

(ii) within such longer period as is specified in the permission;

providing particulars in accordance with section 71L in respect of the goods; and

(b) at the time when the return is given to Customs, pay any duty or other charge owing at the rate applicable at the time the permission is granted; and

(c) comply with any condition to which the permission is subject.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

(6) If:

(a) an officer of Customs is satisfied that a registered COMPILE user to whom a permission has been granted under this section in respect of goods has failed to comply with any of the conditions to which the permission is subject; and

(b) all or any of the goods have not been taken into home consumption or warehoused in accordance with the permission;

the officer may, at any time before those goods are taken into home consumption or warehoused, by notice in writing, revoke the permission and set out in the notice the reasons for the revocation.

(7) If:

(a) an application has been delivered to Customs in respect of goods; and

(b) before an officer of Customs has decided whether or not to grant permission for the goods to be taken into home consumption or to be warehoused, the CEO declares, in writing, that the contingency arrangements cease to apply;

the application is taken to have been withdrawn.

77E Contingency arrangements for goods the subject of an import entry advice [*see* Note 5]

(1) If, while a declaration that contingency arrangements apply is in force, a registered COMPILE user:

(a) has received an import entry advice in respect of goods; but

(b) has not received an authority to take the goods into home consumption or to warehouse them;

the user may apply to Customs, in writing, for permission to take the goods into home consumption or to warehouse them.

(2) An application must:

(a) be in an approved form; and

(b) include such information as the approved form requires; and

(c) be signed in the manner indicated in the approved form; and

(d) if, at the time of making an application, the user had been required under subsection 71D(2) to give Customs commercial documents or additional information but had not complied with that requirement—be accompanied by the commercial documents or additional information so required.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), an officer of Customs may, on receipt of an application, by notice in writing:

(a) grant permission for the goods to which the application relates to be taken into home consumption or to be warehoused; or

(b) refuse to grant such a permission and set out in the notice the reasons for so refusing.

(4) A permission granted in respect of such goods is subject to any condition, specified in the permission, that Customs considers appropriate.

(5) If permission is granted in respect of such goods, the registered COMPILE user to whom the permission is granted must not without reasonable excuse fail to:

(a) comply with any condition to which the permission is subject; and

(b) if, at the time of making an application, the user had not paid any duty or other charge owing in relation to the goods—by the end of the working day next following the day on which the CEO declares that the contingency arrangements cease to apply, pay any duty or other charge owing at the rate applicable at the time the permission is granted.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

(6) If:

(a) an officer of Customs is satisfied that a registered COMPILE user to whom a permission has been granted under this section has failed to comply with any of the conditions to which the permission is subject; and

(b) all or any of the goods have not been taken into home consumption or warehoused in accordance with the permission;

the officer may, at any time before the user takes those goods into home consumption or warehouses them, by notice in writing, revoke the permission and set out in the notice the reasons for the revocation.

(7) If:

(a) an application has been delivered to Customs in respect of goods; and

(b) before an officer of Customs has decided whether or not to grant permission for the goods to be taken into home consumption or to be warehoused, the CEO declares, in writing, that the contingency arrangements cease to apply;

the application is taken to have been withdrawn and Customs must deal with the computer import entry, transmitted by the registered COMPILE user who provided the application to Customs, in the normal manner.

Part IVA—Depots

77F Interpretation

(1) In this Part:

Australia Post means the Australian Postal Corporation.

depot, in relation to a depot licence, means the place to which the licence relates.

depot licence means a licence granted under section 77G and includes such a licence that has been renewed under section 77T.

depot licence application charge means the depot licence application charge imposed by the *Customs Depot Licensing Charges Act 1997* and payable as set out in section 77H.

depot licence charge means the depot licence charge imposed by the *Customs Depot Licensing Charges Act 1997* and payable as set out in section 77M or 77U.

depot licence variation charge means the depot licence variation charge imposed by the *Customs Depot Licensing Charges Act 1997* and payable as set out in section 77LA of this Act.

International Mail Centre means a place approved in writing by the CEO under this section as a place for the examination of international mail.

place includes an area, a building and a part of a building.

receptacle means a shipping or airline container, a pallet or other similar article.

Tribunal means the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

(2) A reference in this Part to a conviction of a person of an offence includes a reference to the making of an order under section 19B of the *Crimes Act 1914*, or under a corresponding provision of a law of a State, a Territory or a foreign country, in relation to a person in respect of an offence.

Note: Section 19B of the *Crimes Act 1914* empowers a court that has found a person to have committed an offence to take action without proceeding to record a conviction.

(3) Nothing in this Part affects the operation of Part VIIC of the *Crimes Act 1914* (which includes provisions relieving persons from requirements to disclose spent convictions).

77G Depot licences

(1) Subject to this Part, the CEO may, on an application made by a person or partnership in accordance with section 77H, grant the person or partnership a licence in writing, to be known as a depot licence, to use a place described in the licence for any one or more of the following purposes:

(a) the holding of imported goods that are subject to the control of the Customs under section 30;

(b) the unpacking of goods referred to in paragraph (a) from receptacles;

(c) the holding of goods for export that are subject to the control of the Customs under section 30;

(d) the packing of goods referred to in paragraph (c) into receptacles;

(e) the examination of goods referred to in paragraph (a) or (c) by officers of Customs.

(2) A depot licence may be granted:

(a) in relation to all the purposes referred to in subsection (1) or only to a particular purpose or purposes referred to in subsection (1) as specified in the licence; and

(b) in relation to goods generally or to goods of a specified class or classes as specified in the licence.

77H Application for a depot licence

(1) An application for a depot licence to cover a place must be made by a person or partnership who would occupy and control the place as a depot if the licence were granted.

(2) The application must:

(a) be in writing; and

(b) be in an approved form; and

(c) contain such information as the form requires; and

(d) be signed in the manner indicated in the form; and

(e) subject to subsection (3), be accompanied by a depot licence application charge.

(3) If Australia Post makes an application under this section for the whole or a part of an International Mail Centre to be covered by a depot licence, it is not liable to pay the depot licence application charge under subsection (2).

77J CEO may require applicant to supply further information

(1) The CEO may, by written notice given to an applicant for a depot licence, require the applicant to supply further information in relation to the application within the period that is specified in the notice.

(2) The CEO may extend the specified period if the applicant, in writing, requests the CEO to do so.

(3) If the applicant:

(a) fails to supply the further information within the specified period, or that period as extended under subsection (2); but

(b) supplies the information at a subsequent time;

the CEO must not take the information into account in determining whether to grant the depot licence.

77K Requirements for grant of depot licence [*see* Note 5]

(1) The CEO must not grant a depot licence if, in the CEO's opinion:

(a) if the applicant is a natural person—the applicant is not a fit and proper person to hold a depot licence; or

(b) if the applicant is a partnership—any of the partners is not a fit and proper person to be a member of a partnership holding a depot licence; or

(c) if the applicant is a company—any director, officer or shareholder of a company who would participate in the management or control of the place proposed to be covered by the licence (the ***proposed depot***) is not a fit and proper person so to participate; or

(d) an employee of the applicant who would participate in the management or control of the proposed depot is not a fit and proper person so to participate; or

(e) if the applicant is a company—the company is not a fit and proper company to hold a depot licence; or

(f) if the applicant is a natural person or a company—the applicant would not be in a position to occupy and control the proposed depot if the licence were granted; or

(g) if the applicant is a partnership—none of the members of the partnership would be in a position to occupy and control the proposed depot if the licence were granted; or

(h) the physical security of the proposed depot is not adequate having regard to:

(i) the nature of the place; or

(ii) the procedures and methods that would be adopted by the applicant to ensure the security of goods in the proposed depot if the licence were granted; or

(i) the records that would be kept in relation to the proposed depot would not be suitable to enable Customs adequately to audit those records.

(2) The CEO must, in deciding whether a person is a fit and proper person for the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), (b), (c) or (d), have regard to:

(a) any conviction of the person of an offence against this Act committed within the 10 years immediately before that decision; and

(b) any conviction of the person of an offence against another law of the Commonwealth, or a law of a State or of a Territory, that is punishable by imprisonment for one year or

longer, being an offence committed within the 10 years immediately before that decision; and

(c) whether the person is an insolvent under administration; and

(d) any misleading statement made under section 77H or 77J in relation to the application for the licence by or in relation to the person; and

(e) if any such statement made by the person was false—whether the person knew that the statement was false.

(3) The CEO must, in deciding whether a company is a fit and proper company for the purposes of paragraph (1)(e), have regard to:

(a) any conviction of the company of an offence against this Act committed within the 10 years immediately before that decision and at a time when any person who is presently a director, officer or shareholder of the company was a director, officer or shareholder of the company; and

(b) any conviction of the company of an offence against another law of the Commonwealth, or a law of a State or of a Territory, that is punishable by a fine of $5,000 or more, being an offence committed within the 10 years immediately before that decision and at a time when a person who is presently a director, officer or shareholder of the company was a director, officer or shareholder of the company; and

(c) whether a receiver of the property, or part of the property, of the company has been appointed; and

(d) whether the company is under administration within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001*; and

(e) whether the company has executed under Part 5.3A of that Act a deed of company arrangement that has not yet terminated; and

(f) whether the company has been placed under official management; and

(g) whether the company is being wound up.

(4) The CEO may refuse to grant a depot licence if, in the CEO's opinion, the place in relation to which the licence is sought would be too remote from the nearest place where officers of Customs regularly perform their functions for Customs to be able to conveniently check whether the Customs Acts are being complied with at the place.

(5) If the place in relation to which the application for a depot licence is sought (the ***proposed depot***) is proposed to be used as a depot for imported goods, the CEO must not grant the licence if:

(a) in the case of a proposed depot for imported goods arriving in Australia by sea—the applicant is not a registered user of the Sea Cargo Automation System; or

(b) in the case of a proposed depot for imported goods arriving in Australia by air—the applicant is not a registered user of the Air Cargo Automation System; or

(c) in the case of a proposed depot for imported goods arriving in Australia by sea or air—the applicant is not a registered user of both the Sea Cargo Automation System and Air Cargo Automation System.

77L Granting of a depot licence

(1) Subject to subsection (3), the CEO must decide whether or not to grant a depot licence within 60 days after:

(a) if paragraph (b) does not apply—the receipt of the application for the licence; or

(b) if the CEO requires further information relating to the application to be supplied by the applicant under section 77J and the applicant supplied the information in accordance with that section—the receipt of the information.

(2) If the CEO has not made a decision whether or not to grant a depot licence within 60 days under subsection (1), the CEO is taken to have refused the application.

(3) This section does not apply to an application made before 1 July 1997 in relation to a place that was an appointed place under paragraph 17(b) of this Act immediately before the commencement of this Part.

77LA Variation of places covered by depot licence

(1) The CEO may, on application by the holder of a depot licence, vary the licence by:

(a) omitting the description of the place that is currently described in the licence and substituting a description of another place; or

(b) altering the description of the place that is currently described in the licence.

(2) The application must:

(a) be in writing; and

(b) be in an approved form; and

(c) contain such information as the form requires; and

(d) be signed in the manner indicated in the form; and

(e) be accompanied by payment of the depot licence variation charge.

(3) The CEO may, by written notice given to an applicant for the variation of a depot licence, require the applicant to supply further information in relation to the application within the period that is specified in the notice or within such further period as the CEO allows.

(4) The CEO must not grant an application for the substitution of the description of a place not currently described in the licence, or for the alteration to the description of a place currently described in the licence, if, in the CEO's opinion:

(a) the physical security of the place whose description is to be substituted, or of the place that would have the altered description, as the case may be, would not be adequate having regard to:

(i) the nature of the place; or

(ii) the procedures and methods that would be adopted by the applicant to ensure the security of goods in the place if the variation were made; or

(b) the records that would be kept in relation to the place would not be suitable to enable Customs adequately to audit those records.

(5) The CEO must not grant an application for the substitution of the description of a place not currently described in the licence if, in the CEO's opinion, the place would be too remote from the nearest place where officers who regularly perform their functions for

Customs would be able conveniently to check whether the Customs Acts are being complied with at the place.

(6) The CEO must decide whether or not to grant the application within 60 days after:

(a) if paragraph (b) does not apply—the receipt of the application; or

(b) if the CEO requires further information relating to the application to be supplied by the applicant under subsection (3) and the applicant supplied the information in accordance with that subsection—the receipt of the information.

(7) If the CEO has not made the decision whether or not to grant the application within the period applicable under subsection (6), the CEO is taken to have refused the application.

77M Transitional provisions for former paragraph 17(b) places

(1) On and after this Part's commencement, a place that was an appointed place under paragraph 17(b) of this Act immediately before that commencement ceases to be so appointed.

(2) A person occupying and controlling such a place (the ***operator***) may, before 1 July 1997, apply for a depot licence to cover that place.

(3) If the CEO has not made a decision whether or not to grant the licence before 1 October 1997, the CEO is taken to have refused the application.

(4) If the operator does not apply for the depot licence before 1 July 1997:

(a) for the purposes of this Part, the place is taken to be covered by a depot licence for the period starting from this Part's commencement and ending at the end of 30 June 1997; and

(b) for the purposes of this Part, the operator is taken to be the holder of such a licence for that period; but

(c) in spite of any provisions in this Part, the operator is not liable to pay depot licence charge for that period.

(5) If:

(a) the operator applies for the depot licence before 1 July 1997; and

(b) the CEO refuses, or is taken to have refused, the application before 1 October 1997 and:

(i) the operator does not apply for a review of that decision within 28 days of that decision; or

(ii) the operator applies for such a review and the Tribunal affirms the CEO's decision;

then:

(c) for the purposes of this Part, the place is taken to be covered by a depot licence for the period starting from this Part's commencement and ending:

(i) if subparagraph (5)(b)(i) applies—28 days after the CEO's decision; or

(ii) if subparagraph (5)(b)(ii) applies—on the day of the Tribunal's decision; and

(d) for the purposes of this Part, the operator is taken to be the holder of that licence for that period; but

(e) in spite of any provisions in this Part, the operator is not liable to pay depot licence charge for that period.

(6) If:

(a) the operator applies for the depot licence before 1 July 1997; and

(b) the application is successful (whether or not subsequent to an application by the operator to the Tribunal);

then:

(c) the licence granted to the operator must cover the period starting from this Part's commencement and ending at the end of 30 June 1998; and

(d) the operator must pay Customs depot licence charge within 30 days of the granting of the licence.

Note: Section 77S provides the general rule that each grant of a licence is for a period of not more than 12 months. Subsection (6) of this section is an exception to that general rule.

(7) If Australia Post would, apart from this subsection, be required to pay under this section an amount of depot licence charge in respect

of the whole or a part of an International Mail Centre, it is not liable to pay that amount.

77N Conditions of a depot licence—general

(1) A depot licence is subject to the conditions set out in subsections (2) to (10).

(2) The holder of a licence must, within 30 days after the occurrence of an event referred to in any of the following paragraphs, give the CEO particulars in writing of that event:

(a) a person not described in the application for the licence as participating in the management or control of the depot commences so to participate;

(b) in the case of a licence held by a partnership—there is a change in the membership of the partnership;

(c) in the case of a licence held by a company:

(i) the company is convicted of an offence of a kind referred to in paragraph 77K(3)(a) or (b); or

(ii) a receiver of the property, or part of the property, of the company is appointed; or

(iii) an administrator of the company is appointed under section 436A, 436B or 436C of the *Corporations Act 2001*; or

(iv) the company executes a deed of company arrangement under Part 5.3A of that Act;

(d) a person who participates in the management or control of the depot, the holder of the licence or, if a licence is held by a partnership, a member of the partnership, is convicted of an offence referred to in paragraph 77K(2)(a) or (b) or becomes an insolvent under administration.

(2A) The holder of a licence must not cause or permit a substantial change to be made in:

(a) a matter affecting the physical security of the depot; or

(b) the keeping of records in relation to the depot;

unless the holder has given to the CEO 30 days' notice of the proposed change.

(3) The holder of the licence must pay to Customs any prescribed travelling expenses payable by the holder under the regulations in relation to travelling to and from the depot by a Collector for the purposes of the Customs Acts. For that purpose, the regulations may prescribe particular rates of travelling expenses in relation to particular circumstances concerning travelling to and from a depot by a Collector for the purposes of the Customs Acts.

(4) The holder of the licence must stack and arrange goods in the depot so that authorised officers have reasonable access to, and are able to examine, the goods.

(5) The holders of the licence must provide authorised officers with:

(a) adequate space and facilities for the examination of goods in the depot; and

(b) secure storage space for holding those goods.

(6) The holder of the licence must, when requested to do so, allow an authorised officer to enter and remain in the depot to examine goods:

(a) which are subject to the control of the Customs; or

(b) which an authorised officer has reasonable grounds to believe are subject to the control of the Customs.

(7) The holder of the licence must, when requested to do so, provide an authorised officer with information, which is in the holder's possession or within the holder's knowledge, in relation to determining whether or not goods in the depot are subject to the control of the Customs.

(8) The holder of the licence must retain all commercial records and records created in accordance with the Customs Acts that:

(a) relate to goods received into a depot; and

(b) come into the possession or control of the holder of the licence;

for 5 years beginning on the day on which the goods were received into the depot.

(9) The holder of the licence must keep the records referred to in subsection (8) at:

(a) the depot; or

(b) if the holder has notified Customs in writing of the location of any other places occupied and controlled by the holder where the records are to be kept—those other places.

(10) At any reasonable time within the 5 years referred to in subsection (8), the holder of the licence must, when requested to do so:

(a) permit an authorised officer:

(i) to enter and remain in a place that is occupied and controlled by the holder and which the officer has reasonable grounds to believe to be a place where records referred to in subsection (8) are kept; and

(ii) to have full and free access to any such records in that place; and

(iii) to inspect, examine, make copies of, or take extracts from any such records in that place; and

(b) provide the officer with all reasonable facilities and assistance for the purpose of doing all of the things referred to in subparagraphs (a)(i) to (iii) (including providing access to any electronic equipment in the place for those purposes).

(11) The holder of the licence is not obliged to comply with a request referred to in subsection (6), (7) or (10) unless the request is made by a person who produces written evidence of the fact that the person is an authorised officer.

77P Conditions of a depot licence—imported goods

(1) If imported goods were received into a depot during a particular month, it is a condition of the licence that the holder of the licence must:

(a) if paragraph (b) does not apply—cause the removal of those goods into a warehouse before the end of the following month; or

(b) if the CEO, on written request by the holder made before the end of that following month, grants an extension under this section—cause the removal of the goods into a warehouse within 30 days after the end of that following month.

(2) In this section:

month means month of a year.

77Q The CEO may specify other conditions of a depot licence

(1) The CEO may, for the purpose of:

(a) ensuring compliance with the Customs Acts; or

(b) protecting the revenue;

specify conditions in a depot licence that are additional to the conditions set out in sections 77N and 77P.

(2) The CEO may, by written notice to the holder of the licence, vary conditions specified under subsection (1) in relation to that licence.

(3) Variation of the conditions cannot take effect before the end of 30 days after the giving of the notice under subsection (2).

77R Breach of conditions of depot licence

(1) The holder of a depot licence must not breach a condition of the licence set out in section 77N or 77P or conditions specified in the licence under section 77Q.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

(2) An offence against subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

77S Duration of depot licences

Subject to this Part, a depot licence:

(a) comes into force on a date specified in the licence; and

(b) remains in force until the end of the 30 June next following the grant of the licence;

but may be renewed under section 77T.

Note: Section 77M provides that, in certain circumstances, a depot licence may be taken to have been granted for a certain period. It also provides that, in relation to certain applicants, an initial depot licence is to be granted for a period that exceeds 12 months. In addition, section 77T provides that a licence may continue to be in force for a further period of 90 days after the 30 June referred to in this section under certain circumstances. Another provision that might affect the operation of this section is section 77V (revocation of licence).

77T Renewal of depot licences

(1) The CEO must, before the end of a financial year, notify each holder of a depot licence of the terms of this section.

(2) If the holder pays a depot licence charge for the renewal of the licence before the end of the financial year, the licence is renewed for another period of 12 months at the end of the financial year.

(3) If the holder fails to pay the charge before the end of the financial year, a Collector may, until the charge is paid or the end of 90 days immediately following the end of the financial year (whichever occurs first), refuse to permit goods that are subject to the control of the Customs to be received into the depot.

(4) If the holder pays the charge within 90 days immediately following the end of the financial year, the licence is taken to have been renewed for another period of 12 months at the end of the financial year.

(5) If the holder fails to pay the charge within 90 days immediately following the end of the financial year, the licence expires at the end of that period of 90 days.

(6) A depot licence that has been renewed may be further renewed.

77U Licence charges

(1) Subject to section 77M, a depot licence charge is payable in respect of the grant of a depot licence by the person or partnership seeking the grant.

(2) A person liable to pay a depot licence charge for the grant of a depot licence must pay the charge within 30 days of the decision to grant that licence.

(3) A depot licence charge in respect of the renewal of a depot licence is payable by the holder of the licence in accordance with section 77T.

(4) Australia Post is not liable to pay a depot licence charge under this section in respect of each grant or renewal of a depot licence that covers the whole or a part of an International Mail Centre.

77V Revocation of a depot licence

(1) The CEO may give notice of intention to revoke a depot licence to the holder of the licence if:

(a) the CEO is satisfied that:

(i) the physical security of the depot is no longer adequate having regard to the matters referred to in paragraph 77K(1)(h); or

(ii) if the licence is held by a natural person—the person is not a fit and proper person to hold a depot licence; or

(iii) if the licence is held by a partnership—a member of the partnership is not a fit and proper person to be a member of a partnership holding a depot licence; or

(iv) if the licence is held by a company—a director, officer or shareholder of the company who participates in the management or control of the depot is not a fit and proper person so to participate; or

(v) an employee of the holder of the licence who participates in the management or control of the depot is not a fit and proper person so to participate; or

(vi) if the licence is held by a company—the company is not a fit and proper company to hold a depot licence; or

(vii) a condition to which the licence is subject has not been complied with; or

(viii) a licence charge payable in respect of the grant of the depot remains unpaid more than 30 days after the grant of the licence; or

(b) the CEO is satisfied on any other grounds that the revocation is necessary for the protection of the revenue or for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Customs Acts.

(2) In deciding whether a person is a fit and proper person for the purposes of subparagraphs (1)(a)(ii) to (v), the CEO must have regard to:

(a) whether or not the person is an insolvent under administration; and

(b) any conviction of the person of an offence against this Act, or of an offence against another law of the Commonwealth,

or a law of a State or of a Territory, punishable by imprisonment for one year or longer, that is committed:

(i) if the licence has not been renewed previously—after the grant of the licence or within 10 years immediately before the grant of the licence; or

(ii) if the licence has been renewed on one or more occasions—after the renewal or latest renewal of the licence or within 10 years immediately before that renewal; and

(c) any misleading statement made under section 77H or 77J in relation to the application for the depot licence by or in relation to the person; and

(d) if any such statement made by the person was false—whether the person knew that the statement was false.

(3) In deciding whether a company is a fit and proper company for the purposes of subparagraph (1)(a)(vi), the CEO must have regard to:

(a) the matters referred to in paragraphs 77K(3)(c) to (g); and

(b) any conviction of the company of an offence against this Act or of an offence against another law of the Commonwealth, or a law of a State or of a Territory, punishable by a fine of $5,000 or more, that is committed:

(i) if the licence has not been renewed previously—after the grant of the licence or within 10 years immediately before the grant of the licence; or

(ii) if the licence has been renewed on one or more occasions—after the renewal or the latest renewal of the licence or within 10 years immediately before that renewal;

and at a time when a person who is presently a director, officer or shareholder of the company was a director, officer or shareholder of the company.

(4) The notice of intention to revoke a depot licence must:

(a) specify the ground or grounds for the intended revocation; and

(b) state that the CEO may decide to revoke the licence at any time within the 14 days following the end of 30 days after

the notice is given if the ground or at least one of the grounds exists at that time; and

(c) invite the holder of the licence to provide written statements to Customs within the 30 days to explain why, in the holder's opinion, the licence should not be revoked.

(5) At any time within the 14 days referred to in paragraph (4)(b), the CEO may, by notice in writing, decide to revoke the licence if, having regard to any statements made by the holder of the licence in response to the notice, the CEO is satisfied that the ground or at least one of the grounds specified in the notice exists at that time.

(6) If the CEO decides to revoke the depot licence within the 14 days, the depot licence is revoked:

(a) if paragraph (b) does not apply—28 days after the CEO's decision; or

(b) if the holder of the licence applies to the Tribunal for a review of the CEO's decision—when the Tribunal affirms the CEO's decision.

(7) The CEO must, by notice in writing, revoke a depot licence if the CEO receives a written request by the holder of the licence that the licence be revoked on and after a specified day.

(8) If a depot licence is revoked under this section, the CEO must, by notice published in a newspaper circulating in the locality in which the depot is situated, inform the owners of goods in the depot of that fact and the date of the revocation.

(9) If a depot licence is revoked under this section, the person or partnership who held the licence before the revocation must return the licence to Customs within 30 days after the revocation.

(10) A notice under subsection (1), (5) or (7) must be served:

(a) either personally or by post, on the holder of the depot licence; or

(b) personally on a person who, at the time of service, apparently participates in the management or control of the depot.

(11) In spite of the fact that a notice under subsection (1) or (5) has been given in relation to the revocation of a depot licence, nothing in this Part prevents:

(a) the CEO giving a notice under subsection 77T(1) in relation to the renewal of the licence; or

(b) the holder of the licence obtaining a renewal of the licence by paying a depot licence charge in accordance with section 77T.

Note: Depot licence charge paid in the circumstances described in subsection (11) may be refunded under section 77W.

77W Refund of depot licence charge on revocation of a depot licence

(1) If:

(a) a depot licence is revoked before the end of a financial year (the ***financial year***); and

(b) the person or partnership (the ***former holder***) who held the licence before its revocation has paid the depot licence charge for that year;

the former holder is entitled to a refund of an amount worked out using the formula:

$$\text{Annual rate} \times \frac{\text{Post-revocation days}}{\text{Days in the year}}$$

where:

annual rate means the amount of $4,000, or, if another amount is prescribed under subsection 6(1) of the *Customs Depot Licensing Charges Act 1997*, that other amount.

post-revocation days means the number of days in the financial year during which the licence is not in force following the revocation of the licence.

days in the year means:

(a) if paragraph (b) does not apply—365; or

(b) if the financial year in which the licence is in force is not constituted by 365 days—the number of days in that financial year.

(2) If the former holder has paid the depot licence charge in respect of the renewal of the licence for the following financial year, the former holder is entitled to a refund of the full amount of that charge.

77X Collector's powers in relation to a place that is no longer a depot

(1) This section applies in relation to a place if:

(a) the place ceases to be covered by a depot licence because the period during which the licence was taken to be in force under subsection 77M(4) or (5) has expired; or

(b) the place otherwise ceases to be covered by a depot licence.

(2) If this section applies to a place, a Collector may:

(a) permit goods that are subject to the control of the Customs to be received into the place during a period of 30 days after the place ceased to be covered by a depot licence; and

(b) permit imported goods to be unpacked from receptacles in the place; and

(c) permit goods for export to be packed into receptacles in the place; and

(d) permit examination of goods that are subject to the control of the Customs (the ***controlled goods***) by officers of Customs in the place; and

(e) permit removal of any controlled goods from the place to a depot covered by a depot licence or to a warehouse; and

(f) by notice in writing to the person who was, or who was taken to be, the holder of the licence (the ***former holder***) covering that place, require the former holder to remove any controlled goods to a depot covered by a depot licence or to a warehouse; and

(g) while controlled goods are in the place, take such control of the place as may be necessary for the protection of the revenue or for ensuring compliance with the Customs Acts; and

(h) by notice in writing to the former holder, require the former holder to pay to Customs, in respect of the services of officers required in relation to any controlled goods as a

result of the licence ceasing to be in force (including services relating to the supervision of activities in relation to the place, the stocktaking of goods in the place or the reconciliation of records relating to such goods), such fees as the CEO determines having regard to the cost of the services; and

(i) if the former holder fails to comply with a requirement under paragraph (f) in relation to any controlled goods, remove the goods from the place to a depot covered by a depot licence or a warehouse; and

(j) if goods have been removed under paragraph (i), by notice in writing to the former holder, require the former holder to pay to Customs in respect of the cost of the removal such fees as the CEO determines having regard to that cost.

(3) If an amount that a former holder is required to pay in accordance with a notice under paragraph (2)(h) or (j) is not paid, that amount may be recovered as a debt due to the Commonwealth by action in a court of competent jurisdiction.

77Y Collector may give directions in relation to goods subject to Customs control

(1) A Collector may, for the protection of the revenue or for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Customs Acts, give written directions under this section to:

(a) the holder of a depot licence; or

(b) a person participating in the management or control of the depot;

in relation to goods in the depot that are subject to the control of the Customs (the ***controlled goods***).

(2) A direction under subsection (1) must be a direction:

(a) to move, or not to move, controlled goods within a depot; or

(b) about the storage of controlled goods in the depot; or

(c) to move controlled goods to another depot or a warehouse; or

(d) about the unpacking from receptacles of imported goods that are controlled goods; or

(e) about the packing into receptacles of goods for export that are controlled goods.

(3) A Collector may, for the purpose of:

(a) preventing interference with controlled goods in a depot; or

(b) preventing interference with the exercise of the powers or the performance of the functions of a Collector in respect of a depot or of controlled goods in a depot;

give directions, in relation to the controlled goods, to any person in the depot.

(4) A person who has been given a direction under subsection (1) or (3) must not refuse or fail to comply with the direction.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

(5) An offence against subsection (4) is an offence of strict liability.

77Z Licences cannot be transferred

(1) Subject to subsection (2), a depot licence cannot be transferred to another person.

(2) A depot licence may be transferred to another person in the circumstances prescribed by the regulations.

77ZA Service of notice

For the purpose of the application of section 29 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* to the service by post of a notice under this Part on a person or partnership who holds or held a depot licence, if the notice is posted as a letter addressed to the person or partnership at the address of the place that is or was the depot, the notice is taken to be properly addressed.

Part V—Warehouses

78 Interpretation

(1) In this Part, unless the contrary intention appears:

place includes an area, a building and a part of a building.

warehouse, in relation to a warehouse licence, means the warehouse to which the licence relates.

warehouse licence means a licence granted under section 79 and includes such a licence that has been renewed under section 84.

(2) A reference in this Part to the CEO shall be read as including a reference to a Regional Director for a State or Territory.

(3) For the purposes of this Part, a person shall be taken to participate in the management or control of a warehouse if:

(a) he has authority to direct the operations of the warehouse or to direct activities in the warehouse, the removal of goods from the warehouse, or another important part of the operations of the warehouse; or

(b) he has authority to direct a person who has authority referred to in paragraph (a) in the exercise of that authority.

79 Warehouse licences

(1) Subject to this Part, the CEO may grant a person or partnership a licence in writing, to be known as a warehouse licence, to use a place described in the licence for warehousing goods.

(2) A warehouse licence may be a licence to use a place for warehousing goods generally, goods included in a specified class or specified classes of goods or goods other than goods included in a specified class or specified classes of goods.

(3) A warehouse licence may authorize blending or packaging, processing, trading or other activities specified in the licence to be carried on in the warehouse.

80 Applications for warehouse licences

An application for a warehouse licence shall:

(a) be in writing;

(b) contain a description of the place in relation to which the licence is sought;

(c) specify the kinds of goods that would be warehoused in that place if it were a warehouse;

(d) set out the name and address of each person whom the CEO is required to consider for the purposes of paragraph 81(1)(a), (b), (c) or (d);

(e) set out such particulars of the matters that the CEO is required to consider for the purposes of paragraph 81(1)(e), (f) or (g) as will enable him adequately to consider those matters; and

(f) contain such other information as is prescribed.

81 Requirements for grant of warehouse licence

(1) The CEO shall not grant a warehouse licence if, in his opinion:

(a) where the applicant is a natural person—the applicant is not a fit and proper person to hold a warehouse licence;

(b) where the applicant is a partnership—any of the partners is not a fit and proper person to be a member of a partnership holding a warehouse licence;

(c) where the applicant is a company—any director, officer or shareholder of the company who would participate in the management or control of the warehouse is not a fit and proper person so to participate;

(d) an employee of the applicant who would participate in the management or control of the warehouse is not a fit and proper person so to participate;

(da) where the applicant is a company—the company is not a fit and proper company to hold a warehouse licence;

(e) the physical security of the place in relation to which the licence is sought is not adequate having regard to:

(ia) the nature of the place;

(i) the kinds and quantity of goods that would be kept in that place if it were a warehouse; or

(ii) the procedures and methods that would be adopted by the applicant to ensure the security of goods in the place if it were a warehouse;

(f) the plant and equipment that would be used in relation to goods in the place in relation to which the licence is sought if it were a warehouse are not suitable having regard to the nature of those goods and that place; or

(g) the books of account or records that would be kept in relation to the place in relation to which the licence is sought if it were a warehouse would not be suitable to enable the Customs adequately to audit those books or records.

(2) The CEO shall, in determining whether a person is a fit and proper person for the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), (b), (c) or (d), have regard to:

(a) any conviction of the person for an offence against this Act committed within the 10 years immediately preceding the making of the application;

(b) any conviction of the person for an offence under a law of the Commonwealth, of a State or of a Territory that is punishable by imprisonment for a period of one year or longer, being an offence committed within the 10 years immediately preceding the making of the application;

(c) whether the person is an undischarged bankrupt;

(d) any misleading statement made in the application by or in relation to the person; and

(e) where any statement by the person in the application was false—whether the person knew that the statement was false.

(3) The CEO shall, in determining whether a company is a fit and proper company for the purposes of paragraph (1)(da), have regard to:

(a) any conviction of the company of an offence against this Act committed within the 10 years immediately preceding the making of the application and at a time when a person who is a director, officer or shareholder of the company was a director, officer or shareholder of the company;

(b) any conviction of the company of an offence under a law of the Commonwealth, of a State or of a Territory that is punishable by a fine of $5,000 or more, being an offence

committed within the 10 years immediately preceding the making of the application and at a time when a person who is a director, officer or shareholder of the company was a director, officer or shareholder of the company;

(c) whether a receiver of the property, or part of the property, of the company has been appointed;

(ca) whether the company is under administration within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001*;

(cb) whether the company has executed under Part 5.3A of that Act a deed of company arrangement that has not yet terminated;

(d) whether the company has been placed under official management; or

(e) whether the company is being wound up.

82 Conditions of warehouse licences

(1) A warehouse licence is subject to the condition that, if:

(a) a person not described in the application for the licence as participating in the management or control of the warehouse commences so to participate;

(b) in the case of a licence held by a partnership—there is a change in the membership of the partnership;

(ba) in the case of a licence held by a company—any of the following events occurs:

(i) the company is convicted of an offence of a kind referred to in paragraph 81(3)(a) or (b);

(ii) a receiver of the property, or part of the property, of the company is appointed;

(iii) an administrator of the company is appointed under section 436A, 436B or 436C of the *Corporations Act 2001*;

(iv) the company executes a deed of company arrangement under Part 5.3A of that Act;

(v) the company begins to be wound up;

(c) a person who participates in the management or control of the warehouse, the holder of the licence or, in the case of a licence held by a partnership, a member of the partnership, is

convicted of an offence referred to in paragraph 81(2)(a) or (b) or becomes bankrupt;

(d) there is a substantial change in a matter affecting the physical security of the warehouse;

(e) there is a substantial change in plant or equipment used in relation to goods in the warehouse; or

(f) there is a substantial change in the keeping of accounts or records kept in relation to the warehouse;

the holder of the licence shall, within 30 days after the occurrence of the event, change, conviction, bankruptcy or appointment, as the case requires, give the CEO particulars in writing of that event, change, conviction, bankruptcy or appointment, as the case requires.

(2) A warehouse licence is subject to such other conditions (if any) for the protection of the revenue, for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Customs Acts or otherwise as are prescribed.

(3) A warehouse licence is subject to such other conditions (if any) as are specified in the licence, being conditions considered by the CEO to be necessary or desirable for the protection of the revenue or for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Customs Acts.

(4) The conditions specified in a warehouse licence may include:

(a) conditions specifying the persons or classes of persons whose goods may be warehoused in the warehouse; and

(b) conditions limiting the operations that may be performed upon, or in relation to, goods in the warehouse.

(5) The CEO may, upon application by the holder of a warehouse licence and production of the licence, vary the conditions specified in the licence by making an alteration to, or an endorsement on, the licence.

83 Duration of warehouse licence

(1) A warehouse licence:

(a) comes into force on a date specified in the licence or, if no date is so specified, the date on which the licence is granted; and

(b) subject to this Part, remains in force until 30 June next following the grant of the licence but may be renewed in accordance with section 84.

(2) Notwithstanding that a warehouse licence has not been renewed, a Collector may:

(a) permit goods to be placed in the former warehouse;

(b) permit the removal of goods from the former warehouse, including the removal of goods to a warehouse;

(c) by notice in writing to the last holder of the licence, require him to remove all or specified goods in the former warehouse to a warehouse approved by the Collector;

(d) take such control of the former warehouse or all or any goods in the former warehouse as may be necessary for the protection of the revenue or for ensuring compliance with the Customs Acts;

(e) by notice in writing to the last holder of the licence, require him to pay to the Customs in respect of the services of officers required as the result of the licence not having been renewed (including services relating to the supervision of activities in relation to the former warehouse permitted by a Collector, the stocktaking of goods in the former warehouse or the reconciliation of records relating to such goods) such fee as the CEO determines having regard to the cost of the services;

(f) where the last holder of the licence fails to comply with a requirement under paragraph (c) in relation to goods, remove the goods from the former warehouse to a warehouse; and

(g) where goods have been removed in accordance with paragraph (f), by notice in writing to the last holder of the licence, require him to pay to the Customs in respect of the cost of the removal such fee as the CEO determines having regard to that cost.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), where a warehouse licence has not been renewed and goods remain in the former warehouse, the CEO shall by notice:

(a) published by being displayed on a public notice board in the Customs House or other office of the Customs nearest to the former warehouse;

(b) published in the *Gazette*; and

(c) published in a newspaper circulating in the locality in which the warehouse is situated;

inform the owners of goods in the former warehouse:

(d) that they are required, within a time specified in the notice or any further time allowed by the CEO, to:

(i) pay to the Collector duty payable in respect of their goods in the former warehouse; or

(ii) remove their goods in the former warehouse to another place in accordance with permission obtained from the Collector; and

(e) that, if they do not comply with the requirements of the notice, their goods in that former warehouse will be sold.

(4) Where the CEO is satisfied that all the goods in a former warehouse the licence in respect of which has not been renewed are the property of the person who held the licence, the notice referred to in subsection (3) need not be published as mentioned in that subsection but shall be:

(a) served, either personally or by post, on that person; or

(b) served personally on a person who, at the time of the expiration of the licence, apparently participated in the management or control of the former warehouse.

(5) Where the owner of goods to which a notice under subsection (3) applies fails to comply with the requirements of the notice within the time specified in the notice or any further time allowed by the CEO, the goods may be sold by a Collector.

(6) If an amount that the last holder of a licence is required to pay in accordance with a notice under paragraph (2)(e) or (g) is not paid, that amount may be recovered as a debt due to the Commonwealth by action in a court of competent jurisdiction.

84 Renewal of warehouse licence

(1) The CEO may, by writing, renew a warehouse licence on the application, in writing, of the holder of the licence.

(2) Where a warehouse licence is renewed, the CEO may specify conditions different from those specified in the original licence.

(3) The CEO may refuse to renew a licence if he is satisfied that, if the licence were renewed, he would be entitled to cancel the licence.

(4) Subject to this Part, a warehouse licence that has been renewed continues in force for 12 months but may be further renewed.

85 Fees for warehouse licences

(1) Such fees as are prescribed are payable in respect of warehouse licences.

(2) Regulations for the purposes of subsection (1) may prescribe:

(a) annual fees in respect of warehouse licences;

(b) fees calculated in accordance with the duration of warehouse licences;

(c) a fee for each transaction, or each transaction in a class of transactions, involving the movement of goods into or out of the warehouse to which a warehouse licence relates; and

(d) a fee calculated by reference to the volume or value of transactions, or of a specific class of transactions, relating to goods in the warehouse to which a warehouse licence relates.

(3) Different fees may be prescribed in relation to warehouse licences subject to different conditions or in relation to warehouse licences for warehouses of different kinds.

86 Suspension of warehouse licences

(1) The CEO may give notice in accordance with this section to the holder of a warehouse licence if he has reasonable grounds for believing that:

(a) the physical security of the warehouse is no longer adequate having regard to the matters referred to in paragraph 81(1)(e);

(b) the plant and equipment used in the warehouse are such that the protection of the revenue in relation to goods in the warehouse is inadequate;

(c) where the licence is held by a natural person—that person is not a fit and proper person to hold a warehouse licence;

(d) where the licence is held by a partnership—a member of the partnership is not a fit and proper person to be a member of a partnership holding a warehouse licence;

(e) where the licence is held by a company—a director, officer or shareholder of the company who participates in the management or control of the warehouse is not a fit and proper person so to participate;

(f) an employee of the holder of the licence, being an employee who participates in the management or control of the warehouse, is not a fit and proper person so to participate;

(fa) where the licence is held by a company—the company is not a fit and proper company to hold a warehouse licence;

(g) a condition to which the licence is subject has not been complied with; or

(h) a fee payable in respect of a licence is unpaid and has been unpaid for 28 days after the day on which it became payable;

or it otherwise appears to him to be necessary for the protection of the revenue or for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Customs Acts to give the notice.

(1A) The CEO shall, in considering whether a person is a fit and proper person for the purposes of paragraph (1)(c), (d), (e) or (f), have regard to:

(a) any conviction of the person of an offence against this Act committed:

(i) where the licence has not been renewed—after the grant of the licence or within 10 years immediately preceding the making of the application for the licence;

(ii) where the licence has been renewed on one occasion only—after the renewal of the licence or within 10 years immediately preceding the making of the application for the renewal; or

(iii) where the licence has been renewed on more than one occasion—after the latest renewal of the licence or within 10 years immediately preceding the making of the application for the latest renewal;

(b) any conviction of the person of an offence under a law of the Commonwealth, of a State or of a Territory that is

punishable by imprisonment for a period of one year or longer, being an offence committed:

(i) where the licence has not been renewed—after the grant of the licence or within 10 years immediately preceding the making of the application for the licence;

(ii) where the licence has been renewed on one occasion only—after the renewal of the licence or within 10 years immediately preceding the making of the application for the renewal; or

(iii) where the licence has been renewed on more than one occasion—after the latest renewal of the licence or within 10 years immediately preceding the making of the application for the latest renewal; or

(c) whether the person is an undischarged bankrupt.

(1B) The CEO shall, in considering whether a company is a fit and proper company for the purposes of paragraph (1)(fa) have regard, in relation to the company, to:

(a) any conviction of the company of an offence against this Act that was:

(i) where the licence has not been renewed—committed after the grant of the licence;

(ii) where the licence has been renewed on one occasion only—committed after the renewal of the licence;

(iii) where the licence has been renewed on more than one occasion—committed after the latest renewal of the licence; or

(iv) committed:

(A) where the licence has not been renewed—within 10 years immediately preceding the making of the application for the licence;

(B) where the licence has been renewed on one occasion only—within 10 years immediately preceding the making of the application for the renewal of the licence; or

(C) where the licence has been renewed on more than one occasion—within 10 years immediately preceding the making of the application for the latest renewal of the licence;

and at a time when a person who is a director, officer or shareholder of the company was a director, officer or shareholder of the company;

(b) any conviction of the company of an offence under a law of the Commonwealth, of a State or of a Territory that is punishable by a fine of $5,000 or more, being an offence that was:

(i) where the licence has not been renewed—committed after the grant of the licence;

(ii) where the licence has been renewed on one occasion only—committed after the renewal of the licence;

(iii) where the licence has been renewed on more than one occasion—committed after the latest renewal of the licence; or

(iv) committed:

(A) where the licence has not been renewed—within 10 years immediately preceding the making of the application for the licence;

(B) where the licence has been renewed on one occasion only—within 10 years immediately preceding the making of the application for the renewal of the licence; and

(C) where the licence has been renewed on more than one occasion—within 10 years immediately preceding the making of the application for the latest renewal of the licence;

and at a time when a person who is a director, officer or shareholder of the company was a director, officer or shareholder of the company; or

(c) the matters mentioned in paragraphs 81(3)(c), (d) and (e).

(2) Notice in accordance with this section to the holder of a warehouse licence shall be in writing and shall be:

(a) served, either personally or by post, on the holder of the licence; or

(b) served personally on a person who, at the time of service, apparently participates in the management or control of the warehouse.

(3) A notice in accordance with this section to the holder of a warehouse licence:

(a) shall state that, if the holder of the licence wishes to prevent the cancellation of the licence, he may, within 7 days after the day on which the notice was served, furnish to the CEO at an address specified in the notice a written statement showing cause why the licence should not be cancelled; and

(b) may, if it appears to the CEO to be necessary for the protection of the revenue or for ensuring compliance with the Customs Acts to do so, state that the licence is suspended;

and, if the notice states that the licence is suspended, that licence is suspended on and from the service of the notice.

(5) Where a warehouse licence is suspended under this section, the CEO:

(a) may at any time revoke the suspension; and

(b) if the licence has not been cancelled within 28 days after the day on which the licence was suspended—shall revoke the suspension.

(6) Subject to subsection (7), during a period in which a warehouse licence is suspended under this section, a person shall not use the warehouse with the intention of warehousing goods.

Penalty: $5,000.

(7) Notwithstanding subsection (6), during a period in which a warehouse licence is suspended under this section, a Collector may:

(a) permit goods to be placed in the warehouse;

(b) permit a process to be carried out in the warehouse;

(c) permit the removal of goods from the warehouse, including the removal of goods to another warehouse;

(d) by notice in a prescribed manner to the owner of goods in the warehouse, require him to remove his goods to another warehouse approved by the Collector;

(e) take such control of the warehouse or all or any goods in the warehouse as may be necessary for the protection of the revenue or for ensuring compliance with the Customs Acts; and

(f) by notice in writing to the holder of the licence, require him to pay to the Customs in respect of the services of officers required as the result of the suspension, including services relating to the enforcement of the suspension, the supervision of activities in relation to the warehouse permitted by a Collector, the stocktaking of goods in the warehouse or the reconciliation of records relating to such goods, such fee as the CEO determines, having regard to the cost of the services.

(8) If an amount that the holder of a licence is required to pay in accordance with a notice under paragraph (7)(f) is not paid, that amount may be recovered as a debt due to the Commonwealth by action in a court of competent jurisdiction.

87 Cancellation of warehouse licences

(1) The CEO may cancel a warehouse licence if:

(a) he is satisfied in relation to the licence as to any of the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (h) (inclusive) of subsection 86(1); or

(b) he is satisfied on any other grounds that cancellation of the licence is necessary for the protection of the revenue or for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Customs Acts.

(2) The CEO shall cancel a warehouse licence under subsection (1) by notice in writing:

(a) served, either personally or by post, on the holder of the licence; or

(b) served personally on a person who, at the time of service, apparently participates in the management or control of the warehouse.

(4) Subject to subsection (5), where the CEO cancels a warehouse licence, he shall by notice:

(a) published by being displayed on a public Notice Board in the Customs House or other office of the Customs nearest to the warehouse;

(b) published in the *Gazette*; and

(c) published in a newspaper circulating in the locality in which the warehouse is situated;

inform the owners of goods in the place that was the warehouse:

(d) that they are required, within a time specified in the notice or any further time allowed by the CEO, to:

(i) pay to the Collector duty payable in respect of their goods in the warehouse; or

(ii) remove their goods in the warehouse to another place in accordance with permission obtained from the Collector; and

(e) that, if they do not comply with the requirements of the notice, their goods in that place will be sold.

(5) Where the CEO who has cancelled a warehouse licence under this section is satisfied that all the goods in the place that was the warehouse are the property of the person who held the licence, the notice referred to in subsection (4) need not be published as mentioned in that subsection but shall be:

(a) served, either personally or by post, on that person; or

(b) served personally on a person who, at the time of the cancellation of the licence, apparently participated in the management or control of the place that was the warehouse.

(6) Where the owner of goods to which a notice under subsection (4) applies fails to comply with the requirements of the notice within the time specified in the notice or any further time allowed by the CEO, the goods may be sold by a Collector.

(7) Where a warehouse licence is cancelled under this section, the holder of the licence shall, if requested by the CEO to do so, surrender the licence to the CEO.

Penalty: $100.

(8) Subsection (7) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

88 Service of notices

For the purpose of the application of section 29 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* to the service by post of a notice under this Part on a person who holds or held a warehouse licence, such a notice posted as a letter addressed to the person at the address of the place that is or was the warehouse shall be deemed to be properly addressed.

89 Death of licence holder

If the holder of a warehouse licence, being a natural person, dies, the licence shall be deemed to be transferred to his legal personal representative.

90 Obligations of holders of warehouse licences

(1) The holder of a warehouse licence shall:

(a) stack and arrange goods in the warehouse so that officers have reasonable access to, and are able to examine, the goods;

(b) provide officers with adequate space and facilities for the examination of goods in the warehouse and with devices for accurately measuring and weighing such goods;

(c) if required by a Collector, provide adequate office space and furniture and a telephone service, for the official use of officers performing duties at the warehouse; and

(d) provide sufficient labour and materials for use by a Collector in dealing with goods in the warehouse for the purposes of this Act.

Penalty: $1,000.

(1A) Subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(2) A requirement imposed on the holder of a warehouse licence under paragraph (1)(c) shall be set out in a notice in writing served, either personally or by post, on the holder of the licence.

91 Access to warehouses

A Collector may, at any time, gain access to and enter, if necessary by force, any warehouse and examine any goods in the warehouse.

92 Repacking in warehouse

A Collector may, in accordance with the regulations, permit the owner of warehoused goods to sort, bottle, pack or repack those goods.

93 Regauging etc. of goods

Where:

(a) any warehoused goods are examined by an officer or by the owner of the goods with the approval of an officer; and

(b) the examination shows that there has been a decrease in the volume or weight of the goods since they were first entered;

the volume or weight of the goods shall, for the purposes of this Act or any other law of the Commonwealth, be taken to be:

(c) except where paragraph (d) applies—the volume or weight found on that examination; or

(d) where, in the opinion of a Collector, that decrease is excessive—the volume or weight shown in the original entry reduced to an extent that the Collector considers appropriate;

and duty in respect of the goods is payable accordingly.

94 Goods not worth duty may be destroyed

(1) Where a Collector is satisfied that the value of any warehoused goods is less than the amount of duty payable in respect of the goods, he may, if requested by the owner of the goods to do so, destroy the goods and remit the duty.

(2) The destruction of warehoused goods under subsection (1) does not affect any liability of the owner of the goods to pay the holder of a warehouse licence any rent or charges payable in respect of the goods.

95 Revaluation

Where a Collector is satisfied that warehoused goods that have been valued for the purposes of this Act in accordance with Division 2 of Part VIII have deteriorated in value as the result of accidental damage, the Collector may, if requested by the owner of the goods to do so, cancel that valuation and, for the purposes of this Act and in accordance with Division 2 of Part VIII revalue those goods as at the time of the revaluation.

96 Arrears of warehouse charges

(1) Where any rent or charges in respect of warehoused goods has or have been in arrears for:

(a) except where paragraph (b) applies—6 months; or

(b) where the goods are the unclaimed baggage of a passenger or member of the crew of a ship or aircraft—30 days;

a Collector may sell the goods.

(2) In this section, ***member of the crew*** includes:

(a) in relation to a ship—the master, a mate or an engineer of the ship; and

(b) in relation to an aircraft—the pilot of the aircraft.

96A Outwards duty free shops

(1) In this section:

international flight means a flight, whether direct or indirect, by an aircraft between a place in Australia from which the aircraft takes off and a place outside Australia at which the aircraft lands or is intended to land.

international voyage means a voyage, whether direct or indirect, by a ship between a place in Australia and a place outside Australia.

outwards duty free shop means a warehouse in respect of which the relevant warehouse licence authorises the sale in the warehouse of goods to relevant travellers.

proprietor, in relation to an outwards duty free shop, means the holder of the warehouse licence that relates to the outwards duty free shop.

relevant traveller means a person:

(a) who intends to make an international flight, whether as a passenger on, or as a pilot or member of the crew of, an aircraft; or

(b) who intends to make an international voyage, whether as a passenger on, or as the master or a member of the crew of, a ship.

(2) Subject to the regulations (if any), a Collector may give permission, in accordance with subsection (3), for goods that are specified in the permission and are sold to a relevant traveller in an outwards duty free shop that is specified in the permission to be:

(a) delivered to the relevant traveller personally for export by him when making the international flight or voyage in relation to which he is a relevant traveller; and

(b) exported by the relevant traveller when making that flight or voyage without the goods having been entered for export;

and, subject to subsection (13), the permission is authority for such goods to be so delivered and so exported.

(3) Permission under subsection (2) is given in accordance with this subsection if it is in writing and is delivered to the proprietor of the outwards duty free shop to which the permission relates.

(4) Permission under subsection (2) may relate to particular goods, all goods, goods included in a specified class or classes of goods or goods other than goods included in a specified class or classes of goods.

(5) Without limiting the matters that may be prescribed in regulations referred to in subsection (2), those regulations:

(a) may prescribe circumstances in which permission under that subsection may be given;

(b) may prescribe matters to be taken into account by a Collector when deciding whether to give permission under that subsection; and

(c) may prescribe conditions to which a permission under that subsection is to be subject.

(6) A Collector may, when giving permission under subsection (2) or at any time while a permission under that subsection is in force, impose conditions to which the permission is to be subject, being conditions that, in the opinion of the Collector, are necessary for the protection of the revenue or for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Customs Acts and may, at any time, revoke, suspend or vary, or cancel a suspension of, a condition so imposed.

(7) Without limiting the generality of paragraph (5)(c) or subsection (6), a condition referred to in that paragraph or that subsection to which a permission is to be subject may be:

(a) a condition to be complied with by the proprietor of the outwards duty free shop to which the permission relates or by relevant travellers to whom goods to which the permission relates are sold;

(b) a condition that the permission only applies to sales to relevant travellers who comply with a prescribed requirement or requirements, which may be, or include, a requirement that relevant travellers produce to the proprietor of the outwards duty free shop to which the permission relates or to a servant or agent of that proprietor a ticket or other document, being a document approved by a Collector for the purposes of this paragraph, showing that the relevant traveller is entitled to make the international flight or voyage in relation to which he is a relevant traveller; or

(c) a condition that the proprietor of the outwards duty free shop to which the permission relates will keep records specified in the regulations and will notify a Collector of all sales made by him to which the permission applies.

(8) A condition imposed in respect of a permission under subsection (6) or a revocation, suspension or variation, or a cancellation of a suspension, of such a condition takes effect when notice, in writing, of the condition or of the revocation, suspension or variation, or of the cancellation of the suspension, is served on the proprietor of the outwards duty free shop to which it relates, or at such later time (if any) as is specified in the notice, but does not

have effect in relation to any goods delivered to a relevant traveller before the notice was served.

(9) A condition imposed in respect of a permission under paragraph (5)(c) or subsection (6) or a revocation, suspension or variation, or a cancellation of a suspension, of a condition under subsection (6) may relate to all goods to which the permission relates or to particular goods to which the permission relates and may apply either generally or in particular circumstances.

(10) A permission under subsection (2) is subject to:

(a) the condition that the proprietor of the outwards duty free shop to which the permission relates will ensure that relevant travellers to whom goods are delivered in accordance with the permission are aware of any conditions of the permission with which they are required to comply; and

(b) the condition that that proprietor will provide a Collector with proof, in a prescribed way and within a prescribed time, of the export of goods delivered to a relevant traveller in accordance with the permission.

(11) If a person who is required to comply with a condition imposed in respect of a permission under subsection (2) fails to comply with the condition, he is guilty of an offence against this Act punishable upon conviction by a penalty not exceeding $5,000.

(11A) Subsection (11) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(12) Where the proprietor of an outwards duty free shop to which a permission under subsection (2) relates does not produce the proof required by paragraph (10)(b) that goods delivered by him to a relevant traveller in accordance with the permission have been exported by that traveller, the goods shall be deemed to have been entered, and delivered, for home consumption by the proprietor, as owner of the goods, on the day on which the goods were delivered to that traveller.

(13) A Collector may, in accordance with the regulations, revoke a permission given under subsection (2) in relation to the sale of goods occurring after the revocation.

(14) Where a Collector makes a decision under subsection (2) refusing to give permission to the proprietor of an outwards duty free shop or under subsection (13) revoking a permission given under subsection (2), he shall cause to be served, either personally or by post, on the proprietor of the shop, a notice in writing setting out the Collector's findings on material questions of fact, referring to the evidence or other material on which those findings were based and giving the reasons for the decision.

96B Inwards duty free shops

(1) In this section:

international flight means a flight, whether direct or indirect, by an aircraft between a place outside Australia from which the aircraft took off and a place in Australia at which the aircraft landed.

inwards duty free shop means a warehouse in respect of which the relevant warehouse licence authorises the sale in the warehouse of airport shop goods to relevant travellers.

proprietor, in relation to an inwards duty free shop, means the holder of the warehouse licence that relates to the inwards duty free shop.

relevant traveller means a person who:

(a) has arrived in Australia on an international flight, whether as a passenger on, or as the pilot or a member of the crew of, an aircraft; and

(b) has not been questioned, for the purposes of this Act, by an officer of Customs in respect of goods carried on that flight.

(2) A warehouse licence is not to authorise the sale in the warehouse of airport shop goods to relevant travellers unless the warehouse:

(a) is situated at an airport; and

(b) is so located that passengers on international flights who arrive at that airport would normally have access to the warehouse before being questioned for the purposes of this Act by officers of Customs.

(3) Subject to the regulations (if any), a Collector may give permission, in accordance with subsection (4), for airport shop goods that are specified in the permission and are sold to a relevant traveller in an inwards duty free shop that is specified in the permission to be:

(a) delivered to the relevant traveller; and

(b) taken by the relevant traveller for reporting to an officer of Customs doing duty in relation to clearance through Customs of the personal baggage of the relevant traveller.

(4) Permission under subsection (3) is given in accordance with this subsection if it is in writing and is delivered to the proprietor of the inwards duty free shop to which the permission relates.

(5) Without limiting the matters that may be prescribed in regulations referred to in subsection (3), those regulations:

(a) may prescribe circumstances in which permission under that subsection may be given;

(b) may prescribe matters to be taken into account by a Collector when deciding whether to give permission under that subsection; and

(c) may prescribe conditions to which a permission under that subsection is to be subject.

(6) A Collector may, when giving permission under subsection (3) or at any time while a permission under that subsection is in force, impose conditions to which the permission is to be subject, being conditions that, in the opinion of the Collector, are necessary for the protection of the revenue or for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Customs Acts, and may, at any time, revoke, suspend or vary, or cancel a suspension of, a condition so imposed.

(7) Without limiting the generality of paragraph (5)(c) or subsection (6), a condition referred to in that paragraph or that subsection to which a permission is to be subject may be:

(a) a condition to be complied with by the proprietor of the inwards duty free shop to which the permission relates or by relevant travellers to whom goods to which the permission relates are sold; or

(b) a condition that the proprietor of the inwards duty free shop to which the permission relates will keep records specified in the regulations.

(8) A condition imposed in respect of a permission under subsection (6) or a revocation, suspension or variation, or a cancellation of a suspension, of such a condition takes effect when notice in writing of the condition or of the revocation, suspension or variation, or of the cancellation of the suspension, is served on the proprietor of the inwards duty free shop to which it relates, or at such later time (if any) as is specified in the notice, but does not have effect in relation to any goods delivered to a relevant traveller before the notice was served.

(9) A condition imposed in respect of a permission under paragraph (5)(c) or subsection (6) or a revocation, suspension or variation, or a cancellation of a suspension, of a condition under subsection (6) may relate to all goods to which the permission relates or to particular goods to which the permission relates and may apply either generally or in particular circumstances.

(10) A permission under subsection (3) is subject to the condition that the proprietor of the inwards duty free shop to which the permission relates will ensure that relevant travellers to whom goods are delivered in accordance with the permission are aware of any conditions of the permission with which they are required to comply.

(11) If a person who is required to comply with a condition imposed in respect of a permission under subsection (3) fails to comply with the condition, the person is guilty of an offence against this Act punishable upon conviction by a fine not exceeding $5,000.

(11A) Subsection (11) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(12) A Collector may, in accordance with the regulations, revoke a permission given under subsection (3) in relation to the sale of goods occurring after the revocation.

(13) Where a Collector makes a decision under subsection (3) refusing to give permission to the proprietor of an inwards duty free shop or a decision under subsection (12) revoking a permission given

under subsection (3), the Collector shall cause to be served, either personally or by post, on the proprietor of the shop, a notice in writing setting out the Collector's findings on material questions of fact, referring to the evidence or other material on which those findings were based and giving the reasons for the decision.

97 Goods for public exhibition

(1) Subject to subsection (3), a Collector may, by writing signed by him, grant to the owner of warehoused goods permission to take those goods out of the warehouse for the purpose of public exhibition, testing or a similar purpose without entering the goods for home consumption.

(2) Permission under subsection (1) shall specify the period during which the owner of the relevant goods may keep the goods outside the warehouse.

(3) Permission under subsection (1) for the taking of warehoused goods out of a warehouse shall not be granted unless security has been given to the satisfaction of the Collector for the payment, in the event of the goods not being returned to the warehouse before the expiration of the period specified in the permission, of the duty that would have been payable if the goods had been entered for home consumption on the day on which they were taken out of the warehouse.

98 Goods blended or packaged in warehouse

Subject to the regulations, where a warehouse licence authorizes blending or packaging in the warehouse, goods may be blended or packaged in the warehouse in accordance with, and subject to any relevant conditions of, the licence, and goods so blended or packaged may, subject to the payment of any duty in respect of the goods the payment of which is required by the regulations, be delivered for home consumption.

99 Entry of warehoused goods [*see* Note 5]

(1) Warehoused goods may be entered:

(a) for home consumption; or

(b) for export.

(2) Subject to sections 69 and 70, warehoused goods shall not be delivered for home consumption unless:

(a) they have been entered for home consumption; and

(b) an authority to deal with the goods in accordance with that entry has been given under section 71B.

(3) Subject to section 96A, warehoused goods shall not be taken from the warehouse for export unless:

(a) they have been entered for export; and

(b) an authority to deal with the goods in accordance with that entry has been given under section 114C.

100 Constructive warehousing

(1) Where goods have been entered for warehousing, they may, without being warehoused in accordance with the entry, be further entered in accordance with section 99 and be dealt with in accordance with that further entry as if they had been so warehoused.

(2) Where a person makes a further entry in accordance with subsection (1) in respect of goods that have been entered for warehousing, he shall:

(a) at the time of lodging the further entry, give the Collector particulars of the entry for warehousing; and

(b) as soon as practicable, give particulars of the further entry to the holder of the warehouse licence relating to the warehouse in which the goods were intended to be warehoused in accordance with the entry for warehousing.

Penalty: $1,000.

(3) Subsection (2) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

101 Delivery of warehousing authority

(1) Where the owner of goods receives written authority for warehousing goods in pursuance of an entry for warehousing or

written permission under this Act to warehouse the goods, he shall, as soon as practicable, before the goods are delivered to the warehouse nominated in the authority or permission, deliver the authority or permission to the holder of the warehouse licence by leaving it at the warehouse with a person apparently participating in the management or control of the warehouse.

Penalty: $1,000.

(2) Subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

102 Holder of licence to inform Collector of certain matters

(1) Where goods are delivered to a warehouse but documents relating to those goods required to be delivered to the holder of the warehouse licence in accordance with this Act are not so delivered or such documents are so delivered but do not contain sufficient information to enable the holder to make a record relating to the goods that he is required to make under this Act, the holder shall, as soon as practicable, inform a Collector of the non-delivery or inadequacy of those documents, as the case may be.

Penalty: 10 penalty units.

(2) Where documents relating to goods to be warehoused in a warehouse are delivered to the holder of the warehouse licence in accordance with this Act but those goods are not received at the warehouse within 7 days after the delivery of the documents, the holder shall, as soon as practicable, inform a Collector of the non-delivery of those goods.

Penalty: 10 penalty units.

(3) Subsections (1) and (2) are offences of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

102A [Not in operation—*see* Note 5]

Part VA—Special provisions relating to customable beverages

103 Interpretation

In this Part:

bulk container means a container that has the capacity to have packaged in it more than 2 litres of customable beverage.

container means any article capable of holding liquids.

customable beverage means like customable goods (within the meaning of section 69):

(a) that are described in Chapter 22 of Schedule 3 to the Customs Tariff; and

(b) that are prescribed.

104 Customable beverage imported in bulk must be entered for warehousing or transhipment

All customable beverage imported into Australia in bulk containers must initially either be entered for warehousing under paragraph 68(2)(b) or for transhipment under paragraph 68(2)(c).

105 Certain customable beverage not to be entered for home consumption in bulk containers without CEO's approval

(1) Customable beverage that has been imported into Australia in bulk containers and entered for warehousing must not be entered for home consumption unless:

(a) the customable beverage has been repackaged in containers other than bulk containers; or

(b) the CEO, by notice in writing, permits the customable beverage to be entered for home consumption packaged in bulk containers.

(2) The CEO must not permit customable beverage that has been imported into Australia in bulk containers and initially entered for warehousing to be subsequently entered for home consumption purposes in bulk containers unless:

(a) the containers have a capacity of not more than 20 litres or such other volume as the CEO approves in writing; and

(b) the CEO is satisfied that the customable beverage will not be repackaged in any other container for the purposes of retail sale.

Part VI—The exportation of goods

Division 1—Prohibited exports

112 Prohibited exports

(1) The Governor-General may, by regulation, prohibit the exportation of goods from Australia.

(2) The power conferred by subsection (1) may be exercised:

(a) by prohibiting the exportation of goods absolutely;

(aa) by prohibiting the exportation of goods in specified circumstances;

(b) by prohibiting the exportation of goods to a specified place; or

(c) by prohibiting the exportation of goods unless specified conditions or restrictions are complied with.

(2A) Without limiting the generality of paragraph (2)(c), the regulations:

(aa) may identify the goods to which the regulations relate by reference to their inclusion:

(i) in a list or other document formulated by a Minister and published in the *Gazette* or otherwise; or

(ii) in that list or other document as amended by the Minister and in force from time to time; and

(a) may provide that the exportation of the goods is prohibited unless a licence, permission, consent or approval to export the goods or a class of goods in which the goods are included has been granted as prescribed by the regulations made under this Act or the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*; and

(b) in relation to licences or permissions granted as prescribed by regulations made under this Act—may make provision for and in relation to:

(i) the assignment of licences or permissions so granted or of licences or permissions included in a prescribed class of licences or permissions so granted;

(ii) the granting of a licence or permission to export goods subject to compliance with conditions or requirements, either before or after the exportation of the goods, by the holder of the licence or permission at the time the goods are exported;

(iii) the surrender of a licence or permission to export goods and, in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the surrender of a licence or permission to export goods in exchange for the granting to the holder of the surrendered licence or permission of another licence or permission or other licences or permissions to export goods; and

(iv) the revocation of a licence or permission that is granted subject to a condition or requirement to be complied with by a person for failure by the person to comply with the condition or requirement, whether or not the person is charged with an offence against subsection (2B) in respect of the failure.

(2AA) Where a Minister makes an amendment to a list or other document:

(a) that is formulated and published by the Minister; and

(b) to which reference is made in regulations made for the purposes of paragraph (2)(c);

the amendment is a disallowable instrument within the meaning of section 46A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

(2B) A person is guilty of an offence if:

(a) a licence or permission has been granted, on or after 10 November 1977, under the regulations; and

(b) the licence or permission relates to goods that are not narcotic goods; and

(c) the licence or permission is subject to a condition or requirement to be complied with by the person; and

(d) the person engages in conduct; and

(e) the person's conduct contravenes the condition or requirement.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

(2BA) Subsection (2B) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(2BB) Absolute liability applies to paragraph (2B)(a), despite subsection (2BA).

Note: For ***absolute liability***, see section 6.2 of the *Criminal Code*.

(2BC) A person is guilty of an offence if:

(a) a licence or permission has been granted, on or after 10 November 1977, under the regulations; and

(b) the licence or permission relates to goods that are narcotic goods; and

(c) the licence or permission is subject to a condition or requirement to be complied with by the person; and

(d) the person engages in conduct; and

(e) the person's conduct contravenes the condition or requirement.

(2BD) A person who is convicted of an offence against subsection (2BC) is punishable as provided by section 235.

(2BE) Absolute liability applies to paragraph (2BC)(a).

Note: For ***absolute liability***, see section 6.2 of the *Criminal Code*.

(2AB) It is a condition of any licence or permission to export goods, being a licence or permission granted under paragraph (2)(c) by the Minister for Defence or an authorised person within the meaning of subregulation 13B(1) or 13E(1) of the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations after the commencement of this subsection, that the Minister for Defence may, at any time, by notice:

(a) published:

(i) in the *Gazette*; and

(ii) in each State and internal Territory, in a newspaper circulating throughout that State or Territory; and

(b) in writing given to the holder of the licence or permission;

inform the holder that, with effect from a day specified in the notice, all goods to which the licence or permission relates, or such kinds of those goods as are specified in the notice, shall not

be exported to a specified place because in the opinion of the Minister for Defence:

(c) a situation in that place; or

(d) a situation in another place to which there is a reasonable likelihood that such goods will be re-exported from that specified place;

makes the exportation of such goods from Australia contrary to the national interest, and, where the Minister for Defence gives such a notice, the authority of the holder to export such goods to that specified place shall be taken to have been withdrawn until the Minister for Defence, by further notice in writing given to the holder, revokes the original notice.

(2AC) The day specified in a notice under subsection (2AB) shall be a day not earlier than the day on which the notice is published in the *Gazette* under subparagraph (2AB)(a)(i).

(2AD) Any failure to comply with the requirements of paragraph (2AB)(b) in relation to a notice under subsection (2AB) does not affect the validity of the notice.

(3) Goods the exportation of which is prohibited under this section are prohibited exports.

(4) In this section:

engage in conduct means:

(a) do an act; or

(b) omit to perform an act.

Division 2—Entry and clearance of goods for export

Subdivision A—Preliminary

113 Entry of goods for export

(1) The owner of goods intended for export:

(a) must ensure that the goods are entered for export; and

(b) must not allow the goods:

(i) if the goods are a ship or aircraft that is to be exported otherwise than in a ship or aircraft—to leave the place of exportation; or

(ii) if the goods are other goods—to be loaded on the ship or aircraft in which they are to be exported;

unless:

(iii) an authority to deal with them is in force; or

(iv) the goods are, or are included in a class of goods that are, excluded by the regulations from the application of this paragraph.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

(1A) An offence against subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to:

(a) goods that are accompanied or unaccompanied personal or household effects of a passenger in, or a member of the crew of, a ship or aircraft; and

(b) goods (other than prescribed goods) constituting, or included in, a consignment that:

(i) is consigned by post, by ship or by aircraft from one person to another; and

(ii) has an FOB value not exceeding $2,000 or such other amount as is prescribed.

(d) containers that are the property of a person carrying on business in Australia and that are exported on a temporary basis to be re-imported, whether empty or loaded; and

(e) containers that are intended for use principally in the international carriage of goods, other than containers that, when exported from Australia, cease, or are intended to cease, to be the property of a natural person resident, or a body corporate incorporated, in Australia; and

(f) goods that, under the regulations, are exempted from this section, either absolutely or on such terms and conditions as are specified in the regulations.

(2A) However, subsection (2) does not exempt from subsection (1) goods for the export of which a permission (however described) is required by an Act or an instrument made under an Act, other than goods or classes of goods prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this subsection.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(a), goods:

(a) in quantities exceeding what could reasonably be expected to be required by a passenger or member of the crew of a ship or aircraft for his or her own use; or

(b) that are, to the knowledge or belief of a passenger or a member of the crew of a ship or aircraft, to be sold, or used in the course of trading, outside Australia;

are not included in the personal or household effects of that passenger or crew member.

113AA [Not in operation—*see* Note 5]

Heading to Subdivision B [Not in operation—*see* Note 5]

114 What is an export entry? [*see* Note 5]

(1) An export entry is a communication to Customs of information concerning goods intended for export that is effected either by document or by computer.

(2) A documentary export entry must:

(a) be made by the owner of the goods concerned; and

(b) be communicated to Customs by sending or giving it to an officer doing duty in relation to export entries; and

(c) be in an approved form; and

(d) contain such information as is required by the form; and

(e) be signed in the manner specified in the form.

(3) A computer export entry must:

(a) be transmitted by a registered EXIT user as the owner, or on behalf of the owner, of the goods concerned; and

(b) be transmitted to Customs using the EXIT computer system; and

(c) be signed by transmitting, in relation to the entry, the registered EXIT user's identifying code; and

(d) communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement.

(4) Despite the fact that any law of the Commonwealth, including this Act, provides that the exportation of particular goods from Australia is prohibited unless a permission (however it is described) to export those goods is produced to an officer of Customs, that obligation will be taken to have been complied with if the permission obtained in respect of those goods is adequately identified in the information communicated to Customs in an export entry relating to those goods.

(5) Nothing in subsection (4) affects any power of an officer of Customs, under this Act, to require the production of such permission.

(6) When, in accordance with section 119D, an export entry is taken to have been communicated to Customs, the goods to which the entry relates are taken to have been entered.

114A Information and documents relating to export entries etc.

[*see* Note 5]

(1) Without limiting the generality of section 114C, where goods have been entered under section 114, authority to deal with the goods in accordance with the entry may be refused until an officer doing duty in relation to export entries has verified particulars of the goods shown in the entry:

(a) by reference to information contained in commercial documents relating to the goods that have been given to

Customs by the owner of the goods on, or at any time after, the communication of the entry to Customs; or

(b) by reference to information, in writing, in respect of the goods that has been so given to Customs.

(2) An officer doing duty in relation to export entries may, by notice in writing, require the owner of goods entered under section 114:

(a) to deliver to the officer the commercial documents in respect of the goods that are in the owner's possession or under the owner's control (including any such documents that had previously been delivered to an officer and had been returned to the owner); or

(b) to deliver to the officer such information, in writing, relating to the goods, being information of a kind specified in the notice, as is within the knowledge of the owner or as the owner is reasonably able to obtain.

(3) An officer doing duty in relation to export entries may ask the owner of goods entered under section 114 and, if another person communicated the entry on behalf of the owner, that other person, any questions relating to the goods.

(4) An officer doing duty in relation to export entries may require from the owner of any goods entered under section 114 proof of the particulars shown in the entry by declaration or the production of documents.

(5) Where:

(a) the owner of goods has been required to deliver documents or information under subsection (2) in relation to the goods; or

(b) the owner of, or person giving an entry in respect of goods has been asked a question under subsection (3) in respect of the goods; or

(c) the owner of goods has been required under subsection (4) to produce proof of a matter in respect of the goods;

authority to deal with the relevant goods in accordance with the entry must not be granted unless the requirement has been complied with or revoked, the question has been answered or withdrawn or the requirement has been complied with or withdrawn, as the case may be.

(6) Subject to section 215, where a person delivers a commercial document to an officer doing duty in relation to export entries under this section, the officer must deal with the document and then return the document to that person.

114B Confirming exporters [*see* Note 5]

(1) A person who:

(a) proposes to communicate an export entry relating to particular goods or is likely to communicate, from time to time, export entries in relation to goods of a particular kind; and

(b) will be unable to include in that export entry or those export entries particular information in relation to those goods because the information cannot be ascertained until after the exportation of those goods;

may apply to the CEO for confirming exporter status in respect of that information and those goods.

(2) An application under subsection (1) must:

(a) be in writing; and

(b) be in an approved form; and

(c) contain such particulars as are required by the form including the reasons the information referred to in subsection (1) cannot be ascertained before exportation.

(3) Where a person applies for confirming exporter status in respect of particular information and particular goods or goods of a particular kind, the CEO must:

(a) if the CEO is satisfied that the information cannot be ascertained before exportation—grant the applicant that status by signing a notice stating:

(i) that the applicant is granted that status in respect of that information and those goods; and

(ii) that the grant is on such conditions as are specified in the notice; or

(b) if the CEO is not so satisfied—refuse to grant the applicant that status by signing a notice stating that the CEO has refused to grant the applicant that status and setting out the reasons for the refusal.

(4) A grant of confirming exporter status has effect from the day on which the relevant notice is signed.

(5) Without limiting the generality of the conditions to which a grant of confirming exporter status may be subject, those conditions must be expressed to include:

(a) a requirement that the appropriate confirming exporter status will be specified in any export entry relating to the goods in respect of which the status was granted where the confirming exporter proposes to rely on that status; and

(b) a requirement that full details of the information in respect of which the status was granted will be provided as soon as practicable after exportation and not later than the time the CEO indicates in the notice granting the status; and

(c) a requirement that, if information in respect of which the status was granted becomes, to the knowledge of the confirming exporter, able to be ascertained before the exportation of goods in respect of which the status was granted, the confirming exporter will notify the CEO forthwith.

(6) Where the CEO is satisfied that information in respect of which confirming exporter status was granted is now able to be ascertained before exportation, he or she must sign a notice in writing:

(a) cancelling the confirming exporter status forthwith; or

(b) modifying the confirming exporter status so that it no longer relates to that information.

(7) Where a person granted a confirming exporter status is respect of information and goods fails to comply with a condition to which the grant is subject, the person is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: $1,000.

(7A) Subsection (7) does not apply if the person has a reasonable excuse.

(7B) Subsection (7) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(8) Where:

(a) a person who is a confirming exporter in respect of information and goods of a particular kind is convicted of an offence against subsection (7); or

(b) the CEO becomes satisfied that a person who is such a confirming exporter has failed to comply with a condition of a grant of confirming exporter status although no proceedings for an offence against subsection (7) have been brought against the person;

the CEO may:

(c) cancel that person's status in respect of that information and those goods; or

(d) modify that person's status so that it no longer relates to specified information or goods or so that the conditions to which it is subject are altered in a specified respect;

by signing a notice stating that that status has been so cancelled or modified and setting out the reasons for that cancellation or modification.

(9) A cancellation or modification of the confirming exporter status of a person has effect on the day the relevant notice was signed.

(10) The CEO must, as soon as practicable after signing a notice under subsection (3), (6) or (8), serve a copy of the notice on the person concerned but a failure to do so does not alter the effect of the notice.

Subdivision C (Sections 114BA–114BC) [Not in operation—*see* Note 5]

Heading to Subdivision D [Not in operation—*see* Note 5]

114C Authority to deal with goods entered under section 114

[*see* Note 5]

(1) Subject to this Act, where an entry in respect of goods has been sent, given or transmitted to Customs, the Customs must give an export entry advice, in a manner and form specified in the regulations, that constitutes either an authority to deal with the goods to which the entry relates in accordance with the entry or a refusal to provide such an authority.

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), regulations specifying the form of an export entry advice must include in the information set out in that advice a number, called the export entry advice number, by which the advice can be identified.

(3) An authority under this section to deal with goods may be expressed to be subject to a condition that a specified permission for the goods to be dealt with (however it is described) be obtained under another law of the Commonwealth.

(3A) An authority under this section to deal with goods may be expressed to be subject to a condition that any security required under section 16 of the *Excise Act 1901* be given.

(4) Where an authority under this section to deal with goods is expressed to be subject to a condition that a specified permission be obtained, the authority is taken not to have been given until the permission has been obtained.

(5) Where an authority under this section to deal with goods is expressed to be subject to a condition that any security required under section 16 of the *Excise Act 1901* be given, the authority is taken not to have been given until the security has been given.

(6) An officer may, at any time before goods authorised to be dealt with in accordance with an export entry are so dealt with, cancel that authority:

(a) if the authority was given in respect of a documentary entry—by signing a notice stating that the authority is cancelled and setting out the reasons for that cancellation and serving a copy of that notice on the person who made the entry, or, if that person does not have possession of the goods, on the person who has possession of the goods; and

(b) if the authority was given in respect of a computer entry:

(i) by transmitting to the registered EXIT user to whom the authority was given a cancellation notice setting out the same particulars as are required to be included in a notice referred to in paragraph (a); or

(ii) by signing and serving a notice of the kind referred to in paragraph (a);

and the cancellation has effect from the moment the notice is served or transmitted as the case requires.

114D Goods to be dealt with in accordance with export entry

[*see* Note 5]

(1) The owner of goods in respect of which an export entry has been communicated to Customs:

(a) must, as soon as practicable after an authority to deal with the goods is granted, deal with the goods in accordance with the entry; and

(b) must not remove any of the goods from the possession of the person to whom they are delivered or of any person to whom they are subsequently passed in accordance with the entry unless the entry has been withdrawn, or withdrawn insofar as it applies to those goods.

Penalty: $1,000.

(2) Where excisable goods on which excise duty has not been paid have been delivered to a place prescribed for the purposes of paragraph 30(1)(d) of this Act and the export entry that applies to those goods is withdrawn, or withdrawn insofar as it applies to those goods, then:

(a) despite any implication to the contrary in subsection (1), the goods become, on the communication to Customs of the withdrawal, goods under the Commissioner's control under section 61 of the *Excise Act 1901*; and

(b) the withdrawal constitutes a permission, under section 61A of that Act, to move the goods back to the place from which they were first moved in accordance with the entry.

(3) Where goods are goods on which Customs duty is payable but has not been paid and the export entry that applies to those goods is withdrawn, or withdrawn insofar as it applies to those goods, then:

(a) despite any implication to the contrary in subsection (1), the goods remain under Customs control; and

(b) the withdrawal constitutes a permission, under section 71E of this Act, to move the goods back to the place from which they were first moved in accordance with the entry.

114E, 114F [Not in operation—*see* Note 5]

115 Goods not to be taken on board without authority to deal

[*see* Note 5]

The owner of a ship or aircraft must not permit goods required to be entered for export to be taken on board the ship or aircraft for the purpose of exportation unless an authority to deal with the goods has been granted under section 114C.

Penalty: $10,000.

116 What happens when goods are not dealt with in accordance with an export entry? [*see* Note 5]

(1) Where:

(a) goods are entered for export under section 114; and

(b) none of the goods or some only of the goods have been exported in accordance with the entry at the end of a period of 30 days after the intended day of exportation notified in the entry;

the authority to deal with the goods in accordance with the entry, so far as it relates to goods not exported before the end of the period, is, at the end of the period, taken to have been revoked.

(2) Where an authority to deal with goods entered under section 114 is taken, under subsection (1), to have been totally or partially revoked, the owner of the goods must, within 7 days after the end of the period referred to in that subsection:

(a) if the authority to deal was taken to be totally revoked—withdraw the entry relating to the goods; and

(b) if the authority to deal was taken to be partially revoked—amend the entry so that it relates only to those goods exported before the end of the period.

Penalty: $5,000.

(3) Where the owner of goods entered under section 114 amends the original entry in accordance with paragraph (2)(b), the owner is, in accordance with subsection 119C(1), taken to have withdrawn the original entry but this Act has effect:

(a) as if the amended entry had been communicated to Customs under section 114; and

(b) as if an authority to deal with the goods to which the amended entry relates in accordance with the amended entry had been granted under section 114C;

on the day, or the respective days, on which the original entry was communicated and the original authority to deal was granted.

116A [Not in operation—*see* Note 5]

117 Security [*see* Note 5]

The Collector may require the owner of any goods entered for export and subject to the control of the Customs to give security that the goods will be landed at the place for which they are entered or will be otherwise accounted for to the satisfaction of the Collector.

117AA [Not in operation—*see* Note 5]

117A Submanifests may be prepared before goods are exported [*see* Note 5]

(1) A person involved in the consolidation of cargo for exportation by a ship or aircraft must, for the purpose of facilitating the obtaining of a Certificate of Clearance in respect of that ship or aircraft so as to enable that exportation, prepare and communicate to Customs, either by document or by computer, a submanifest in respect of those goods.

(2) A documentary submanifest must:

(a) be communicated to Customs by sending or giving it to an officer doing duty in respect of the clearance of ships or aircraft; and

(b) be in an approved form; and

(c) contain such information as is required by the form; and

(d) be signed by the person compiling the submanifest.

(3) A computer submanifest must:

(a) be transmitted by a registered EXIT user as, or on behalf of, the person referred to in subsection (1); and

(b) be transmitted to Customs using the EXIT computer system; and

(c) be signed by transmitting, in relation to the submanifest, the registered user's identifying code; and

(d) communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement.

(4) When an officer receives a documentary submanifest from the person who compiled it, he or she must acknowledge its receipt by giving the compiler a notice in writing specifying a submanifest number for inclusion in any outward manifest purportedly relating to the goods concerned.

(5) When a computer submanifest is transmitted to the Customs, the Customs must transmit to the compiler of the submanifest a notice acknowledging its receipt and giving the compiler a submanifest number for inclusion in any outward manifest purportedly relating to the goods concerned.

118 Certificate of Clearance [*see* Note 5]

The master of any ship or the pilot of any aircraft shall not depart with his ship or aircraft from any port, airport or other place in Australia without receiving from the Collector a Certificate of Clearance.

Penalty: $50,000.

119 Requisites for obtaining Certificate of Clearance [*see* Note 5]

(1) Before any Certificate of Clearance is granted to a ship or aircraft:

(a) the master or owner of the ship or the pilot or owner of the aircraft must communicate to Customs, by document or by computer, an outward manifest:

(i) specifying all of the goods, other than goods prescribed for the purposes of section 120, on board the ship or aircraft; or

(ii) if there are no goods of the kind to which subparagraph (i) applies on board the ship or aircraft—making a statement to that effect; and

(b) the master and owner of the ship or the pilot and owner of the aircraft shall severally answer questions relating to the ship or aircraft and her cargo, crew, passengers, stores and voyage; and

(c) the master and owner or the pilot and owner shall severally produce documents relating to the ship or aircraft and her cargo.

(2) A documentary outward manifest must:

(a) be communicated to Customs by sending or giving it to an officer doing duty in respect of the clearance of ships or aircraft; and

(b) be in an approved form; and

(c) contain such information as is specified in the form; and

(d) be signed in the manner specified in the form.

(2A) A computer outward manifest must:

(a) be transmitted by a registered EXIT user as, or on behalf of, the master or owner of the ship or the pilot or owner of the aircraft concerned; and

(b) be transmitted to Customs using the EXIT computer system; and

(c) be signed by transmitting, in relation to the outward manifest, the registered user's identifying code; and

(d) communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement.

(2B) If, within 24 hours after an outward manifest was communicated to Customs, a Certificate of Clearance has not been given to the master of the ship or pilot of the aircraft concerned, the master or pilot may, at any time within 14 days after the end of that period, apply to the CEO for a Certificate of Clearance and the decision of the CEO on the application is final and conclusive.

(3) Where, in pursuance of the last preceding subsection, the CEO has decided not to grant a Certificate of Clearance, the owner of the ship or aircraft shall be entitled, in a Court of competent jurisdiction, to recover damages against the Commonwealth in respect of the non-granting, or delay in granting, of the Certificate, if the Court is satisfied that the non-granting or delay was without reasonable and probable cause.

(4) Except as provided in the last preceding subsection no action or other proceeding shall lie against the Commonwealth, or any officer of the Commonwealth, by reason of the non-granting of any Certificate of Clearance, or of any delay in the granting of a Certificate of Clearance.

119A Withdrawal of entries, submanifests and manifests [*see* Note 5]

(1) At any time after an export entry, a submanifest or an outward manifest is communicated to Customs and before the goods to which it relates are exported, a withdrawal of the entry, submanifest or manifest may be communicated to Customs by document or computer.

(2) A documentary withdrawal of an entry, submanifest or manifest must:

(a) be communicated by the person by whom, or on whose behalf, the entry, submanifest or manifest was communicated; and

(b) by communicating to Customs:

(i) if it is a withdrawal of an entry—by giving it to an officer doing duty in relation to export entries; and

(ii) if it is a withdrawal of a submanifest or manifest—by giving it to an officer doing duty in relation to the clearance of ships or aircraft; and

(c) be in an approved form; and

(d) contain such information as is required by the form; and

(e) be signed in a manner specified in the form.

(3) A computer withdrawal of an entry, submanifest or manifest must:

(a) be transmitted by a registered EXIT user as or on behalf of, the person by whom, or on whose behalf, the entry, submanifest or manifest was communicated; and

(b) be transmitted to Customs, using the EXIT computer system; and

(c) be signed by transmitting, in relation to the withdrawal, the registered user's identifying code; and

(d) communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement.

(4) A withdrawal of an entry, submanifest or manifest has effect when, in accordance with section 119D, it is communicated to Customs.

119B Effect of withdrawal [*see* Note 5]

(1) When a withdrawal of an export entry takes effect, any authority to deal with the goods to which the entry relates is revoked.

(2) Despite the withdrawal of an entry, submanifest or manifest:

(a) a person may be prosecuted in respect of the entry, submanifest or manifest; and

(b) a penalty may be imposed on a person who is convicted of an offence in respect of the entry, submanifest or manifest;

as if it had not been withdrawn.

(3) The withdrawal of a documentary entry, documentary submanifest or documentary manifest the original of which was sent or given to an officer does not entitle the person who communicated it to have it returned.

119C Change of computer entries, submanifests and manifests treated as withdrawals [*see* Note 5]

(1) Where a person who has communicated a computer export entry changes information included in that entry, the person is taken, at the time when an export entry advice is transmitted in respect of the altered entry, to have withdrawn the entry as it previously stood.

(2) Where a person who has communicated a computer submanifest or a computer outward manifest changes information included in that submanifest or manifest, the person is taken, at the time when an acknowledgment of the altered submanifest or altered manifest, as the case requires, is transmitted, to have withdrawn the submanifest or manifest as it previously stood.

119D Notification of export entries, submanifests, manifests and withdrawals [*see* Note 5]

(1) For the purposes of this Act, a documentary export entry, a documentary submanifest, a documentary outward manifest, or a documentary withdrawal of such an entry, submanifest or manifest, may be sent to the officer referred to in subsection 114(2), 117A(2), 119(2) or 119A(2), as the case requires, in any manner prescribed and, when so sent, is taken to have been communicated to Customs at such time, and in such circumstances, as are prescribed.

(3) For the purposes of this Act, a computer export entry, a computer submanifest, a computer outward manifest, or a computer withdrawal of such an entry, submanifest or manifest, as the case requires, that is transmitted to Customs using the EXIT computer system is taken to have been communicated to Customs when an export entry advice or an acknowledgment of receipt of the submanifest, manifest or withdrawal is transmitted to the registered EXIT user whose identifying code was transmitted in relation to the entry, submanifest, manifest or withdrawal.

120 Shipment of goods

The master of a ship or the pilot of an aircraft shall not suffer to be taken on board his ship or aircraft any goods other than:

(a) goods which are specified or referred to in the Outward Manifest; and

(b) goods prescribed for the purpose of this section.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

122 Time of clearance [*see* Note 5]

Except as prescribed, no Certificate of Clearance shall be granted for any ship or aircraft unless all her inward cargo and stores shall have been duly accounted for to the satisfaction of the Collector nor unless all the other requirements of the law in regard to such ship or aircraft and her inward and outward cargo have been duly complied with.

Division 3—The use of computers for export entry and clearance purposes [*see* Note 5]

122A Registered EXIT users [*see* Note 5]

(1) To communicate with Customs by computer for a purpose identified in Division 2, a person must be a registered EXIT user.

(2) A person wishing to become a registered EXIT user may apply to the CEO to be so registered.

(3) An application must:
  (a) be in writing; and
  (b) be in an approved form; and
  (c) contain such information as is required by the form.

(4) The CEO may require an applicant for registration to give such additional information as the CEO considers necessary for the purposes of this Act and may refuse to register the person until the information is given to the satisfaction of the CEO.

(5) Where an application is made to the CEO under this section, the CEO must, having regard to that application and where additional information is supplied in response to a request under subsection (4), to that additional information:
  (a) register the applicant as a registered EXIT user by signing a notice stating that the applicant is a registered EXIT user; or
  (b) refuse to register the applicant as a registered EXIT user by signing a notice stating that the CEO has refused to register the applicant and setting out the reasons for the refusal.

(6) Where the CEO registers a person as a registered EXIT user, the registration has effect from the day on which the relevant notice was signed.

(7) Each registered EXIT user must, as soon as practicable after registration, enter into an agreement with Customs, setting out the terms and conditions of computer access to Customs for the purpose of communications relating to the exportation of goods including:

(a) a condition that the user will use computer facilities of a kind specified in the agreement for all computer communications with Customs relating to export entries; and

(b) a condition that the user, when assigned an identifying code by the CEO, will ensure the security of the code in a manner indicated in the agreement.

(8) Where a registered EXIT user enters into an EXIT agreement, the CEO must forthwith allocate an identifying code to the user.

(9) Where, at any time, the CEO becomes satisfied that a person who is a registered EXIT user has failed to comply:

(a) with an obligation imposed on the user under this Act; or

(b) with a term of the applicable EXIT agreement;

the CEO may cancel the registration of the registered EXIT user by signing a notice stating that the registration has been cancelled and setting out the reasons for that cancellation.

(10) The cancellation of the registration of a person as a registered EXIT user has effect from the day the relevant notice was signed.

(11) The CEO must, as soon as practicable after signing a notice under subsection (5) or (9), serve a copy of the notice on the person concerned but a failure to do so does not alter the effect of the notice.

122B Unauthorised use of registered EXIT user's identifying code

[*see* Note 5]

Where a computer export entry, a computer submanifest, a computer outward manifest or a withdrawal of such an entry, submanifest or manifest is communicated to Customs using a registered EXIT user's identifying code:

(a) without the authority of the user to whom the code was assigned; and

(b) before notification to Customs by the user of a possible breach of security;

that entry, submanifest, manifest or withdrawal will be, for all purposes, but subject to any evidence by the user to the contrary, taken to have been communicated by the user.

122C What happens if the EXIT computer system is down?

[*see* Note 5]

(1) Where:

(a) because the EXIT computer system is inoperative, a registered EXIT user cannot transmit a computer export entry to Customs or Customs cannot transmit an export entry advice to the user; and

(b) the exportation of the goods for which the entry is required could otherwise be delayed;

the user may contact an officer doing duty in relation to entries as specified in the applicable EXIT agreement; and

(c) give the officer such of the information that would ordinarily be contained in an export entry as the officer requests; and

(d) request the officer to give him or her a provisional clearance of the goods to which the export entry relates.

(2) Where an application is made to an officer in respect of particular goods in the circumstances set out in subsection (1), he or she must, having regard to the information supplied:

(a) if he or she is satisfied that, were a computer export entry in respect of those goods able to be processed in the normal manner, the goods would be cleared for export in an export entry advice—give the registered EXIT user concerned a provisional clearance containing similar details to those that would be given in an export entry advice constituting an authority to deal with the goods; and

(b) if he or she is not so satisfied—refuse to give such a provisional clearance.

(3) Where:

(a) a provisional clearance is given in respect of particular goods; and

(b) the goods are exported before an export entry advice is given in respect of the goods;

the goods are treated, for the purposes of this Part, as if the provisional clearance were an export entry advice constituting an authority to deal with the goods in the manner set out in the clearance, whether or not such an advice is ultimately given on an acquittal of the clearance under section 122D.

122D Acquittal of provisional clearance [*see* Note 5]

(1) Where a registered EXIT user is given a provisional clearance in respect of particular goods, the user must, within 48 hours after the EXIT computer system is restored to operability, whether or not the goods have been exported:

(a) withdraw any previous computer export entry in respect of the goods that was not able to be processed while the system was inoperable; and

(b) transmit a computer export entry in respect of the goods; and

(c) include in the information transmitted in the entry, particulars of the provisional clearance in respect of the goods.

Penalty: $500.

(2) Where a computer export entry is communicated to Customs in respect of goods in relation to which a provisional clearance was issued, any authority to deal with the goods in accordance with that entry is taken to have been issued at the time when the provisional clearance was given.

122E Third party inquiries [*see* Note 5]

(1) Any person who, to the satisfaction of an officer of Customs:

(a) is involved in the preparation of a submanifest or manifest in respect of particular goods; or

(b) for any other reason, has a legitimate need to know of the existence of an authority to deal in respect of particular goods;

may request Customs to confirm the existence of such an authority in respect of all or any of those goods.

(2) Any person who, to the satisfaction of an officer of Customs, is involved in the preparation of a manifest in respect of particular goods may request Customs to confirm:

(a) the existence of a submanifest in respect of any of those goods; and

(b) the existence of an authority to deal in respect of any of the goods covered by the submanifest.

(3) A request under subsection (1) must quote the export entry advice number of any authority to deal in respect of which confirmation is sought under that section.

(4) A request under subsection (2) must quote the submanifest number of any manifest in relation to which a confirmation is sought under that subsection.

Division 3A—Examining goods for export that are not yet subject to Customs control

122F Object of Division

(1) The object of this Division is to confer powers on authorised officers to enter premises and examine goods that are reasonably believed to be intended for export.

(2) The powers are exercisable before the goods become subject to the control of Customs and are conferred for the purpose of enabling officers to assess whether the goods meet the requirements of this Act relating to exports.

(3) The powers are exercisable only with the consent of the occupier of the premises at which the goods are situated.

(4) The CEO must not authorise an officer to exercise powers under this Division unless the CEO is satisfied that the officer is suitably qualified, because of the officer's abilities and experience, to exercise those powers.

122G Occupier of premises

In this Part:

occupier of premises includes a person who is apparently in charge of the premises.

122H Consent required to enter premises and examine goods for export

(1) Subject to section 122J, an authorised officer may enter premises, and exercise the powers conferred by the other sections of this Division in or on the premises, in accordance with this section.

(2) The authorised officer must believe on reasonable grounds that there are, or have been, in or on particular premises goods (the ***export goods***) that the authorised officer reasonably believes are intended to be exported.

(3) The premises must not be a place prescribed for the purposes of paragraph 30(1)(d), or part of such a place.

Note: Paragraph 30(1)(d) subjects to the control of Customs goods that are made or prepared in, or brought to, a prescribed place for export.

(4) The occupier of the premises must have consented in writing to the entry of the authorised officer to the premises and the exercise of the powers in or on the premises.

(5) Before obtaining the consent, the authorised officer must have told the occupier that he or she could refuse consent.

(6) Before the authorised officer enters the premises or exercises any of the powers, he or she must produce his or her identity card to the occupier.

122J Officer must leave premises if consent withdrawn

(1) An authorised officer who has entered premises under section 122H must leave the premises if the occupier withdraws his or her consent.

(2) A withdrawal of a consent does not have any effect unless it is in writing.

122K Power to search premises for export goods

The authorised officer may search the premises for the export goods and documents relating to them.

122L Power to examine export goods

(1) While the authorised officer is in or on the premises, he or she may inspect, examine, count, measure, weigh, gauge, test or analyse, and take samples of, the export goods.

(2) The authorised officer may remove from the premises any samples taken, and arrange for tests or analyses to be conducted on them elsewhere.

122M Power to examine documents relating to export goods

The authorised officer may examine and take extracts from, or make copies of, documents that are in or on the premises and relate to the export goods.

122N Power to question occupier about export goods

If the authorised officer is in or on the premises because the occupier consented to the officer's entry, the officer may request the occupier:

(a) to answer questions about the export goods; and

(b) to produce to the officer documents that are in or on the premises and relate to the export goods;

but the occupier is not obliged to comply with the request.

122P Power to bring equipment to the premises

The authorised officer may bring into or onto the premises equipment and materials for exercising a power described in section 122K, 122L or 122M.

122Q Compensation

(1) If a person's property is damaged as a result of an exercise of a power under this Division, the person is entitled to compensation of a reasonable amount payable by Customs for the damage.

(2) Customs must pay the person such reasonable compensation as Customs and the person agree on. If they fail to agree, the person may institute proceedings in the Federal Court of Australia for such reasonable amount of compensation as the Court determines.

(3) In determining the amount of compensation payable, regard is to be had to whether the occupier of the premises and the employees or agents of the occupier, if they were available at the time, had provided any warning or guidance that was appropriate in the circumstances.

122R Powers in this Division are additional to other powers

The powers of an authorised officer under this Division do not limit powers under other provisions of this Act or under provisions of other Acts.

Example: Some other provisions and Acts giving similar powers are Parts III and XII of this Act, and the *Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act 1905* and the *Export Control Act 1982*.

Division 4—Exportation procedures after Certificate of Clearance issued

123 Ship to bring to and aircraft to stop at boarding stations

(1) The master of every ship departing from any port shall bring his ship to at a boarding station appointed for the port and by all reasonable means facilitate boarding by the officer, and shall not depart with his ship from any port with any officer on board such ship in the discharge of his duty without the consent of such officer.

Penalty: $500.

(2) The pilot of every aircraft departing from any airport shall bring his aircraft to a boarding station appointed for the port or airport, and by all reasonable means facilitate boarding by the officer, and shall not depart with his aircraft from any port or airport with any officer on board such aircraft without the consent of such officer.

Penalty: $500.

(3) Subsections (1) and (2) are offences of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

124 Master or pilot to account for missing goods

(1) The master of every ship and the pilot of every aircraft after clearance shall:

(a) on demand by an officer produce the Certificate of Clearance;

(b) account to the satisfaction of the Collector for any goods specified or referred to in the Outward Manifest and not on board his ship or aircraft.

Penalty: $10,000.

(2) Subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

125 Goods exported to be landed at proper destination

(1) No goods shipped for export shall be unshipped or landed except in parts beyond the seas.

Penalty: $25,000.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the goods are unshipped or landed with the permission of the Collector.

(3) Subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

126 Certificate of landing

If required by the CEO a certificate in such form and to be given by such person as may be prescribed shall be produced in proof of the due landing according to the export entry of any goods subject to the control of the Customs, and the Collector may refuse to allow any other goods subject to the control of the Customs to be exported by any person who fails within a reasonable time to produce such certificate of the landing of any such goods previously exported by him or to account for such goods to the satisfaction of the Collector.

Division 5—Miscellaneous

126A Export of installations

(1) Where an installation ceases to be part of Australia, the installation and any goods on the installation at the time when it ceases to be part of Australia shall, for the purposes of the Customs Acts, be taken to have been exported from Australia.

(2) Where:

(a) a resources installation is taken from a place in Australia into Australian waters for the purpose of becoming attached to the Australian seabed; or

(b) a sea installation is taken from a place in Australia into an adjacent area or into a coastal area for the purpose of being installed in that area;

the installation and any goods on the installation shall not be taken, for the purposes of the Customs Acts, to have been exported from Australia.

126B Export of goods from installations

For the purposes of the Customs Acts, where goods are taken from an installation that is deemed to be part of Australia under section 5C for the purpose of being taken to a place outside Australia, whether directly or indirectly, the goods shall be deemed to have been exported from Australia at the time when they are so taken from the installation.

126C Size of exporting vessel

(1) Goods subject to the control of Customs must not be exported in a ship of less than 50 tons gross registered.

Penalty: $1,000.

(2) Subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply if the CEO has given written permission for the export of the goods in that way.

Part VIA (Sections 126D–126G) [Not in operation—*see* Note 5]

Part VII—Ships' stores and aircraft's stores

127 Use of ships' and aircraft's stores

(1) Ships' stores and aircraft's stores, whether shipped in a place outside Australia or in Australia:

(a) shall not be unshipped or unloaded; and

(b) shall not be used before the departure of the ship or aircraft from its last port of departure in Australia otherwise than for the use of the passengers or crew, or for the service, of the ship or aircraft.

Penalty: $2,000.

(2) Subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply if the Collector has consented to the unshipping, unloading or use.

128 Unshipment of ships' and aircraft's stores [*see* Note 5]

Ships' stores and aircraft's stores which are unshipped or unloaded with the consent of the Collector shall be entered:

(a) for home consumption;

(b) for warehousing; or

(c) for transhipment to another ship or aircraft.

129 Ships' and aircraft's stores not to be taken on board without approval

(1) The master or owner of a ship or the pilot or owner of an aircraft may make application to a Collector for the approval of the Collector to take ship's stores or aircraft's stores on board the ship or aircraft and the Collector may grant to the master, pilot or owner of the ship or aircraft approval to take on board such ship's stores or such aircraft's stores as the Collector, having regard to

the voyage or flight to be undertaken by the ship or aircraft and to the number of passengers and crew to be carried, determines.

(2) Approval under the last preceding subsection may be granted subject to the condition that the person to whom the approval is granted complies with such requirements as are specified in the approval, being requirements that, in the opinion of the Collector, are necessary for the protection of the revenue of the Customs or for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Customs Acts.

(3) If, in relation to any goods, a person to whom an approval has been granted under subsection (1) fails to comply with a requirement specified in the approval:

(a) he is guilty of an offence against this Act punishable, upon conviction, by a penalty not exceeding $2,000; and

(b) if he failed to comply with a requirement before the goods were placed on board the ship or aircraft—the removal of the goods for the purpose of placing the goods on board the ship or aircraft shall, for the purposes of paragraph 229(1)(g), be deemed not to have been authorized by this Act.

(3A) Subsection (3) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(4) Ship's stores or aircraft's stores taken on board a ship or aircraft otherwise than in accordance with an approval granted under subsection (1) shall, notwithstanding that the goods are taken on board by authority of an entry under this Act, be deemed, for the purposes, to be prohibited exports.

130 Ship's and aircraft's stores exempt from duty

Except as provided by the regulations, ship's stores and aircraft's stores are not liable to duties of Customs.

130A Entry not required for ship's or aircraft's stores

Goods consisting of ship's stores or aircraft's stores, other than goods of a prescribed kind, may be taken on board a ship or aircraft in accordance with an approval granted under section 129 notwithstanding that an entry has not been made in respect of the

goods authorizing the removal of the goods to the ship or aircraft and duty has not been paid on the goods.

130B Payment of duty on ship's or aircraft's stores

(1) Where duty is payable on goods taken on board a ship as ship's stores, or on board an aircraft as aircraft's stores, in accordance with an approval granted under section 129 without duty having been paid on the goods, the duty shall, on demand for payment of the duty being made by a Collector to the master or owner of the ship or to the pilot or owner of the aircraft, be paid as if the goods had been entered for home consumption on the day on which the demand was made.

(2) The master or owner of a ship, if so directed by an officer, must give to a Collector a return, in accordance with the approved form, relating to the ship's stores of the ship and to goods taken on board the ship as ship's stores.

(2AA) The return referred to in subsection (2) must include details of any:

(a) drugs that are prohibited imports; and

(b) firearms; and

(c) ammunition;

that are ship's stores of the ship or have been taken on board the ship as ship's stores.

(2A) The owner of an aircraft, or, if so directed by an officer, the pilot of an aircraft, shall:

(a) whenever so directed by an officer, give to a Collector particulars of:

(i) the prescribed aircraft's stores of the aircraft; and

(ii) goods taken on board the aircraft as prescribed aircraft's stores; and

(b) immediately before the departure of the aircraft from Australia, give to a Collector a return, in accordance with the prescribed form, relating to drugs that are prohibited imports and:

(i) are aircraft's stores of the aircraft; or

(ii) have been taken on board the aircraft as aircraft's stores.

(3) A person who fails to comply with a direction under subsection (2) or (2A) is guilty of an offence punishable upon conviction by a penalty not exceeding $2,000.

(3A) Subsection (3) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(4) In subsection (2A), ***prescribed aircraft's stores*** means prescribed aircraft's stores within the meaning of section 129.

130C Interpretation

In this Part:

aircraft does not include:

(a) an aircraft that is not currently engaged in making international flights; or

(b) an aircraft that is currently engaged in making international flights but is about to make a flight other than an international flight.

aircraft's stores means stores for the use of the passengers or crew of an aircraft, or for the service of an aircraft.

international flight, in relation to an aircraft, means a flight, whether direct or indirect, between:

(a) a place in Australia from which the aircraft takes off and a place outside Australia at which the aircraft lands or is intended to land; or

(b) a place outside Australia from which the aircraft takes off and a place in Australia at which the aircraft lands.

international voyage, in relation to a ship, means a voyage, whether direct or indirect, between a place in Australia and a place outside Australia.

ship does not include:

(a) a ship that is not currently engaged in making international voyages; or

(b) a ship that is currently engaged in making international voyages but is about to make a voyage other than an international voyage.

ship's stores means stores for the use of the passengers or crew of a ship, or for the service of a ship.

Part VIII—The duties

Division 1—The payment and computation of duties generally

131A Fish caught by Australian ships

(1) Fish and other goods the produce of the sea which are caught or gathered by a ship which:

(a) is registered in Australia; and

(b) was fitted out for the voyage during which those fish or goods were caught or gathered at a port or place in Australia;

shall not, when brought into Australia by that ship, or by a tender (which is registered in Australia) of that ship, be liable to any duty of Customs, or be subject to the control of the Customs.

131AA Special provisions for goods taken to Area A of the Zone of Cooperation

(1) Goods taken out of Australia for the purpose of being taken to a resources installation in Area A and there used for a purpose related to petroleum operations are not liable to any duty of Customs in relation to the taking of the goods out of Australia.

(2) Goods brought into Australia for the purpose of being taken to a resources installation in Area A and there used for a purpose related to petroleum operations are not liable to any duty of Customs in relation to the bringing of the goods into Australia.

(3) In this section, ***petroleum operations*** has the same meaning as in the Treaty set out in Schedule 1 to the *Petroleum (Timor Gap Zone of Cooperation) Act 1990*.

131B Liability of Commonwealth authorities to pay duties of Customs

(1) Subject to subsection (2), to the extent that, but for this section, an Act (whether enacted before, on or after 1 July 1987) would:

(a) exempt a particular Commonwealth authority from liability to pay duties of Customs; or

(b) exempt a person from liability to pay duties of Customs in relation to goods for use by a particular Commonwealth authority;

then, by force of this section, the exemption has no effect.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an exemption if:

(a) the provision containing the exemption is enacted after 30 June 1987; and

(b) the exemption expressly refers to duties of Customs (however described).

132 Rate of import duty [*see* Note 5]

(1) Subject to this section and to section 132B, the rate of any import duty payable on goods is the rate of the duty in force when the goods are entered for home consumption.

(2) Where goods are entered for home consumption more than once before import duty is paid on them, the rate at which the import duty is payable is the rate of the duty in force when the goods were first entered for home consumption.

(3) For the purposes of this section, if an entry for home consumption in respect of goods is withdrawn under section 71F and the goods are subsequently entered for warehousing, the entry for home consumption is to be disregarded.

(4) The rate of any import duty on goods whose owner is required by section 71 to provide information about them is the rate of the duty in force at the later of the following times (or either of them if they are the same):

(a) the time when the information is provided;

(b) the time when the goods arrive in Australia.

(5) The rate of any import duty on goods:

(a) that are goods of a kind referred to in paragraph 68(1)(e); and

(b) whose owner is not required by section 71 to provide information about them;

is the rate of duty in force at the time when the goods arrive in Australia.

132AA When import duty must be paid [*see* Note 5]

General rule

(1) Import duty payable on goods described in an item of the following table must be paid by the time indicated in the item. Import duty on goods covered by both items 1 and 2 is payable by the time indicated in item 2.

When import duty must be paid

Item	Description of goods	Time by which duty on goods must be paid
1	Goods entered for home consumption	Time of entry of the goods for home consumption
2	Goods prescribed by the regulations and entered for home consumption	Time worked out under the regulations made for the purposes of this item
3	Goods whose owner must provide information about them under section 71	When the information is provided, or when the goods arrive in Australia, whichever is later
4	Goods of a kind referred to in paragraph 68(1)(e) that are not covered by item 3	Time of delivery of the goods into home consumption

Note: The regulations may prescribe goods by reference to classes, and may provide for different times for payment for different classes of goods. See subsection 33(3A) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Regulations prescribing goods

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), goods may be prescribed by reference to a class identified by reference to characteristics or actions of the persons importing goods in the class. This does not limit the ways in which goods may be prescribed.

Regulations setting time for payment of duty

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), the regulations may provide for the time by which import duty must be paid to be worked out by reference to a time specified by the CEO. This does not limit the ways in which the regulations may provide for working out that time.

Exceptions to this section

(4) Subsection (1) has effect subject to the provisions listed in column 2 of the following table:

Exceptions to this section

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Provisions	Column 3 Subject
1	paragraphs 69(5)(d) and 70(7)(b)	payment of duty on certain goods delivered into home consumption without entry for home consumption
2	paragraphs 77D(5)(b) and 77E(5)(b)	payment of duty on goods delivered into home consumption under special permission because the COMPILE computer system is not operating properly
3	section 162A	temporary importation of goods without paying duty

132A Prepayment of duty

Where, before goods are entered for home consumption, an amount is paid to a Collector in respect of duty that may become payable in respect of the goods, the amount shall, upon the goods being entered for home consumption, be deemed, for the purposes of this Act, to be an amount of duty paid in respect of the goods.

132B Declared period quotas—effect on rates of import duty

[*see* Note 5]

(1) If at any time the CEO is of the opinion that, for the reason that persons are anticipating, or may anticipate, an increase in the rate of duty applicable to goods of a particular kind, the quantity of goods of that kind that may be entered for home consumption during a period is likely to be greater than it would otherwise be,

the CEO may, by notice published in the *Gazette*, declare that that period is, for the purposes of this section, a declared period with respect to goods of that kind.

(2) The CEO shall, in a notice under subsection (1) declaring that a period is a declared period for the purposes of this section, specify in the notice another period being a period ending before the commencement of the declared period, as the base period in relation to the declared period.

(3) Where the CEO makes a declaration under subsection (1) specifying a declared period in respect of goods of any kind, he may, in respect of that kind of goods, or goods of a kind included in that kind of goods, make an order in writing (in this Act referred to as a ***quota order***) applicable to a person specified in the order, being an order that states that the person's quota, for the declared period, in respect of goods of the kind to which the order relates is such quantity as is specified in the order or is nil, and, subject to subsection (4) of this section, the order comes into force forthwith.

(4) Where, during a declared period, a person enters goods for home consumption, being goods of a kind in respect of which there is no quota order in force that is applicable to that person for the declared period, the CEO may, before authority to deal with the goods is given under section 71B and whether or not the declared period has expired, make, under subsection (3), a quota order that is applicable to that person for that declared period in respect of goods of that kind, and a quota order so made shall, unless the contrary intention appears in the order, be deemed to have come into force immediately before the time of entry of the goods.

(5) In making a quota order under subsection (3), or revoking or varying a quota order under section 132C, with respect to a person, the CEO shall have regard to the quantity of goods (if any) of the kind to which the order relates that, at any time or times during the period that is the base period with respect to the declared period to which the order relates or during any other period that the CEO considers relevant, the person has entered for home consumption, and to such other matters as the CEO considers relevant.

(6) If:

(a) at any time during a declared period, a person has entered any goods (in this section referred to as the ***relevant goods***) for home consumption, being goods of a kind in respect of which there is in force at the time of entry of the goods a quota order that states that the person's quota in respect of goods of that kind is a quantity specified in the order;

(b) the quantity of the relevant goods so entered, together with goods (if any) of that kind previously entered for home consumption by the person during the declared period, exceeds the quota; and

(c) the amount of import duty paid or payable on the relevant goods at the rate of duty in force at the time of entry of the goods is less than the amount of duty applicable to those goods in accordance with the rate of duty in force on the day immediately following the last day of the declared period;

the rate of import duty payable on the relevant goods, or on so much of the relevant goods as, together with goods (if any) of that kind previously entered for home consumption by the person during the declared period, exceeds the quota, is the rate of duty in force on the day immediately following the last day of the declared period.

(7) If:

(a) at any time during a declared period, a person has entered any goods for home consumption, being goods of a kind in respect of which there is in force at the time of entry of the goods a quota order that states that the person's quota in respect of goods of that kind is nil; and

(b) the amount of import duty paid or payable on those goods at the rate of duty in force at the time of entry of the goods is less than the amount of duty applicable to those goods in accordance with the rate of duty in force on the day immediately following the last day of the declared period;

the rate of import duty payable on the goods is the rate of duty in force on the day immediately following the last day of the declared period.

(8) Where at any time during a declared period, a person enters any goods for home consumption, being goods of a kind in respect of which there is in force at the time of entry of the goods a quota

order that is applicable to that person for the declared period, the Customs shall have the right, before authority to deal with the goods is given under section 71B, in addition to requiring import duty to be paid on the goods at the rate in force at that time of entry of the goods, to require and take, for the protection of the revenue of the Customs in relation to any additional amount of duty that may become payable on the goods, or on a part of the goods, by virtue of the operation of subsection (6) or (7), security by way of cash deposit of an amount equal to the amount of duty payable on the goods, or on that part of the goods, at the rate in force at the time of entry of the goods.

132C Revocation and variation of quota orders

(1) The CEO may, by writing under his hand, revoke or vary a quota order at any time before:

(a) the expiration of the declared period to which the quota order relates; or

(b) the expiration of the period within which, under regulations made by virtue of section 132E, application may be made for the review of the quota order;

whichever last occurs.

(2) Where a quota order is revoked by the CEO under this section, the revocation shall be deemed to have taken effect on the day on which the order came into force.

(3) The revocation of a quota order under this section does not prevent the making of a further quota order that is applicable to the person to whom the revoked quota order was applicable and that has effect with respect to the declared period in respect of which the revoked quota order had effect, whether or not the kind of goods to which the further quota order relates is the same as the kind of goods to which the revoked quota order related.

(4) Subject to subsection (5), a variation of a quota order under this section shall, for the purposes of section 132B, be deemed to have had effect on and from the day on which the quota order came into force.

(5) Where:

(a) a quota order applicable to a person states that the person's quota in respect of goods of the kind to which the order relates is a quantity specified in the order; and

(b) the CEO varies the order in such a way that the order specifies a lesser quantity or states that the person's quota is nil;

the variation has effect on and from the day on which it is made.

132D Service of quota orders etc.

The CEO shall, as soon as practicable after he makes a quota order or revokes or varies a quota order, cause a copy of the quota order or of the revocation or variation, as the case may be, to be served on the person to whom the quota order is applicable.

133 Export duties

(1) All export duties shall be finally payable at the rate in force when the goods are actually exported but in the first instance payment shall be made by the owner to the Collector at the rate in force when the goods are entered for export.

(2) Duty imposed on coal by the *Customs Tariff (Coal Export Duty) Act 1975* shall be payable at the rate in force when the coal is exported and shall be paid before the coal is exported or within such further period as the Collector allows.

(5) Duty imposed on Alligator Rivers Region uranium concentrate by the *Customs Tariff (Uranium Concentrate Export Duty) Act 1980* shall be payable at the rate in force when that concentrate is exported and shall be paid before that concentrate is exported or within such further period as the Collector allows.

134 Weights and measures

Where duties are imposed according to weight or measure the weight or measurement of the goods shall be ascertained according to the standard weights and measures by law established.

135 Proportion

Where duties are imposed according to a specified quantity weight size or value the duties shall apply in proportion to any greater or lesser quantity weight size or value.

136 Manner of fixing duty

Whenever goods (other than beer that is entered for home consumption after 31 January 1989) are sold or prepared for sale as or are reputed to be of a size or quantity greater than their actual size or quantity duties shall be charged according to such first-mentioned size or quantity.

137 Manner of determining volumes of, and fixing duty on, beer

(1) For the purposes of the Customs Acts in their application to beer that is entered for home consumption after 31 January 1989 in a bulk container, the container in which the beer is packaged shall be treated as containing:

(a) if the volume of the contents of the container is nominated for the purpose of the entry, the beer is entered before 1 July 1991 and the actual volume of the contents of the container does not exceed 101.5% of the nominated volume—the nominated volume;

(b) if the volume of the contents of the container is nominated for the purpose of the entry, the beer is entered before 1 July 1991 and the actual volume of the contents of the container exceeds 101.5% of the nominated volume—a volume equal to the sum of:

(i) the nominated volume; and

(ii) the volume by which the actual volume of the contents of the container exceeds 101.5% of the nominated volume;

(c) if the volume of the contents of the container is nominated for the purpose of the entry, the beer is entered after 30 June 1991 and the actual volume of the contents of the container does not exceed 101% of the nominated volume—the nominated volume;

(d) if the volume of the contents of the container is nominated for the purpose of the entry, the beer is entered after 30 June 1991 and the actual volume of the contents of the container exceeds 101% of the nominated volume—a volume equal to the sum of:

(i) the nominated volume; and

(ii) the volume by which the actual volume of the contents of the container exceeds 101% of the nominated volume; or

(e) if the volume of the contents of the container is not nominated for the purpose of the entry—the actual volume of the contents of the container;

and duty on beer so entered shall be fixed accordingly.

(2) For the purposes of the application of the Customs Acts in their application to beer that is entered for home consumption after 31 January 1989 in a container other than a bulk container, the container in which the beer is packaged shall be treated as containing:

(a) if the volume of the contents of the container is indicated on a label printed on, or attached to, the container and the actual volume of the contents of the container does not exceed 101.5% of the volume so indicated—the volume so indicated;

(b) if the volume of the contents of the container is indicated on a label printed on, or attached to, the container and the actual volume of the contents of the container exceeds 101.5% of the volume so indicated—a volume equal to the sum of:

(i) the volume so indicated; and

(ii) the volume by which the actual volume of the contents of the container exceeds 101.5% of the volume so indicated; or

(c) if the volume of the contents of the container is not indicated on a label printed on, or attached to, the container—the actual volume of the contents of the container;

and duty on beer so entered shall be fixed accordingly.

(3) In determining, for the purposes of this section, the volume of the contents of containers entered for home consumption, the Customs is not required to take a measurement of the contents of each

container so entered but may employ such methods of sampling as are approved in writing by the CEO for the purpose.

(4) In this section:

bulk container, in relation to beer, means a container that has the capacity to have packaged in it more than 2 litres of beer.

container, in relation to beer, includes a bottle, can or any other article capable of holding liquids.

142 Measurement for duty

Goods charged with duty by measurement shall at the expense of the owner be heaped piled sorted framed or otherwise placed in such manner as the Collector may require to enable measurement and account thereof to be taken; and in all cases where the same are measured in bulk the measurement shall be taken to the full extent of the heap or pile.

145 Value of goods sold

When the duty on any goods sold at any Collector's sale shall be *ad valorem* the value of such goods shall if approved by the Collector be taken to be the value as shown by the sale.

146 Strength of spirits

The strength of spirits may be ascertained for the purposes of duty by means of a hydrometer approved by the CEO.

147 Obscuration

If in the opinion of the Collector the strength of any spirits cannot immediately be accurately ascertained by hydrometer the strength may be ascertained after distillation or in any prescribed manner.

148 Derelict goods dutiable

All goods derelict flotsam jetsam or lagan or landed saved or coming ashore from any wreck or sold as droits of Admiralty shall be charged with duty as if imported in the ordinary course.

149 Duty on goods in report of cargo that are not produced or landed

(1) If any dutiable goods which are included in the report of any ship or aircraft are not produced to the officer the master or owner of the ship or the pilot or owner of the aircraft shall on demand by the Collector pay the duty thereon as estimated by the Collector unless the goods are accounted for to the satisfaction of the Collector.

(2) For the purposes of sections 132 and 132AA, goods to which subsection (1) of this section applies that have not been entered for home consumption shall be taken to have been entered for home consumption on the day on which the demand for duty on the goods is made.

150 Samples

Small samples of the bulk of any goods subject to the control of the Customs may, with the approval of a Collector, be delivered free of duty.

152 Alterations to agreements where duty altered

(1) If after any agreement is made for the sale or delivery of goods duty paid any alteration takes place in the duty collected affecting such goods before they are entered for home consumption, or for export, as the case may be, then in the absence of express written provision to the contrary the agreement shall be altered as follows:

(a) In the event of the alteration being a new or increased duty the seller after payment of the new or increased duty may add the difference caused by the alteration to the agreed price.

(b) In the event of the alteration being the abolition or reduction of duty the purchaser may deduct the difference caused by the alteration from the agreed price.

(c) Any refund or payment of increased duty resulting from the alteration not being finally adopted shall be allowed between the parties as the case may require.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to duty imposed by the *Customs Tariff (Coal Export Duty) Act 1975*.

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to duty imposed by the *Customs Tariff (Uranium Concentrate Export Duty) Act 1980.*

153 Recovery of duties

All duties shall constitute Crown debts charged upon the goods in respect of which the same are payable and payable by the owner of the goods and recoverable at any time in any court of competent jurisdiction by proceedings in the name of the Collector.

Division 1A—Rules of origin of preference claim goods

153A Purpose of Division

(1) The purpose of this Division is to set out rules for determining whether goods are the produce or manufacture:

(a) of a particular country other than Australia; or

(b) of a Developing Country but not of a particular Developing Country.

(2) Goods are not the produce or manufacture of a country other than Australia unless, under the rules as so set out, they are its produce or manufacture.

(3) Diagrams and explanatory notes illustrating certain operations of this Division in relation to New Zealand are set out in Schedule VII. Details are as follows:

(a) Diagram 1 is a decision diagram for working out whether goods are the produce or manufacture of New Zealand;

(b) Diagram 2 gives an example of goods that are last processed in New Zealand to show, in particular, how allowable expenditure on materials, allowable factory cost and total factory cost are worked out.

153B Definitions

In this Division:

allowable factory cost, in relation to preference claim goods and to the factory at which the last process of their manufacture was performed, means the sum of:

(a) the allowable expenditure of the factory on materials in respect of the goods worked out under section 153D; and

(b) the allowable expenditure of the factory on labour in respect of the goods worked out under section 153F; and

(c) the allowable expenditure of the factory on overheads in respect of the goods worked out under section 153G.

Developing Country has the same meaning as in the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*.

factory, in relation to preference claim goods, means:

(a) if the goods are claimed to be the manufacture of a particular preference country—the place in that country where the last process in the manufacture of the goods was performed; and

(b) if the goods are claimed to be the manufacture of a preference country that is a Developing Country but not a particular Developing Country—the place in Papua New Guinea or in a Forum Island Country where the last process in the manufacture of the goods was performed.

Forum Island Country has the same meaning as in the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*.

inner container includes any container into which preference claim goods are packed, other than a shipping or airline container, pallet or other similar article.

manufacturer, in relation to preference claim goods, means the person undertaking the last process in their manufacture.

materials, in relation to preference claim goods, means:

(a) if the goods are unmanufactured raw products—those products; and

(b) if the goods are manufactured goods—all matter or substances used or consumed in the manufacture of the goods (other than that matter or those substances that are treated as overheads); and

(c) in either case—the inner containers in which the goods are packed.

person includes partnerships and unincorporated associations.

preference claim goods means goods that are claimed, when they are entered for home consumption, to be the produce or manufacture of a preference country.

preference country has the same meaning as in the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*.

qualifying area, in relation to particular preference claim goods, means:

(a) if the goods are claimed to be the manufacture of New Zealand—New Zealand and Australia; or

(b) if the goods are claimed to be the manufacture of Canada—Canada and Australia; or

(c) if the goods are claimed to be the manufacture of Papua New Guinea—Papua New Guinea, the Forum Island Countries, New Zealand and Australia; or

(d) if the goods are claimed to be the manufacture of a Forum Island Country—the Forum Island Countries, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand and Australia; or

(e) if the goods are claimed to be the manufacture of a particular Developing Country—the Developing Country, Papua New Guinea, the Forum Island Countries, the other Developing Countries and Australia; or

(f) if the goods are claimed to be the manufacture of a Developing Country but not a particular Developing Country—Papua New Guinea, the Forum Island Countries, the Developing Countries and Australia; or

(g) if the goods are claimed to be the manufacture of a country that is not a preference country—that country and Australia.

total factory cost, in relation to preference claim goods, means the sum of:

(a) the total expenditure of the factory on materials in respect of the goods, worked out under section 153C; and

(b) the allowable expenditure of the factory on labour in respect of the goods, worked out under section 153F; and

(c) the allowable expenditure of the factory on overheads in respect of the goods, worked out under section 153G.

153C Total expenditure of factory on materials

The total expenditure of a factory on materials in respect of preference claim goods is the cost to the manufacturer of the materials in the form they are received at the factory, worked out under section 153E.

153D Allowable expenditure of factory on materials

General rule for determining allowable expenditure of a factory on materials

(1) Subject to the exceptions set out in this section, the allowable expenditure of a factory on materials in respect of preference claim goods is the cost to the manufacturer of those materials in the form they are received at the factory, worked out under section 153E.

Goods wholly or partly manufactured from materials imported from outside the qualifying area

(2) If:

(a) preference claim goods (other than goods wholly manufactured from unmanufactured raw products) are manufactured, in whole or in part, from particular materials; and

(b) those particular materials, in the form they are received at the factory, are imported from a country outside the qualifying area;

there is no allowable expenditure of the factory on those particular materials.

Inland freight rule

(3) If:

(a) preference claim goods are manufactured, in whole or in part, from particular materials; and

(b) the preference country is Papua New Guinea or a Forum Island Country; and

(c) those particular materials:

(i) were imported into the preference country from a country outside the qualifying area; or

(ii) incorporate other materials (***contributing materials***) imported into the preference country from a country outside the qualifying area;

then, despite subsection (2), the allowable expenditure of the factory on those particular materials includes:

(d) the cartage of those particular materials; or

(e) the part of the cost of those particular materials that is attributable to the cartage of those contributing materials;

from the port or airport in the preference country where those particular materials or contributing materials are first landed to the factory or to the plant where they are processed or first processed.

Goods wholly or partly manufactured from materials imported from outside the qualifying area—intervening manufacture

(4) If:

(a) preference claim goods are manufactured, in whole or in part, from particular materials; and

(b) other materials (***contributing materials***) have been incorporated in those particular materials; and

(c) those contributing materials were imported into a country in the qualifying area from a country outside the qualifying area; and

(d) after their importation and to achieve that incorporation, those contributing materials have been subjected to a process of manufacture, or a series of processes of manufacture, in the qualifying area without any intervening exportation to a country outside that area;

the allowable expenditure of the factory on those particular materials in the form they are received at the factory does not include any part of the cost of those particular materials to the manufacturer, worked out under section 153E, that is attributable to the cost of those contributing materials in the form in which the contributing materials were received by the person who subjected them to their first manufacturing process in the qualifying area after importation.

Intervening export of contributing materials

(5) If contributing materials within the meaning of subsection (4) are, after their importation into a country in the qualifying area and before their incorporation into the particular materials from which preference claim goods are manufactured, subsequently exported to a country outside that area, then, on their reimportation into a country in the qualifying area, subsection (2) or (4), as the case

requires, applies as if that subsequent reimportation were the only importation of those materials.

Goods claimed to be the manufacture of New Zealand—special rule

(6) If:

(a) goods claimed to be the manufacture of New Zealand are manufactured, in whole or in part, from particular materials; and

(b) the allowable expenditure of the factory on those particular materials, after excluding any costs required to be excluded under subsection (4), would be at least 50% of the total expenditure of the factory on those particular materials, worked out in accordance with section 153C;

then, despite subsection (4), the allowable expenditure of the factory on those particular materials is taken to be that total expenditure.

Goods claimed to be the manufacture of Papua New Guinea or a Forum Island Country—special rule

(6A) If:

(a) goods claimed to be the manufacture of Papua New Guinea or a particular Forum Island Country are manufactured, in whole or in part, from particular materials; and

(b) if the qualifying area for that country consisted only of that country and Australia—under subsection (4), the allowable expenditure of the factory on those particular materials, after excluding any costs required to be excluded under subsection (4), would be at least 50% of the total expenditure of the factory on those particular materials worked out in accordance with section 153C;

then, despite subsection (4), the allowable expenditure of the factory on those particular materials is taken to be that total expenditure.

Waste or scrap

(7) If:

(a) materials are imported into a country; and

(b) the subjecting of those materials to a process of manufacture gives rise to waste or scrap; and

(c) that waste or scrap is fit only for the recovery of raw materials;

any raw materials that are so recovered in that country are to be treated, for the purposes of this section, as if they were unmanufactured raw products of that country.

Transhipment

(8) If, in the course of their exportation from one country to another country, materials are transhipped, that transhipment is to be disregarded for the purpose of determining, under this section, the country from which the materials were exported.

153E Calculation of the cost of materials received at a factory

Purpose of section

(1) This section sets out, for the purposes of sections 153C and 153D, the rules for working out the cost of materials in the form they are received at a factory.

General rule

(2) Subject to this section, the cost of materials received at a factory is the amount paid or payable by the manufacturer in respect of the materials in the form they are so received.

Customs and excise duties and certain other taxes to be disregarded

(3) Any part of the cost of materials in the form they are received at a factory that represents:

(a) a customs or excise duty; or

(b) a tax in the nature of a sales tax, a goods and services tax, an anti-dumping duty or a countervailing duty;

imposed on the materials by a country in the qualifying area is to be disregarded.

CEO may require artificial elements of cost to be disregarded

(4) If the CEO is satisfied that preference claim goods consist partly of materials added or attached solely for the purpose of artificially raising the allowable factory cost of the goods, the CEO may, by written notice given to the importer of the preference claim goods, require the part of that cost that is, in the CEO's opinion, reasonably attributable to those materials, to be disregarded.

CEO may require cost over normal market value to be disregarded

(5) If the CEO is satisfied that the cost to the manufacturer of materials in the form they are received at a factory exceeds, by an amount determined by the CEO, the normal market value of the materials, the CEO may, by written notice given to the importer of preference claim goods in which those materials are incorporated, require the excess to be disregarded.

CEO may determine cost of certain materials received at a factory

(6) If the CEO is satisfied:

(a) that materials in the form they are received at a factory are so received:

(i) free of charge; or

(ii) at a cost that is less than the normal market value of the materials; and

(b) that the receipt of the materials free of charge or at a reduced cost has been arranged, directly or indirectly, by a person who will be the importer of preference claim goods in which those materials are incorporated;

the CEO may, by written notice given to the importer, require that an amount determined by the CEO to be the difference between the cost, if any, paid by the manufacturer and the normal market value be treated as the amount, or a part of the amount, paid by the manufacturer in respect of the materials.

Effect of determination

(7) If the CEO gives a notice to the importer of preference claim goods under subsection (4), (5) or (6) in respect of materials incorporated in those goods, the cost of the materials to the

manufacturer must be determined having regard to the terms of that notice.

153F Allowable expenditure of factory on labour

Calculation of allowable expenditure of factory on labour

(1) Allowable expenditure of a factory on labour in respect of preference claim goods means the sum of the part of each cost prescribed for the purposes of this subsection:

(a) that is incurred by the manufacturer of the goods; and

(b) that relates, directly or indirectly, and wholly or partly, to the manufacture of the goods; and

(c) that can reasonably be allocated to the manufacture of the goods.

Regulations may specify manner of working out cost

(2) Regulations prescribing a cost for the purposes of subsection (1) may also specify the manner of working out that cost.

153G Allowable expenditure of factory on overheads

Calculation of allowable expenditure of factory on overheads

(1) Allowable expenditure of a factory on overheads in respect of preference claim goods means the sum of the part of each cost prescribed for the purposes of this subsection:

(a) that is incurred by the manufacturer of the goods; and

(b) that relates, directly or indirectly, and wholly or partly, to the manufacture of the goods; and

(c) that can reasonably be allocated to the manufacture of the goods.

Regulations may specify manner of working out cost

(2) Regulations prescribing a cost for the purposes of subsection (1) may also specify the manner of working out that cost.

153H Unmanufactured goods

Goods claimed to be the produce of a country are the produce of that country if they are its unmanufactured raw products.

153J Manufactured goods originating in New Zealand

Rule for certain goods wholly manufactured in New Zealand

(1) Goods claimed to be the manufacture of New Zealand are the manufacture of that country if they are wholly manufactured in New Zealand from one or more of the following:

(a) unmanufactured raw products;

(b) materials wholly manufactured in Australia or New Zealand or Australia and New Zealand;

(c) materials imported into New Zealand that the CEO has determined, by *Gazette* notice, to be manufactured raw materials of New Zealand.

Rule for other manufactured goods last processed in New Zealand

(2) Goods claimed to be the manufacture of New Zealand are the manufacture of that country if:

(a) the last process in their manufacture was performed in New Zealand; and

(b) having regard to their qualifying area, their allowable factory cost is not less than the specified percentage of their total factory cost.

Specified percentage

(3) The specified percentage of the total factory cost of goods referred to in subsection (2) is:

(a) unless paragraph (b) applies—50%; or

(b) if the goods are of a kind for which the CEO has determined, by *Gazette* notice, that another percentage is appropriate—that percentage.

153K Modification of section 153J in special circumstances

When 50% in subsection 153J(3) can be read as 48%

(1) If the CEO is satisfied:

(a) that the allowable factory cost of preference claim goods in a shipment of such goods that are claimed to be the manufacture of New Zealand is at least 48% but not 50% of the total factory cost of those goods; and

(b) that the allowable factory cost of those goods would be at least 50% of the total factory cost of those goods if an unforeseen circumstance had not occurred; and

(c) that the unforeseen circumstance is unlikely to continue;

the CEO may determine, in writing, that section 153J has effect:

(d) for the purpose of the shipment of goods that is affected by that unforeseen circumstance; and

(e) for the purposes of any subsequent shipment of similar goods that is so affected during a period specified in the determination;

as if the reference in subsection 153J(3) to 50% were a reference to 48%.

Effect of determination

(2) If the CEO makes a determination then, in relation to all preference claim goods imported into Australia that are covered by that determination, section 153J has effect in accordance with the determination.

CEO may revoke determination

(3) If:

(a) the CEO makes a determination; and

(b) the CEO becomes satisfied that the unforeseen circumstance giving rise to the determination no longer continues;

the CEO may, by written notice, revoke the determination despite the fact that the period referred to in the determination has not ended.

*Definition of **similar goods***

(4) In this section:

similar goods, in relation to goods in a particular shipment, means goods:

(a) that are contained in another shipment that is imported by the same importer; and

(b) that undergo the same process or processes of manufacture as the goods in the first-mentioned shipment.

153L Manufactured goods originating in Papua New Guinea or a Forum Island Country

Rule for certain goods wholly manufactured in Papua New Guinea

(1) Goods claimed to be the manufacture of Papua New Guinea are the manufacture of that country if they are wholly manufactured in Papua New Guinea from one or more of the following:

(a) unmanufactured raw products;

(b) materials wholly manufactured in Australia or Papua New Guinea or Australia and Papua New Guinea;

(c) materials imported into Papua New Guinea that the CEO has determined, by *Gazette* notice, to be manufactured raw materials of Papua New Guinea.

Rule for manufactured goods last processed in PNG or a Forum Island Country

(2) Goods claimed to be the manufacture of Papua New Guinea or of a Forum Island Country are the manufacture of that country if:

(a) the last process in their manufacture was performed in that country; and

(b) having regard to their qualifying area, their allowable factory cost is not less than the specified percentage of their total factory cost.

Specified percentage

(4) The specified percentage of the total factory cost of goods referred to in subsection (2) is:

(a) unless paragraph (b) applies—50%; or

(b) if the goods are of a kind for which the CEO has determined, by *Gazette* notice, that a lesser percentage is appropriate—that percentage.

153LA Modification of section 153L in special circumstances

When 50% in subsection 153L(4) can be read as 48%

(1) If the CEO is satisfied:

(a) that the allowable factory cost of preference claim goods in a shipment of such goods that are claimed to be the manufacture of Papua New Guinea or a Forum Island Country is at least 48% but not 50% of the total factory cost of those goods; and

(b) that the allowable factory cost of those goods would be at least 50% of the total factory cost of those goods if an unforeseen circumstance had not occurred; and

(c) that the unforeseen circumstance is unlikely to continue;

the CEO may determine, in writing, that section 153L has effect:

(d) for the purpose of the shipment of goods that is affected by that unforeseen circumstance; and

(e) for the purposes of any subsequent shipment of similar goods that is so affected during a period specified in the determination;

as if the reference in subsection 153L(4) to 50% were a reference to 48%.

Effect of determination

(2) If the CEO makes a determination, then, in relation to all preference claim goods imported into Australia that are covered by the determination, section 153L has effect in accordance with the determination.

CEO may revoke determination

(3) If:

(a) the CEO makes a determination; and

(b) the CEO becomes satisfied that the unforeseen circumstance giving rise to the determination no longer continues;

the CEO may, by written notice, revoke the determination despite the fact that the period referred to in the determination has not ended.

*Definition of **similar goods***

(4) In this section:

similar goods, in relation to goods in a particular shipment, means goods:

(a) that are contained in another shipment that is imported by the same importer; and

(b) that undergo the same process or processes of manufacture as the goods in the first-mentioned shipment.

153M Manufactured goods originating in a particular Developing Country

Goods claimed to be the manufacture of a particular Developing Country are the manufacture of that country if:

(a) the last process in their manufacture was performed in that country; and

(b) having regard to their qualifying area, their allowable factory cost is at least 50% of their total factory cost.

153N Manufactured goods originating in a Developing Country but not in any particular Developing Country

Goods claimed to be the manufacture of a Developing Country, but not of any particular Developing Country, are the manufacture of a Developing Country, but not a particular Developing Country, if:

(a) the last process in their manufacture was performed in Papua New Guinea or a Forum Island Country; and

(b) they are not the manufacture of Papua New Guinea or a Forum Island Country under section 153L; and

(c) having regard to their qualifying area, their allowable factory cost is at least 50% of their total factory cost.

153P Manufactured goods originating in Canada

General rule

(1) Despite section 153H and subsections (2) and (3), goods claimed to be the produce or manufacture of Canada are not the produce or manufacture of that country unless:

(a) they have been shipped to Australia from Canada; and

(b) either:

(i) they have not been transhipped; or

(ii) the CEO is satisfied that, when they were shipped from Canada, their intended destination was Australia.

Rule for certain manufactured goods wholly manufactured in Canada

(2) Goods claimed to be the manufacture of Canada are the manufacture of that country if they are wholly manufactured in Canada from one or more of the following:

(a) unmanufactured raw products;

(b) materials wholly manufactured in Australia or Canada or Australia and Canada;

(c) materials imported into Canada that the CEO has determined, by *Gazette* notice, to be manufactured raw materials of Canada.

Rule for other manufactured goods last processed in Canada

(3) Goods claimed to be the manufacture of Canada are the manufacture of that country if:

(a) the last process in their manufacture was performed in Canada; and

(b) having regard to their qualifying area, their allowable factory cost is not less than the specified percentage of their total factory cost.

Specified percentage

(4) The specified percentage of the total factory cost of goods referred to in subsection (3) is:

(a) if the goods are of a kind commercially manufactured in Australia—75%; or

(b) if the goods are of a kind not commercially manufactured in Australia—25%.

153Q Manufactured goods originating in a country that is not a preference country

Rule for certain goods wholly manufactured in a country that is not a preference country

(1) Goods claimed to be the manufacture of a country that is not a preference country are the manufacture of that country if they are wholly manufactured in that country from one or more of the following:

(a) unmanufactured raw products;

(b) materials wholly manufactured in Australia or the country or Australia and the country;

(c) materials imported into the country that the CEO has determined, by *Gazette* notice, to be manufactured raw materials of the country.

Rule for other manufactured goods last processed in a country that is not a preference country

(2) Goods claimed to be the manufacture of a country that is not a preference country are the manufacture of that country if:

(a) the last process in their manufacture was performed in that country; and

(b) having regard to their qualifying area, their allowable factory cost is not less than the specified percentage of their total factory cost.

Specified percentage

(3) Subject to subsection (4), the specified percentage of the total factory cost of goods referred to in subsection (2) is:

(a) if the goods are of a kind commercially manufactured in Australia—75%; or

(b) if the goods are of a kind not commercially manufactured in Australia—25%.

Special rule for Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Norfolk Island

(4) If the country that is not a preference country is Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands or Norfolk Island, the specified percentage of the total factory cost of goods referred to in subsection (2) is:

(a) if the goods are of a kind commercially manufactured in Australia—50%; or

(b) if the goods are of a kind not commercially manufactured in Australia—25%.

153R Are goods commercially manufactured in Australia?

CEO may determine that goods are, or are not, commercially manufactured in Australia

(1) For the purposes of sections 153P and 153Q, the CEO may, by *Gazette* notice, determine that goods of a specified kind are, or are not, commercially manufactured in Australia.

Effect of determination

(2) If such a determination is made, this Division has effect accordingly.

153S Rule against double counting

In determining the allowable factory cost or the total factory cost of preference claim goods, a cost incurred, whether directly or indirectly, by the manufacturer of the goods must not be taken into account more than once.

153T May be different rules of origin for anti-dumping purposes so far as New Zealand is concerned

(1) Regulations and determinations made under this Division, to the extent that they determine whether or not goods are the produce or

manufacture of New Zealand, may make different provision for the purposes:

(a) of Part XVB; and

(b) of this Act (other than Part XVB).

(2) Subsection (1) does not limit by implication the application of subsection 33(3A) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* in relation to this section.

Division 2—Valuation of imported goods

154 Interpretation

(1) In this Division, unless the contrary intention appears:

about the same time has the meaning given by subsection (2).

acquire, in relation to goods, includes purchase, receive in exchange for other goods, take on lease, take on hire, take on hire-purchase and take under licence.

Australian inland freight, in relation to imported goods, means:

(a) if any amount (other than an amount of an Australian inland insurance) was paid or is payable by a trader of the goods to a person other than a person related to a trader of the goods in respect of:

(i) the transportation of the goods on or after their importation into Australia; or

(ii) the obtaining of any commercial or other documentation required in respect of the transportation referred to in subparagraph (i) or in respect of the importation of the goods;

and a Collector is satisfied of the correctness of that amount—that amount;

(b) if any amount (other than an amount of Australian inland insurance) was paid or is payable by a trader of the goods to a person related to a trader of the goods in respect of the provision of a service referred to in subparagraph (a)(i) or (ii) and a Collector:

(i) is satisfied that the amount is the same, or substantially the same, as the amount that would be payable to a person not so related; and

(ii) is satisfied of the correctness of that amount;

that amount; or

(c) if any amount (other than an amount of Australian inland insurance) was paid or is payable by a trader in respect of the provision of a service referred to in subparagraph (a)(i) or (ii) but a Collector is not satisfied as required by paragraph

(a) or (b), whichever is applicable—such an amount as a Collector determines, having regard to the ordinary costs payable in respect of the provision of the same service to a trader in respect of the same class of goods as the imported goods, under the same conditions, by a person who is not related to a trader of goods of that class, on or after their importation into Australia;

or, if more than one of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) is applicable to the goods, the sum of the amounts ascertained in accordance with the applicable paragraphs.

Australian inland insurance, in relation to imported goods, means:

(a) if any amount was paid or is payable by a trader of the goods to a person other than a person related to a trader of the goods in respect of insurance in relation to the transportation of the goods on or after importation into Australia and a Collector is satisfied of the correctness of that amount—that amount;

(b) if any amount was paid or is payable by a trader of the goods to a person related to a trader of the goods in respect of insurance of the kind referred to in paragraph (a) and a Collector:

(i) is satisfied that the amount is the same, or substantially the same, as the amount that would be payable to a person not so related; and

(ii) is satisfied of the correctness of that amount;

that amount; or

(c) if any amount was paid or is payable by a trader in respect of insurance of a kind referred to in paragraph (a) but a Collector is not satisfied as required by paragraph (a) or (b), whichever is applicable—such an amount as a Collector determines, having regard to the ordinary cost of the same kind of insurance to a trader in respect of the same class of goods as the imported goods, under the same conditions, where the insurer is not related to a trader of goods of that class;

or, if more than one of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) is applicable to the goods, the sum of the amounts ascertained in accordance with the applicable paragraphs.

buying commission has the meaning given by section 155.

comparable goods, in relation to imported goods, means:

(a) the imported goods;

(b) identical goods; or

(c) similar goods.

computed value, in relation to imported goods, has the meaning given by section 161F.

computed valued goods means exporter's goods:

(a) whose owner has, before the payment of duty in respect of the goods (whether before or after any determination of a value of the goods) requested a Collector to take their customs value to be their computed value in preference to their deductive value; and

(b) whose computed value can be determined by the Collector.

customs value, in relation to imported goods, has the meaning given by section 159.

deductible administrative costs, in relation to goods in a sale, means any costs that are payable on or after the importation of the goods into Australia in relation to the activities of, or services performed by, any local, State or Commonwealth public authorities or officers, any licensed Customs broker, or any other person in Australia, in connection with the importation and subsequent delivery of the goods.

deductible financing costs, in relation to goods in a sale, means any interest payable under a written contract, agreement or arrangement under which the purchaser is permitted to delay the payment of the price in return for the payment of that interest (whether or not also in return for an increase in the price or for the payment of an additional amount), being a contract, agreement or arrangement entered into between the purchaser and the vendor or another person in relation to the purchase of the goods, where:

(a) the interest is distinguished to the satisfaction of a Collector from the price actually paid or payable for the goods;

(b) if a Collector requires the purchaser to demonstrate to the satisfaction of a Collector that identical or similar goods are

actually sold at the last-mentioned price—the purchaser so demonstrates; and

(c) if a Collector requires the purchaser to demonstrate to the satisfaction of a Collector that the rate of the interest does not exceed the rate of interest in similar contracts, agreements or arrangements entered into in the country where, and at the time when, finance under the first-mentioned contract, agreement or arrangement was provided—the purchaser so demonstrates.

deductive (contemporary sales) value, in relation to imported goods, has the meaning given by section 161C.

deductive (derived goods sales) value, in relation to imported goods, has the meaning given by section 161E.

deductive (later sales) value, in relation to imported goods, has the meaning given by section 161D.

deductive value, in relation to imported goods, means their:

(a) deductive (contemporary sales) value;

(b) deductive (later sales) value; or

(c) deductive (derived goods sales) value.

exempted container means a container that:

(a) is not a pallet; and

(b) is or has been permitted to be temporarily imported into Australia free of Customs duty under section 162A.

exempted pallet means a pallet that is or has been permitted to be temporarily imported into Australia free of Customs duty under either section 162A or 162B.

exporter's goods means imported goods exported to Australia by their producer.

fall-back value, in relation to imported goods, has the meaning given by section 161G.

foreign inland freight, in relation to imported goods, means:

(a) if any amount (other than an amount of foreign inland insurance) was paid or is payable by a trader of the goods to

a person other than a person related to a trader of the goods in respect of:

(i) the transportation of the goods within a foreign country before they left their place of export; or

(ii) the obtaining of any commercial or other documentation (other than documentation required in respect of overseas freight or overseas insurance) required in respect of the transportation referred to in subparagraph (i) or in respect of the transportation of the goods from the foreign country concerned;

and a Collector is satisfied of the correctness of that amount—that amount;

(b) if any amount (other than an amount of foreign inland insurance) was paid or is payable by a trader of the goods to a person related to a trader of the goods in respect of the provision of service referred to in subparagraph (a)(i) or (ii) and a Collector:

(i) is satisfied that the amount is the same, or substantially the same, as the amount that would be payable to a person not so related; and

(ii) is satisfied of the correctness of that amount;

that amount; or

(c) if any amount (other than an amount of foreign inland insurance) was paid or is payable by a trader in respect of the provision of a service referred to in subparagraph (a)(i) or (ii) but a Collector is not satisfied as required by paragraph (a) or (b), whichever is applicable—such an amount as a Collector determines, having regard to the ordinary costs payable in respect of the provision of the same service to a trader, in respect of the same class of goods as the imported goods, under the same conditions, by a person who is not related to a trader of goods of that class, before leaving the same place of export;

or, if more than one of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) is applicable to the goods, the sum of the amounts ascertained in accordance with the applicable paragraphs.

foreign inland insurance, in relation to imported goods, means:

(a) if any amount was paid or is payable by a trader of the goods to a person other than a person related to a trader of the goods in respect of insurance in relation to the transportation of the goods within a foreign country before they left their place of export and a Collector is satisfied of the correctness of that amount—that amount;

(b) if any amount was paid or is payable by a trader of the goods to a person related to a trader of the goods in respect of insurance of the kind referred to in paragraph (a) and a Collector:

(i) is satisfied that the amount is the same, or substantially the same, as the amount that would be payable to a person not so related; and

(ii) is satisfied of the correctness of that amount;

that amount; or

(c) if any amount was paid or is payable by a trader in respect of insurance of a kind referred to in paragraph (a) but a Collector is not satisfied as required by paragraph (a) or (b), whichever is applicable—such an amount as a Collector determines, having regard to the ordinary cost of the same kind of insurance to a trader in respect of the same class of goods as the imported goods, under the same conditions, where the insurer is not related to a trader of goods of that class;

or, if more than one of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) is applicable to the goods, the sum of the amounts ascertained in accordance with the applicable paragraphs.

identical goods, in relation to imported goods, has the meaning given by section 156.

identical goods value, in relation to imported goods, has the meaning given by section 161A.

import sales transaction, in relation to imported goods, means:

(a) where there was one, and only one, contract of sale for the importation of the goods into Australia entered into before they became subject to Customs control and it was also a

contract for their exportation from a foreign country—that contract;

(b) where there was one, and only one, contract of sale for the importation of the goods into Australia entered into before they became subject to Customs control and it was not also a contract for their exportation from a foreign country—that contract; or

(c) where there were 2 or more contracts of sale for the importation of the goods into Australia entered into before they became subject to Customs control—whichever of the contracts was made last;

and includes:

(d) any contract, agreement or arrangement, whether formal or informal, to which the vendor, the purchaser or an agent of, or a person related to, the vendor or purchaser is a party that provides for an increase in the value of the goods the subject of the contract of sale referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) prior to their importation; and

(e) any other contract, agreement or arrangement relating to the contract of sale referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) that a Collector determines is so closely connected with that contract and to the goods the subject of that contract that together they form a single transaction.

overseas freight, in relation to imported goods, means:

(a) if any amount (other than an amount of overseas insurance) was paid or is payable by a trader of the goods to a person other than a person related to a trader of the goods in respect of the transportation of the goods from their place of export to Australia, the goods are not self transported goods and a Collector is satisfied of the correctness of that amount—that amount;

(b) if any amount (other than an amount of overseas insurance) was paid or is payable by a trader of the goods to a person related to a trader of the goods in respect of the transportation referred to in paragraph (a), the goods concerned are not self transported goods and a Collector:

(i) is satisfied that the amount is the same, or substantially the same, as the amount that would be payable to a person not so related; and

(ii) is satisfied of the correctness of that amount;

that amount; or

(c) if any amount (other than an amount of overseas insurance) was paid or is payable by a trader in respect of the transportation referred to in paragraph (a) but the goods concerned are self transported goods or a Collector is not satisfied as required by paragraph (a) or (b), whichever is applicable—such an amount, as a Collector determines, having regard to the ordinary costs of the transportation of goods of the same class as the imported goods:

(i) if the imported goods are self transported goods—under the most commercially viable conditions; or

(ii) if the imported goods are not self transported goods—under the same conditions as the imported goods;

by a person who is not related to a trader of goods of that class, between the same foreign country and Australia;

or, if more than one of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) is applicable to the goods, the sum of the amounts ascertained in accordance with the applicable paragraphs.

overseas insurance, in relation to imported goods, means:

(a) if any amount was paid or is payable by a trader of the goods to a person other than a person related to a trader of the goods in respect of insurance in relation to the transportation of the goods from their place of export to Australia, the goods are not self transported goods and a Collector is satisfied of the correctness of that amount—that amount;

(b) if any amount was paid or is payable by a trader of the goods to a person related to a trader of the goods in respect of insurance of the kind referred to in paragraph (a), the goods concerned are not self transported goods, and a Collector:

(i) is satisfied that the amount is the same, or substantially the same, as the amount that would be payable to a person not so related; and

(ii) is satisfied of the correctness of that amount;

that amount; or

(c) if any amount was paid or is payable in respect of insurance of a kind referred to in paragraph (a) but the goods concerned are self transported goods or a Collector is not

satisfied as required by paragraph (a) or (b) whichever is applicable—such an amount as a Collector determines, having regard to the ordinary cost of insurance in relation to the transportation of goods of the same class as the imported goods:

(i) if the imported goods are self transported goods—under the most commercially viable conditions; or

(ii) if the imported goods are not self transported goods—under the same conditions as the imported goods;

where the insurer is not related to a trader of the transported goods;

or, if more than one of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) is applicable to the goods, the sum of the amounts ascertained in accordance with the applicable paragraphs.

place of export, in relation to imported goods, means:

(a) where, while in the country from which they were exported the goods were posted to Australia—the place where they were so posted;

(b) where, while in the country from which they were exported, the goods, not being goods referred to in paragraph (a), were packed in a container—the place where they were so packed;

(c) where the goods, being self transported goods, were exported from a country by sea or air—the place, or last place, in that country from which the goods departed for Australia;

(d) where the goods, not being goods referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c), were exported from a country by sea or air—the place, or first place, in that country where the goods were placed on board a ship or aircraft for export from that country;

(e) where the goods, not being goods referred to in paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d), were exported from a country by land, or by river, canal or other inland waterway—the place at which the goods finally crossed the border from that country into another country in the course of their transportation to Australia; or

(f) in any other case—a place determined by a Collector.

price, in relation to goods the subject of a contract of sale, means an amount determined by a Collector, after disregarding value unrelated matters in relation to those goods, to be the sum of:

(a) all payments that have been made, or are to be made, directly or indirectly, in relation to such goods, by or on behalf of the purchaser:

(i) to the vendor;

(ii) to any person related to the vendor unless a Collector is satisfied that the vendor has not derived and will not derive any direct or indirect benefit from the payment; or

(iii) to any other person for the direct or indirect benefit of the vendor;

in accordance with the contract of sale; and

(b) all payments that have been made, or are to be made, directly or indirectly, in relation to such goods, by or on behalf of the purchaser:

(i) to the vendor;

(ii) to any person related to the vendor unless a Collector is satisfied that the vendor has not derived and will not derive any direct or indirect benefit from the payment; or

(iii) to any other person for the direct or indirect benefit of the vendor;

under any other contract, agreement or arrangement, whether formal or informal, being a contract, agreement or arrangement for the doing of anything to increase the value of the goods or that a Collector is satisfied is so closely connected with the contract of sale referred to in paragraph (a) and to the goods the subject of that contract that together they form a single transaction;

whether the payment is made in money or by letter of credit, negotiable instrument or otherwise, and includes:

(c) the value, as determined by a Collector, of any goods or services supplied, or to be supplied, by, or on behalf of, the purchaser as part of the consideration passing from the purchaser under the contract of sale referred to in paragraph (a); and

(d) the value, as determined by a Collector, of any goods or services supplied, or to be supplied, directly or indirectly, by, or on behalf of, the purchaser:

(i) to the vendor;

(ii) to any person related to the vendor unless the Collector is satisfied that the vendor has not derived and will not derive any direct or indirect benefit from the payment; or

(iii) to any other person for the direct or indirect benefit of the vendor;

under a contract, agreement or arrangement of the kind referred to in paragraph (b);

but does not include the amount of any duty of Customs (including any dumping or countervailing duty imposed under the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975*), any sales tax, or any other duty or tax, that is payable by law because of the importation into, or subsequent use, sale or disposition in, Australia of the goods.

price related costs, in relation to imported goods, means:

(a) production assist costs in respect of the goods;

(b) packing costs for materials and labour paid or payable, directly or indirectly, by or on behalf of the purchaser in respect of the goods (including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, costs of fumigating, cleaning, coating, wrapping or otherwise preparing the goods for their exportation from a foreign country or otherwise placing them in the condition in which they are imported into Australia, but not including the cost of any exempted pallet or exempted container concerned in their exportation);

(c) foreign inland freight and foreign inland insurance in relation to the goods paid or payable, directly or indirectly, by or on behalf of the purchaser;

(d) commission, other than a buying commission, or brokerage, paid or payable, directly or indirectly, by or on behalf of the purchaser in respect of the goods; or

(e) all royalties or licence fees paid or payable, directly or indirectly, by or on behalf of the purchaser to the vendor or to another person under the import sales transaction, not being royalties or licence fees:

(i) that do not relate to the imported goods in the condition, or substantially in the condition, in which they are imported into Australia;

(ii) whose only relationship to the imported goods in the condition in which they are imported into Australia is insubstantial or incidental;

(iii) that are merely for the right to reproduce the imported goods within Australia; or

(iv) that are payable for the assembly, erection, construction or maintenance of imported goods after their importation into Australia or for any technical assistance in respect of the goods after their importation; and

(f) the whole or any part of the proceeds of any subsequent use, resale or disposal of the goods, by or on behalf of the purchaser, that have accrued, or will accrue, to the vendor.

produce includes grow, manufacture, mine, process and treat.

production assist costs, in relation to imported goods (including imported goods that are comparable goods or derived goods in relation to other imported goods), means the sum of:

(a) the purchaser's material costs;

(b) the purchaser's tooling costs;

(c) the purchaser's work costs; and

(d) the purchaser's subsidiary costs;

in relation to those first-mentioned imported goods.

production materials, in relation to the imported goods, means:

(a) materials, components or other goods that form part of the imported goods; and

(b) materials consumed in the production of the imported goods.

production tooling, in relation to imported goods, means tools, dies, moulds or other machinery or equipment used in the production of the imported goods.

production work means art work, design work, development work and engineering work and includes models, plans and sketches.

purchaser, in relation to imported goods, means the purchaser under the import sales transaction for the goods.

purchaser's material costs, in relation to imported goods, means the sum of the following amounts relating to production materials supplied, directly or indirectly, by the purchaser free of charge or at a reduced cost:

(a) an amount equal to:

(i) where the materials were acquired by the purchaser from a person who was not related to the purchaser at the time of acquisition—the cost of acquisition;

(ii) where the materials were acquired by the purchaser from a person who was related to the purchaser at the time of acquisition and who did not produce the materials—the cost of acquisition of the materials by the person; or

(iii) where the materials were produced by the purchaser or by a person who was related to the purchaser at the time of production of the goods—the cost of production;

(b) the cost of transporting the materials after their acquisition or production by the purchaser to the place of production of the imported goods;

(c) the cost of repairs and modifications of the materials after their acquisition or production by the purchaser.

purchaser's subsidiary costs, in relation to imported goods, means such part of the sum of the following amounts relating to subsidiary goods, or subsidiary services, supplied, directly or indirectly, by the purchaser free of charge or at a reduced price as a Collector considers should be apportioned to the production of the imported goods:

(a) an amount equal to:

(i) where the subsidiary goods relate to work goods and were available generally to the public in Australia or elsewhere at the time of acquisition by the purchaser (in this definition called ***available goods***)—the cost to the public of acquiring the available goods;

(ii) where the subsidiary goods (other than available goods) were acquired by the purchaser from a person who was

not related to the purchaser at the time of acquisition—the cost of acquisition;

(iii) where the subsidiary goods (other than available goods) were acquired by the purchaser from a person who was related to the purchaser at the time of acquisition and who did not produce the goods—the cost of acquisition by the person; or

(iv) where the subsidiary goods (other than available goods) were produced by the purchaser or by a person who was related to the purchaser at the time of the production of the goods—the cost of that production;

(b) the cost of transporting the subsidiary goods (other than goods that relate to work goods) after their acquisition or production by the purchaser to the place of production of the production materials or production tooling, as the case requires;

(c) the cost of repairs and modifications of subsidiary goods, (other than goods that relate to work goods), after their acquisition or production by the purchaser;

(d) the cost of repairs and modifications outside Australia of subsidiary goods that relate to work goods after the acquisition or production of the subsidiary goods by the purchaser;

(e) an amount equal to:

(i) where the subsidiary services were supplied by a person who was not related to the purchaser at the time of the supply—the cost of that supply; or

(ii) in any other case—such amount as the Collector determines to be the value of the subsidiary services;

(f) the cost of the supply of any further services in relation to the subsidiary services (other than services that relate to work services);

(g) the cost of the supply outside Australia of any further services in relation to the subsidiary services that relate to work services.

purchaser's tooling costs, in relation to imported goods, means such part of the sum of the following amounts relating to production tooling supplied, directly or indirectly, by the

purchaser free of charge or at a reduced price as a Collector considers should be apportioned to the production of the imported goods:

(a) an amount equal to:

(i) where the tooling was acquired by the purchaser from a person who was not related to the purchaser at the time of acquisition—the cost of acquisition;

(ii) where the tooling was acquired by the purchaser from a person who was related to the purchaser at the time of acquisition and who did not produce the tooling—the cost of acquisition of the tooling by the person; or

(iii) where the tooling was produced by the purchaser or by a person who was related to the purchaser at the time of production of the tools—the cost of production;

(b) the cost of transporting the tooling after its acquisition or production by the purchaser to the place of production of the imported goods;

(c) the cost of repairs and modifications of the tooling after its acquisition or production by the purchaser.

purchaser's work costs, in relation to imported goods, means such part of the sum of the following amounts relating to work goods, or work services, supplied, directly or indirectly, by the purchaser free of charge or at a reduced price, as a Collector considers should be apportioned to the production of the imported goods:

(a) an amount equal to:

(i) where the work goods were available generally to the public in Australia or elsewhere at the time of acquisition by the purchaser (in this definition called ***available goods***)—the cost to the public of acquiring the goods;

(ii) where the work goods (other than available goods) were acquired by the purchaser from a person who was not related to the purchaser at the time of acquisition—the cost of acquisition;

(iii) where the work goods (other than available goods) were acquired by the purchaser from a person who was related to the purchaser at the time of acquisition and

who did not produce the work goods—the cost of acquisition by the person; or

(iv) where the work goods (other than available goods) were produced by the purchaser or by a person who was related to the purchaser at the time of the production of the work goods—the cost of that production;

(b) the cost of transporting the work goods, after their acquisition or production by the purchaser to the place of production of the imported goods;

(c) the cost of repairs and modifications outside Australia of the work goods after their acquisition by the purchaser;

(d) an amount equal to:

(i) where the work services were supplied by a person who was not related to the purchaser at the time of the supply—the cost of that supply; or

(ii) in any other case—such amount as the Collector determines to be the value of the work services;

(e) the cost of the supply outside Australia of any further services in relation to the work services.

related, in relation to persons, has the meaning given by subsection (3).

request goods means goods whose owner has requested a Collector to determine their deductive (derived goods sales) value.

royalty, in relation to imported goods, means royalty within the meaning given by section 157.

self transported goods means:

(a) a ship imported otherwise than in another ship or an aircraft; or

(b) an aircraft imported otherwise than in a ship or another aircraft.

similar goods, in relation to imported goods, has the meaning given by section 156.

similar goods value, in relation to imported goods, has the meaning given by section 161B.

subsidiary goods, in relation to imported goods, means goods supplied, directly or indirectly, by the purchaser in relation to the production of production materials, production tooling, work goods, or work services, supplied, directly or indirectly by the purchaser (whether or not free of charge or at a reduced cost) in relation to the production of the imported goods.

subsidiary services, in relation to imported goods, means services supplied, directly or indirectly, by the purchaser in relation to the production of production materials, production tooling, work goods, or work services, supplied, directly or indirectly by the purchaser (whether or not free of charge or at a reduced cost) in relation to the production of the imported goods.

trade mark means a mark of a kind capable of registration under the *Trade Marks Act 1955*, whether or not it is registered under that Act or any other law, but does not include a mark that relates to a service.

trader, in relation to goods, means a vendor, exporter, purchaser or importer of the goods.

transaction value, in relation to imported goods, has the meaning given by section 161.

transportation includes transportation by post and storage or handling incidental to transportation.

value unrelated amount, in relation to goods in a sale, means:

(a) where the sale is on commission—the amount of commission usually earned in connection with the sale of other goods of the same class and in the same quantity as the goods in the sale, being a sale of other goods in Australia at the same trade level as the first-mentioned goods;

(b) where the sale is not on commission—the amount usually added for profit and general expenses (including all costs, direct or indirect, of marketing), taken as a whole, in connection with the sale of other goods of the same class or kind and in the same quantity as the goods in the sale, being a sale of other goods in Australia at the same trade level as the first-mentioned goods;

(c) Australian inland freight and Australian inland insurance in respect of the goods in the sale or of the goods from which the goods in the sale were derived;

(d) the amount of any duties of Customs and other taxes payable because of the importation into, or the sale in, Australia of the goods in the sale or of goods from which the goods in the sale were derived; and

(e) overseas freight and overseas insurance in relation to the goods in the sale or of the goods from which the goods in the sale were derived.

value unrelated matter, in relation to goods the subject of a contract for sale, means:

(a) any rebate of, or other decrease in, the price other than such a rebate or decrease the benefit of which has been received when the price is being determined; or

(b) any costs, charges or expenses in relation to activities undertaken by the purchaser on the purchaser's own account in relation to the goods (including any activities of the purchaser relating to advertising or promoting the sale of, or to warranties or guarantees in relation to, the goods).

vendor, in relation to imported goods, means the vendor under the import sales transaction for the goods.

work goods, in relation to imported goods, means goods relating to production work that was:

(a) required for the production of the imported goods; and

(b) undertaken outside Australia.

work services, in relation to imported goods, means services relating to production work that was:

(a) required for the production of the imported goods; and

(b) undertaken outside Australia.

(2) For the purposes of this Division, an event occurs about the same time as another event if the first event occurs:

(a) on the same day as the other event; or

(b) within the 45 days immediately before, or the 45 days immediately after, the day on which the other event occurs.

(3) For the purposes of this Division, 2 persons shall be deemed to be related to each other if, and only if:

(a) both being natural persons:

(i) they are connected by a blood relationship or by marriage or by adoption; or

(ii) one of them is an officer or director of a body corporate controlled, directly or indirectly, by the other;

(b) both being bodies corporate:

(i) both of them are controlled, directly or indirectly, by a third person (whether or not a body corporate);

(ii) both of them together control, directly or indirectly, a third body corporate;

(iii) the same person (whether or not a body corporate) is in a position to cast, or control the casting of, 5% or more of the maximum number of votes that might be cast at a general meeting of each of them;

(c) one of them, being a body corporate, is, directly or indirectly, controlled by the other (whether or not a body corporate);

(d) one of them, being a natural person, is an employee, officer or director of the other (whether or not a body corporate); or

(e) they are members of the same partnership.

(4) A person, whether or not a body corporate, shall be taken to control another body corporate for the purposes of subsection (3) if that person has the capacity to impose any restraint or restrictions upon, or to exercise any direction over, that other body corporate.

(5) Without, by implication, affecting the meaning of any reference to an owner of goods in any other provision of this Act, a reference in this Division to the owner of goods, being a ship or aircraft, shall not be taken to include a person acting as agent for the owner or receiving freight or other charges payable in respect of the ship or aircraft.

155 Interpretation—Buying commission

(1) Subject to subsection (2), a reference in this Division to a buying commission in relation to imported goods is a reference to an

amount paid or payable by or on behalf of the purchaser of the goods directly or indirectly to a person who, as an agent of the purchaser, represented the purchaser in the purchase of the goods in the import sales transaction.

(2) An amount paid by a purchaser of imported goods to another person in the circumstances referred to in subsection (1) shall be taken not to be a buying commission unless a Collector is satisfied that that other person did not and does not:

(a) produce, in whole or in part, or control the production, in whole or in part of:

(i) the imported goods, or any other goods whose value would be taken into account in determining, or attempting to determine, the transaction value of the imported goods; or

(ii) any other goods of the same class as goods referred to in subparagraph (i);

(b) supply, or control the supply of, any services:

(i) whose value would be taken into account in determining, or attempting to determine, the price of the imported goods; or

(ii) any other services of the same class as the services referred to in subparagraph (i);

(c) transport the imported goods, or any other goods referred to in subparagraph (a)(i), within any foreign country, between a foreign country and Australia, or within Australia, for any purpose associated with the manufacture or importation of those imported goods;

(d) purchase, exchange, sell, or otherwise trade any of the goods referred to in subparagraph (a)(i) or supply any of the services referred to in subparagraph (b)(i) other than in the capacity of an agent of the purchaser;

(e) in relation to any of the goods referred to in subparagraph (a)(i) or any of the services referred to in subparagraph (b)(i):

(i) act as an agent for, or in any other way represent, the producer, supplier, or vendor of the goods or services; or

(ii) otherwise be associated with any such person except as the agent of the purchaser; or

(f) claim or receive, directly or indirectly, the benefit of any commission, fee or other payment, in the form of money, letter of credit, negotiable instruments, or any goods or services, from any person as a consequence of the import sales transaction, other than commission received from the purchaser for the services rendered by that person in that transaction.

156 Interpretation—Identical goods and similar goods

(1) Subject to subsection (2), a reference in this Division to identical goods, in relation to imported goods is a reference to goods that a Collector is prepared, or is required by their owner, to treat as identical goods in relation to the imported goods, being goods that the Collector is satisfied:

(a) are the same in all material respects, including physical characteristics, quality and reputation, as the imported goods;

(b) were produced in the same country as the imported goods; and

(c) were produced by or on behalf of the producer of the imported goods;

but not being goods in relation to which:

(d) art work, design work, development work, engineering work undertaken, or substantially undertaken, in Australia; or

(e) models, plans or sketches prepared, or substantially prepared, in Australia;

was or were supplied directly or indirectly by or on behalf of the purchaser free of charge or at a reduced cost for use in relation to their production.

(2) Where a Collector, after reasonable inquiry, is not aware of any goods that may be treated under subsection (1) as identical goods in relation to the goods to be valued, the Collector shall disregard the requirement in paragraph (1)(c) for the purpose of treating goods as identical goods in relation to the imported goods.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), a reference in this Division to similar goods, in relation to imported goods, is a reference to goods that a Collector is prepared, or is required by their owner, to treat as similar goods in relation to the imported goods, being goods that the Collector is satisfied:

(a) closely resemble the imported goods in respect of component materials and parts and in respect of physical characteristics;

(b) are functionally and commercially interchangeable with the imported goods having regard to the quality and reputation (including any relevant trade marks) of each lot of goods;

(c) were produced in the same country as the imported goods; and

(d) were produced by or on behalf of the producer of the imported goods;

but not being goods in relation to which:

(e) art work, design work, development work or engineering work undertaken, or substantially undertaken, in Australia; or

(f) models, plans or sketches prepared, or substantially prepared, in Australia;

was or were supplied directly or indirectly by or on behalf of the purchaser free of charge or at a reduced cost for use in relation to their production.

(4) Where a Collector, after reasonable inquiry, is not aware of any goods that may be treated under subsection (3) as similar goods in relation to the goods to be valued, the Collector shall disregard the requirement in paragraph (3)(d) for the purpose of treating goods as similar goods in relation to the imported goods.

157 Interpretation—Royalties

(1) A reference in this Division to a royalty includes a reference to an amount paid or credited (however described or computed and whether the payment or credit is periodical or not) to the extent to which the amount is paid or credited as consideration for:

(a) the making, use, exercise or vending of an invention or the right to make, use, exercise or vend an invention;

(b) the use of, or the right to use:

(i) a design or trade mark;
(ii) confidential information; or
(iii) machinery, implements, apparatus or other equipment;

(c) the supply of scientific, technical, industrial, commercial or other knowledge or information;

(d) the supply of any assistance that is ancillary and subsidiary to, and is furnished as a means of enabling the application or enjoyment of, any matter falling within any of the foregoing paragraphs; or

(e) a total or partial forbearance in respect of any matter falling within any of the foregoing paragraphs (including paragraph (d)).

(2) Where:

(a) a person pays an amount of royalty in respect of goods at a time when the goods are not imported goods;

(b) the goods are imported goods before or after the payment; and

(c) the payment is made in connection with a scheme entered into or carried out for the purpose of the payment not being royalty for the purposes of this Division;

the payment shall be deemed, for the purposes of this Division, to have been made at a time when the goods were imported goods.

(3) In this section:

design means a design of a kind capable of being registered under the *Designs Act 1906*, whether or not it is registered under that Act or any other law.

payment, in relation to an amount, includes the incurring of a liability to pay, and the crediting of, the amount.

scheme means:

(a) an agreement, arrangement, understanding, promise or undertaking, whether formal or informal, whether express or implied and whether or not enforceable, or intended to be enforceable, by legal proceedings; or

(b) a plan, proposal, action, course of action or course of conduct, whether unilateral or otherwise.

use, includes hire-out, lease-out, rent-out, sell, market, distribute or otherwise trade in or dispose of.

(4) For the purposes of this section, a scheme shall be taken to be entered into or carried out for a particular purpose if the person who has, or one or more of the persons who have, entered into or carried out the scheme or a part of the scheme did so for that purpose or for purposes including that purpose.

158 Interpretation—Transportation costs

Where the purchaser of imported goods:

(a) has supplied any production material, production tooling or work goods in relation to those imported goods to a person in a foreign country for the purposes related to the production of those imported goods; or

(b) has supplied any subsidiary goods to a person in a foreign country for purposes related to the production of production materials, production tooling, work goods or work services in relation to those imported goods;

references in this Division to the cost of transporting that production material or production tooling or those work goods or subsidiary goods, after its or their acquisition or production by the purchaser, to the place of production in that foreign country shall be taken to include:

(c) the packing costs for materials and labour paid or payable by or on behalf of the purchaser in relation to that production material, or production tooling or those work goods or subsidiary goods including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, costs of fumigating, cleaning, coating, wrapping or otherwise preparing the material tooling or goods for transportation to the place of production of the imported goods;

(d) any amount paid or payable by or on behalf of the purchaser in relation to that production material or production tooling or those work goods or subsidiary goods that would:

(i) if that foreign country were Australia;

(ii) if any other country from which that material or tooling or those goods were exported were a foreign country; and

(iii) if that material or tooling or those goods were imported goods;

be an amount of foreign inland freight or foreign inland insurance, overseas freight or overseas insurance, or Australian inland freight or Australian inland insurance; and

(e) all duties of Customs, sales tax, or other duties or taxes paid or payable in consequence of the importation of that production tooling or those work goods or subsidiary goods or in consequence of any other use, sale or disposition in that foreign country.

159 Value of imported goods

(1) Unless the contrary intention appears in this Act or in another Act, the value of imported goods for the purposes of an Act imposing duty is their customs value and the Collector shall determine that customs value in accordance with this section.

(2) Where a Collector can determine the transaction value of imported goods, their customs value is their transaction value.

(3) Where a Collector cannot determine the transaction value of imported goods but can determine their identical goods value, their customs value is their identical goods value.

(4) Where a Collector:

(a) cannot determine the transaction value of imported goods; and

(b) cannot determine their identical goods value;

but can determine their similar goods value, their customs value is their similar goods value.

(5) Where a Collector:

(a) cannot determine the transaction value of imported goods, not being computed valued goods;

(b) cannot determine their identical goods value; and

(c) cannot determine their similar goods value;

but can determine their deductive (contemporary sales) value, their customs value is their deductive (contemporary sales) value.

(6) Where a Collector:

(a) cannot determine the transaction value of imported goods, not being computed valued goods;

(b) cannot determine their identical goods value;

(c) cannot determine their similar goods value; and

(d) cannot determine their deductive (contemporary sales) value;

but can determine their deductive (later sales) value, their customs value is their deductive (later sales) value.

(7) Where a Collector:

(a) cannot determine the transaction value of imported goods, not being computed valued goods but being request goods;

(b) cannot determine their identical goods value;

(c) cannot determine their similar goods value;

(d) cannot determine their deductive (contemporary sales) value; and

(e) cannot determine their deductive (later sales) value;

but can determine their deductive (derived goods sales) value, their customs value is their deductive (derived goods sales) value.

(8) Where a Collector:

(a) cannot determine the transaction value of exporter's goods, not being computed valued goods;

(b) cannot determine their identical goods value;

(c) cannot determine their similar goods value;

(d) where they are request goods, cannot determine any of their deductive values; and

(e) where they are not request goods:

(i) cannot determine their deductive (contemporary sales) value; and

(ii) cannot determine their deductive (later sales) value;

but can determine their computed value, their customs value is their computed value.

(9) Where a Collector:

(a) cannot determine the transaction value of imported goods, being computed valued goods;

(b) cannot determine their identical goods value; and

(c) cannot determine their similar goods value;

their customs value is their computed value.

(10) Where a Collector:

(a) cannot determine the transaction value of imported goods;

(b) cannot determine their identical goods value;

(c) cannot determine their similar goods value;

(d) where they are request goods, cannot determine any of their deductive values;

(e) where they are not request goods:

(i) cannot determine their deductive (contemporary sales) value; and

(ii) cannot determine their deductive (later sales) value; and

(f) where they are exporter's goods, cannot determine their computed value;

their customs value is their fall-back value.

160 Inability to determine a value of imported goods by reason of insufficient or unreliable information

(1) Where a Collector is not satisfied that there is sufficient reliable information available to the Collector, being information of a kind referred to in subsection (2), to enable him or her to determine a value of imported goods in accordance with a provision of this Division for determining their customs value, the Collector may determine, in writing, that he or she is not so satisfied and the Collector shall thereupon be taken to be unable to determine that first-mentioned value.

(2) Where a Collector is not satisfied that there is sufficient reliable information available to the Collector to enable him or her to determine the quantity and correctness of any amount that is required to be taken into account in determining a value of those goods in accordance with a provision of this Division for determining the customs value of imported goods, then:

(a) where that amount would ordinarily form part of their customs value under the particular valuation method set out in that provision—the Collector shall determine, in writing,

that he or she is not so satisfied and the Collector shall thereupon be taken to be unable to use that method;

(b) where that amount would ordinarily be deducted from the amount that would otherwise be their customs value under the particular valuation method set out in that provision:

(i) if the Collector determines, in writing, that he or she is not so satisfied and that he or she does not desire to use the method—the Collector shall thereupon be taken to be unable to use that method; and

(ii) if the Collector determines, in writing, that he or she is not so satisfied but that he or she desires to use the method—the Collector may use the method but no deduction shall be allowed on account of that amount.

161 Transaction value

(1) The transaction value of imported goods is an amount equal to the sum of their adjusted price in their import sales transaction and of their price related costs to the extent that those costs have not been taken into account in determining the price of the goods.

(2) In this section:

adjusted price, in relation to imported goods, means the price of the goods determined by a Collector who deducts from the amount that, but for this subsection, would be the amount of that price, such amounts as the Collector considers necessary to take account of the following matters:

(a) deductible financing costs in relation to the goods;

(b) any costs that the Collector is satisfied:

(i) are payable for the assembly, erection, construction or maintenance of, or any technical assistance in respect of, the goods;

(ii) are incurred after importation of the goods into Australia; and

(iii) are capable of being accurately quantified by reference to the import sales transaction relating to the goods;

(c) Australian inland freight and Australian inland insurance in relation to the goods;

(d) deductible administrative costs in relation to the goods;

(e) overseas freight and overseas insurance in relation to the goods.

161A Identical goods value

(1) The identical goods value of imported goods is their value calculated as if the value of each of their units were:

(a) the unit price of comparable identical goods; or

(b) if, because 2 or more lots of goods are treated as comparable identical goods, there are 2 or more such unit prices—the lower or lowest of those unit prices.

(2) In this section:

comparable identical goods, in relation to imported goods, means identical goods that a Collector is satisfied:

(a) were exported to Australia about the same time as the imported goods; and

(b) either:

(i) were sold in the same, or substantially the same, quantities, as the imported goods in an import sales transaction at the same trade level as the import sales transaction of the imported goods; or

(ii) are of a kind that reasonable inquiry by the Collector has not shown to be so sold.

unit price, in relation to comparable identical goods, means their transaction value:

(a) adjusted to such extent as a Collector considers necessary so that that value is what it would have been if:

(i) their foreign inland freight and foreign inland insurance had been what that freight and insurance would have been if the goods had been transported, and only transported, over the distances over which, and in the modes in which, the imported goods with which they are comparable identical goods were transported;

(ii) the trade levels of the import sales transactions of the comparable identical goods had been those of the import sales transaction of the imported goods; and

(iii) the comparable identical goods had been sold in their import sales transactions in the quantity in which the imported goods were sold in their import sales transaction; and

(b) divided by the number of units of the comparable identical goods.

161B Similar goods value

(1) The similar goods value of imported goods is their value calculated as if the value of each of their units were:

(a) the unit price of comparable similar goods; or

(b) if, because 2 or more lots of goods are treated as comparable similar goods, there are 2 or more such unit prices—the lower or lowest of those unit prices.

(2) In this section:

comparable similar goods, in relation to imported goods, means similar goods that a Collector is satisfied:

(a) were exported to Australia about the same time as the imported goods; and

(b) either:

(i) were sold in the same, or substantially the same, quantities, as the imported goods in an import sales transaction at the same trade level as the import sales transaction of the imported goods; or

(ii) are of a kind that reasonable inquiry by the Collector has not shown to be so sold.

unit price, in relation to comparable similar goods, means their transaction value:

(a) adjusted to such extent as a Collector considers necessary so that that value is what it would have been if:

(i) their foreign inland freight and foreign inland insurance had been what that freight and insurance would have been if the goods had been transported, and only transported, over the distances over which, and in the modes in which, the imported goods with which they are comparable similar goods were transported;

(ii) the trade levels of the import sales transactions of the comparable similar goods had been those of the import sales transaction of the imported goods; and

(iii) the comparable similar goods had been sold in their import sales transactions in the quantity in which the imported goods were sold in their import sales transaction; and

(b) divided by the number of units of the comparable similar goods.

161C Deductive (contemporary sales) value

(1) The deductive (contemporary sales) value of imported goods is their value calculated as if the value of each of their units were the unit price of comparable goods sold in the reference sale or sales.

(2) In this section:

contemporary sale, in relation to comparable goods comparable with imported goods, means a sale known to a Collector of the comparable goods in Australia in the condition in which they were imported, being a sale:

(a) at about the same time as the time of importation of the imported goods;

(b) at the first trade level at which the comparable goods were sold after their importation;

(c) in circumstances where, in the opinion of the Collector, the purchaser of the comparable goods:

(i) was not, at the time of the sale, related to the vendor of the comparable goods; and

(ii) did not incur any production assist costs in relation to the comparable goods; and

(d) that was, in the opinion of the Collector, a sale of a sufficient number of units of comparable goods as to permit an appropriate determination of their price per unit.

reference sale, in relation to comparable goods, means:

(a) where there was only one contemporary sale of the goods—that sale;

(b) where:

(i) there were 2 or more such sales; and

(ii) the comparable goods were sold in those sales at the one unit price;

each of those sales;

(c) where:

(i) there were 2 or more such sales;

(ii) the comparable goods were sold in those sales at 2 or more unit prices; and

(iii) a higher number of units of comparable goods were sold in those sales at one of those unit price than were sold in those sales at any other single particular unit price;

the sale, or each of the sales, in which comparable goods were sold at the particular unit price first-mentioned in subparagraph (iii);

(d) where:

(i) there were 2 or more such sales;

(ii) the comparable goods were sold in those sales at 2 or more unit prices; and

(iii) an equal number of units of comparable goods were sold in those sales at each of those unit prices;

the sale or sales in which the comparable goods were sold at the lower or lowest of the unit prices; and

(e) where:

(i) there were 2 or more such sales;

(ii) the comparable goods were sold in those sales at 2 or more unit prices; and

(iii) an equal number of units of comparable goods were sold in those sales at 2 or more of those unit prices and that number was not exceeded by the number of units of comparable goods sold in those sales at any other single particular unit price;

the sale, or sales, at which comparable goods were sold at the lower or lowest of the unit prices first-mentioned in subparagraph (iii).

unit price, in relation to comparable goods sold in a contemporary sale, means the price of the goods in that sale:

(a) reduced by the sum of value unrelated amounts, deductible administrative costs, and deductible financing costs, in relation to the comparable goods; and

(b) divided by the number of units of the comparable goods.

(3) The following example illustrates the operation of paragraph (c) of the definition of ***reference sale*** in subsection (2):

Facts:

There were 2 contemporary sales of 5 units of comparable goods at a unit price of $100.

There were 6 contemporary sales of 3 units of comparable goods at a unit price of $40.

There was one contemporary sale of 4 units of comparable goods at a unit price of $40.

There was one contemporary sale of 7 units of comparable goods at a unit price of $60.

There were 3 contemporary sales of 2 units of comparable goods at a unit price of $60.

This means that:

10 units of comparable goods were sold in contemporary sales at $100.

22 units of comparable goods were sold in contemporary sales at $40.

13 units of comparable goods were sold in contemporary sales at $60.

Result:

More units of comparable goods were sold in contemporary sales at $40 than were sold in such sales at any other unit price.

Therefore, the reference sales are the sales at the unit price of $40.

(4) The following example illustrates the operation of paragraph (e) of the definition of ***reference sale*** in subsection (2):

Facts:

There was one contemporary sale of 10 units of comparable goods at a unit price of $60.

There were 2 contemporary sales of 2 units of comparable goods at a unit price of $20.

There was one contemporary sale of 6 units of comparable goods at a unit price of $20.

There were 8 contemporary sales of 1 unit of comparable goods at a unit price of $80.

There was one contemporary sale of 5 units of comparable goods at a unit price of $70.

There were 2 contemporary sales of 2 units of comparable goods at a unit price of $70.

There were 2 contemporary sales of 1 unit of comparable goods at a unit price of $50.

There were 2 contemporary sales of 4 units of comparable goods at a unit price of $50.

Result:

An equal number of units of comparable goods (10) were sold in contemporary sales at 3 unit prices ($60, $20, $50).

This number is not exceeded by 8 units of comparable goods sold in contemporary sales at $80 or by 9 units of comparable goods sold in contemporary sales at $70.

Therefore, reference sales are the sales at the unit price of $20.

161D Deductive (later sales) value

(1) The deductive (later sales) value of imported goods is their value calculated as if the value of each of the units were the unit price of comparable goods sold in the reference sale or sales.

(2) In this section:

later sale, in relation to comparable goods compared with imported goods, means a sale known to a Collector of the comparable goods in Australia in the condition in which they were imported, being a sale:

(a) during the 90 days that began on the day of importation of the imported goods;

(b) at the first trade level at which the comparable goods were sold after their importation;

(c) in circumstances where, in the opinion of the Collector, the purchaser of the comparable goods:

(i) was not, at the time of the sale, related to the vendor of the comparable goods; and

(ii) did not incur any production assist costs in relation to the comparable goods; and

(d) was, in the opinion of the Collector, a sale of a sufficient number of units of comparable goods as to permit an appropriate determination of their price per unit.

reference sale, in relation to comparable goods, means:

(a) where there was only one later sale of the goods—that sale;

(b) where there were 2 or more such sales and one of them was on an earlier day than the other or others—that sale; or

(c) where there were 2 or more such sales on a common day and no such sale occurred on an earlier day:

(i) if one of the sales on the common day was of a higher number of units of the comparable goods than the other or others on the common day—that sale of a higher number; or

(ii) if 2 or more of the sales on the common day were of the same number of units of comparable goods and no other sale on the common day was of a higher number of such units—whichever of those 2 or more sales of the same number of units was the sale in which comparable goods were sold at the lower or lowest unit price.

unit price, in relation to comparable goods sold in a later sale, means the price of the goods in that sale:

(a) reduced by the sum of value unrelated amounts, deductible administrative costs, and deductible financing costs, in relation to the comparable goods; and

(b) divided by the number of units of the comparable goods.

161E Deductive (derived goods sales) value

(1) The deductive (derived goods sales) value of imported goods is their value calculated as if the value of each of their units were the unit price of derived goods derived from them sold in the reference sale or sales.

(2) In this section:

derived goods, in relation to imported goods, means the imported goods after they have been assembled, packaged or further processed in Australia.

derived goods sale, in relation to derived goods derived from imported goods, means a sale known to a Collector of derived goods in Australia, being a sale:

(a) during the 90 days that began on the day of importation of the imported goods;

(b) at the first trade level at which the derived goods were sold after that importation;

(c) in circumstances where, in the opinion of the Collector, the purchaser of the derived goods:

(i) was not related to the vendor of the derived goods at the time of the sale; and

(ii) did not incur any production assist costs in relation to the derived goods; and

(d) that was, in the opinion of the Collector, a sale of a sufficient number of units of derived goods as to permit an appropriate determination of the price per unit of the goods.

reference sale, in relation to derived goods, means:

(a) where there was only one derived goods sale—that sale;

(b) where:

(i) there were 2 or more such sales; and

(ii) derived goods were sold in those sales at the one unit price;

each of those sales;

(c) where:

(i) there were 2 or more such sales;

(ii) the derived goods were sold in those sales at 2 or more unit prices; and

(iii) a higher number of units of derived goods were sold in those sales at one of those unit prices than were sold in those sales at any other single particular unit price;

the sale, or each of the sales, in which derived goods were sold at the particular unit price first-mentioned in subparagraph (iii);

(d) where:

(i) there were 2 or more such sales;

(ii) derived goods were sold in those sales at 2 or more unit prices; and

(iii) an equal number of units of derived goods were sold in those sales at each of those unit prices;

the sale or sales in which the derived goods were sold at the lower or lowest of the unit prices; and

(e) where:

(i) there were 2 or more such sales;

(ii) derived goods were sold in those sales at 2 or more unit prices; and

(iii) an equal number of units of derived goods were sold in those sales at 2 or more of those unit prices and that number was not exceeded by the number of units of derived goods sold in those sales at any other single particular unit price;

the sale, or sales, at which derived goods were sold at the lower or lowest of the unit prices first-mentioned in subparagraph (iii).

unit price, in relation to derived goods derived from imported goods and sold in a derived goods sale, means the price of the derived goods in that sale:

(a) reduced by the sum of:

(i) value unrelated amounts, in relation to the derived goods;

(ii) deductible administrative costs in relation to the derived goods;

(iii) deductible financing costs in relation to the derived goods; and

(iv) the amount of the value added to the derived goods that is attributable to the assembly, packaging or further processing of the imported goods in Australia; and

(b) divided by the number of units of the derived goods.

161F Computed value

(1) The computed value of imported goods is such part of the sum of the following amounts as a Collector considers should be apportioned to their production:

(a) Australian arranged material costs;

(b) Australian arranged subsidiary costs;

(c) Australian arranged tooling costs;

(d) Australian arranged work costs;

(e) the value of all other goods used in their production and not included in paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive;

(f) the costs, charges and expenses incurred by their producer in relation to their production and not included in paragraphs (a) to (e), inclusive;

(g) the profit and expenses (including all costs, direct or indirect, of marketing but not including costs and expenses included in paragraphs (a) to (f), inclusive) that are usually added to the sale for export to Australia of goods of the same class as the imported goods from the country of export of the imported goods, being a sale of goods by their producer to a purchaser who is not, at the time of sale, related to the producer;

(h) packing costs for materials and labour incurred in respect of the goods (including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, costs of fumigating, cleaning, coating, wrapping or otherwise preparing the goods for their exportation from a foreign country or otherwise placing them in the condition in which they are imported into Australia but not including the costs of any exempted pallet or exempted container concerned in their exportation), being costs that are not included in paragraphs (a) to (g), inclusive;

(j) foreign inland freight and foreign inland insurance that is usually added to a sale referred to in paragraph (g) and that is not included in paragraphs (a) to (h), inclusive.

(2) In this section, ***Australian arrange material costs***, ***Australian arranged subsidiary costs***, ***Australian arranged tooling costs*** and ***Australian arranged work costs***, in relation to imported goods, have the meanings that ***purchaser's material costs***, ***purchaser's subsidiary costs***, ***purchaser's tooling costs*** and ***purchaser's work costs*** respectively, would have, in relation to imported goods, if the references in the 4 last-mentioned definitions to purchaser were references to a person in Australia.

161G Fall-back value

The fall-back value of imported goods is such value as a Collector determines, having regard to the other methods of valuation under this Division in the order in which those methods would ordinarily be considered under section 159 and of such other matters as the Collector considers relevant, but not having regard to any of the following matters:

(a) the selling price in Australia of goods produced in Australia;

(b) any system that provides for the acceptance for Customs purposes of the higher of 2 alternative values;

(c) the price of goods on the domestic market of the country from which the imported goods were exported;

(d) the cost of production of goods, other than the computed value of identical goods or similar goods;

(e) the price of goods sold for export to a country other than Australia and not imported into Australia;

(f) any system that provides for minimum values for Customs purposes;

(g) arbitrary or fictitious values.

161H When transaction value unable to be determined

(1) Without limiting section 160, a Collector cannot determine the transaction value of imported goods for the purposes of this Division, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, section 161A or 161B, if the Collector:

(a) after reasonable inquiry, is not aware of any import sales transaction in relation to the goods;

(b) has, in accordance with subsection (3), (5) or (7), decided that the transaction value of the goods cannot be determined; or

(c) is satisfied that the disposition or use of the goods by the purchaser is subject to restrictions, not being restrictions of the following kinds:

(i) restrictions imposed or required by, or by any public officer or authority acting in accordance with, any law in force in Australia;

(ii) restrictions that limit the geographical area in which the goods may be sold;

(iii) restrictions that do not substantially affect the commercial value of the goods.

(2) Where, in relation to goods required to be valued, a Collector:

(a) is satisfied that the purchaser and the vendor of imported goods were, at the time of the goods' import sales transaction, related persons; and

(b) considers that that relationship may have influenced the price of the goods;

the Collector shall, by notice in writing served, personally or by post, on the purchaser of the goods:

(c) advise the purchaser of:

(i) the view that the Collector has formed of the possible effect on the price of the goods of the relationship between the purchaser and the vendor;

(ii) the reasons for forming that view; and

(iii) the fact that, because of that view, the Collector may be required to decide under subsection (3) that the transaction value of the goods cannot be determined; and

(d) invite the purchaser to put before the Collector, within a period specified in the notice (not being a period of less than 28 days), such further information as the purchaser considers might serve to satisfy the Collector as to any of the matters set out in subsection (3).

(3) On the expiration of the period specified in a notice under subsection (2), the Collector shall, unless the purchaser of the imported goods has satisfied the Collector that:

(a) a relationship between the purchaser and the vendor of the goods did not influence the price of the goods; or

(b) the amount of the transaction value that would be determined in respect of the goods if the purchaser and the vendor had not been related at the time of the import sales transaction for the goods divided by the number of the units of the goods closely approximates, having regard to all relevant factors:

(i) the unit price within the meaning of section 161A of identical goods that were exported to Australia about the same time as the imported goods;

(ii) the unit price within the meaning of section 161B of similar goods that were exported to Australia about the same time as the imported goods;

(iii) the unit price of identical goods or similar goods sold in a contemporary sale within the meaning of section 161C as determined in accordance with that section; or

(iv) the computed unit price of identical goods or similar goods that were imported into Australia about the same time as the imported goods being the computed value of those identical or similar goods determined in accordance with section 161F divided by the number of units of those identical or similar goods;

be taken to be unable to determine the transaction value of the goods.

(4) Where, in relation to goods required to be valued, a Collector is of the opinion that the price at which the goods were sold in their import sales transaction is different from the price at which goods that are identical goods or similar goods to the first-mentioned goods would normally be sold in an import sales transaction similar to the first-mentioned import sales transaction, the Collector shall, by notice in writing served, personally or by post, on the purchaser:

(a) advise the purchaser of the Collector's opinion; and

(b) require the purchaser to satisfy the Collector, within the period specified in the notice, not being a period of less than 28 days, that the price difference was not designed to obtain a reduction of, or to avoid duty.

(5) On the expiration of the period specified in a notice under subsection (4) in relation to imported goods, the Collector shall, unless the purchaser of the goods to whom the notice was given has satisfied the Collector as required by the notice, be taken to be unable to determine the transaction value of the goods.

(6) Where, in relation to services provided in respect of goods required to be valued, a Collector is of the opinion that the services were provided in relation to the goods under the terms of their import sales transaction at a price different from the price normally paid for the provision of identical or similar services in relation to goods that are identical goods or similar goods to the first-mentioned goods, sold in an import sales transaction similar to the first-mentioned import sales transaction, the Collector shall, by notice in writing served, personally or by post, on the purchaser:

(a) advise the purchaser of the Collector's opinion; and

(b) require the purchaser to satisfy the Collector, within the period specified in the notice, not being a period of less than 28 days, that the price difference was not designed to obtain a reduction of, or to avoid duty.

(7) On the expiration of the period specified in a notice under subsection (6) in relation to imported goods, the Collector shall, unless the purchaser of the goods to whom the notice was given has satisfied the Collector as required by the notice, be taken to be unable to determine the transaction value of the goods.

161J Value of goods to be in Australian currency

(1) Where an amount that is, in accordance with this Division, required to be taken into account for the purpose of ascertaining a value of any imported goods is an amount in a currency other than Australian currency, the amount to be so taken into account shall be the equivalent in Australian currency of that amount, ascertained according to the ruling rate of exchange in relation to

that other currency in respect of the day of exportation of the goods.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the CEO may specify, by notice published in the *Gazette*:

(a) a rate that is to be deemed to be, or to have been, the ruling rate of exchange, in relation to any currency, in respect of a day, or of each day occurring during a period, preceding the day of publication of the notice; or

(b) a rate that is to be deemed to be, or to have been, the ruling rate of exchange, in relation to any currency, in respect of each day occurring during a period commencing on the day of publication of the notice, or on an earlier day specified in the notice, and ending on the revocation of the notice;

after having regard:

(c) where the ruling rate of exchange is specified in respect of a day—to commercial rates of exchange that prevailed on or about that day;

(d) where the ruling rate of exchange is specified in respect of a period commencing before the day of publication of the notice—to commercial rates of exchange that prevailed during so much of that period as preceded the day of publication of the notice; and

(e) where the ruling rate of exchange is specified in respect of any other period—to commercial rates of exchange that last prevailed before the publication of that notice.

(3) At any time, the ruling rate of exchange in relation to a particular foreign currency, in respect of a particular day, shall be:

(a) if a rate of exchange has been specified at that time under subsection (2) as the ruling rate of exchange, in relation to that currency, in respect of that day, or in respect of a period that includes that day—the rate so specified; and

(b) if a rate of exchange has not been so specified at that time—such a rate of exchange as the CEO determines to be the ruling rate of exchange, in relation to that currency, in respect of that day, after having regard to commercial rates of exchange prevailing on or about that day and to such other matters as the CEO considers relevant.

(4) In this section:

day of exportation, in relation to imported goods, means:

(a) where the goods were exported by post from the place of export and a Collector is satisfied as to the day of posting—that day;

(b) where the goods departed or were transported from their place of export in any other way and a Collector is satisfied as to the day of their departure or transportation—that day; and

(c) in any other case—a day determined by the Collector.

161K Owner to be advised of value of goods

(1) Where the CEO or a Collector has determined the customs value of goods in accordance with this Division, the CEO or the Collector shall cause the value to be recorded on the entry in respect of them or otherwise advise their owner of the amount.

(2) Where a Collector signifies, in a manner prescribed by the regulations, his or her acceptance of an estimate of the value of the goods, whether that estimate appears on the entry in respect of those goods or in any other statement of information provided in respect of those goods, the Collector shall, by so signifying, be taken for the purposes of subsection (1) to have determined the customs value of the goods and to have advised their owner of that amount.

(3) If, within 28 days after being advised under subsection (1) of the customs value of goods determined in accordance with this Division, an owner of the goods requests a Collector, in writing, to give the owner particulars of the valuation, the Collector shall, within 28 days after the making of the request, give the owner a notice in writing setting out:

(a) the method by which the customs value of the goods was determined;

(b) the findings of material questions of fact relating to that determination, the evidence or other material on which those findings were based and the reasons for that determination; and

(c) the calculations by which the determination of the value was made and the information on which those calculations were based.

(4) Nothing in this section requires, or permits, the giving of information that:

(a) relates to the personal affairs or business affairs of a person, other than the person making the request because of which information was given; and

(b) is information:

(i) that was supplied in confidence;

(ii) the publication of which would reveal a trade secret;

(iii) that was given in compliance with a duty imposed by an enactment; or

(iv) the giving of which in accordance with the request would be in contravention of an enactment, being an enactment that expressly imposes on the person to whom the information was given a duty not to divulge or communicate to any person, or to any person other than a person included in a prescribed class of persons, or except in prescribed circumstances, information of that kind.

(5) In this section, ***enactment*** has the same meaning as in the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977*.

161L Review of determinations and other decisions

(1) At any time after the making of a determination or other decision by an officer under this Division in relation to goods, the CEO may review the determination or other decision and may:

(a) affirm the determination or other decision;

(b) vary the determination or other decision; or

(c) revoke the determination or other decision and make any other determination or decision that is required to be made for the purpose of determining the customs value of the goods in accordance with this Division.

(2) Where, by reason that the CEO, under subsection (1), has varied or revoked a determination or other decision of an officer or has

made a determination or other decision that is required to be made by reason of the revocation of a determination or other decision of an officer:

(a) an amount of duty that was levied is less than the amount that should have been levied; or

(b) an amount of duty that was refunded is greater than the amount that should have been refunded;

section 165 applies in relation to any demand by a Collector for the payment of the amount of duty so short levied or so erroneously refunded, as the case may be.

(3) In this section, ***officer*** means a Collector or a delegate of the CEO.

Division 3—Deposits, abatements, remissions, refunds and rebates of duties

162 Delivery of goods upon giving of security or undertaking for payment of duty, GST and luxury car tax

(1) Where goods the property of a person included in a prescribed class of persons are imported or a person imports goods included in a prescribed class or goods intended for a prescribed purpose and intends to export those goods, the Collector may grant to the person importing the goods permission to take delivery of those goods upon giving a security or an undertaking, to the satisfaction of the Collector, for the payment of:

(a) the duty, if any, on those goods; and

(b) the GST payable on the taxable importation (as defined in the GST Act), if any, that is associated with the import of those goods; and

(c) if a taxable importation of a luxury car (as defined in the Luxury Car Tax Act) is associated with the import of those goods—the luxury car tax payable on that taxable importation.

(2) The regulations may prescribe provisions to be complied with in relation to goods in respect of which permission has been granted under the last preceding subsection.

(2A) Without limiting the generality of subsection (2), regulations under that subsection may provide that conditions, restrictions or requirements specified in the permission granted under subsection (1) in relation to goods are to be complied with in relation to the goods.

(3) Where the Collector has granted permission to a person to take delivery of goods upon giving a security or an undertaking referred to in subsection (1), the duty (if any) is not payable if:

(a) the provisions of the regulations are complied with; and

(b) either:

(i) the goods are exported within a period of 12 months after the date on which the goods were imported, or

within such further period as the CEO, on the application of the person who imported the goods, allows; or

(ii) one or more of the circumstances or conditions specified in the regulations apply in relation to the goods;

and, if security was given by way of deposit of cash or of an instrument transferable by delivery, the amount deposited or the instrument shall be returned to the person by whom the security was given.

Note: In these circumstances, GST and luxury car tax are not payable. See section 171-5 of the GST Act and section 13-25 of the Luxury Car Tax Act.

(4) If the circumstances described in paragraphs (3)(a) and (b) do not exist in relation to the goods:

(a) the security may be enforced according to its tenor; or

(b) if an undertaking to pay the amount of the duty (if any), the GST (if any) and the luxury car tax (if any) has been given, that amount may be recovered at any time in a court of competent jurisdiction by proceedings in the name of the Collector.

162A Delivery of goods on the giving of a general security or undertaking for payment of duty, GST and luxury car tax

(1) The regulations may provide that:

(a) goods of a specified class;

(b) goods imported by persons of a specified class;

(c) goods of a specified class imported by persons of a specified class; or

(d) goods imported for a specified purpose;

may, in accordance with this section, be brought into Australia on a temporary basis without payment of duty, GST or luxury car tax.

(1A) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), regulations under that subsection may be regulations that apply to goods if:

(a) the goods are specified in an instrument authorised by the regulations; and

(b) conditions, restrictions or requirements specified in that instrument are complied with in respect of the goods.

(1B) Without limiting the generality of paragraph (1A)(b), conditions, restrictions or requirements referred to in that paragraph that apply to goods may specify, or relate to:

(a) the time during which the goods may remain in Australia; or

(b) the purposes for which the goods may be used while they are in Australia.

(2) The CEO may accept a security given by a person for the payment of, or an undertaking by a person to pay, all of the following in relation to specified goods that are described in regulations made for the purposes of subsection (1) and that may be imported after a particular date or during a particular period:

(a) the duty, if any, that may become payable on the goods;

(b) the GST that may become payable on the taxable importation (as defined in the GST Act), if any, that is associated with the import of the goods;

(c) if a taxable importation of a luxury car (as defined in the Luxury Car Tax Act) is associated with the import of the goods—the luxury car tax that may become payable on that taxable importation.

If the CEO accepts the security or undertaking, a Collector may grant to a person who imports some or all of the specified goods permission to take delivery of the goods without payment of duty, GST or luxury car tax.

(2A) However, the Collector may grant permission to take delivery of goods that:

(a) are covered by a security or undertaking described in subsection (2); and

(b) are not accompanied by, and described in, temporary admission papers issued in accordance with an agreement between Australia and one or more other countries that provides for the temporary importation of goods without payment of duty;

only if the person importing the goods applies to the Collector for the permission in accordance with section 162AA.

(3) Goods delivered under this section shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be entered for home consumption on being so delivered.

(4) The regulations may prohibit a person to whom goods are delivered under this section from dealing with the goods in a manner, or in a manner other than a manner, specified in the regulations, or from so dealing with the goods except with the consent of the CEO.

(5) Duty is not payable on goods delivered under this section unless:

(a) the goods have been dealt with in contravention of the regulations; or

(b) the goods are not exported:

(i) within such period, not exceeding 12 months, after the date on which the goods were imported as is notified to the person who imported the goods by the Collector when he or she grants permission to take delivery of the goods; or

(ii) within such further period as the CEO, on the application of the person who imported the goods and of the person who gave the security or undertaking with respect to the goods, allows;

and none of the circumstances or conditions specified in the regulations apply in relation to the goods.

Note: GST and luxury car tax are not payable if duty is not payable because of subsection (5) (or would not be payable because of that subsection if it were otherwise payable). See section 171-5 of the GST Act and section 13-25 of the Luxury Car Tax Act.

(5A) Despite subsection (5), duty is not payable on goods brought into Australia for a purpose described in regulation 125A of the *Customs Regulations 1926* and delivered under this section unless:

(a) the goods are dealt with in contravention of the regulations (whether made before or after the commencement of this subsection); or

(b) the goods are not exported before the end of:

(i) 31 December 2000; or

(ii) if the CEO specifies a later day on the application of the person who imported the goods and the person who

gave the security or undertaking with respect to the goods—that later day;

and none of the circumstances or conditions specified in the regulations mentioned in paragraph (5)(b) apply in relation to the goods.

(6) A Collector may give permission for goods delivered under this section to be taken on board a ship or aircraft for export and, on permission being so given, the goods shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be entered for export.

(6A) However, the Collector may give permission to take aboard a ship or aircraft for export goods that were delivered under this section as a result of an application described in subsection (2A) only if the person proposing to export the goods applies to the Collector for the permission in accordance with section 162AA.

(7) Where security under this section is given by way of a payment of money or a deposit of an instrument transferable by delivery, the money shall not be repaid or the instrument shall not be returned, as the case may be, until:

(a) no duty is, or may become, payable on goods to which the security relates that have been imported; and

(b) no GST is, or may become, payable on the taxable importation (as defined in the GST Act), if any, that is associated with the import of the goods; and

(c) no luxury car tax is, or may become, payable on the taxable importation of a luxury car (as defined the Luxury Car Tax Act), if any, that is associated with the import of the goods.

(8) If the circumstances described in paragraph (5)(a) or (b) or (5A)(a) or (b) exist in relation to the goods:

(a) a security relating to the goods may be enforced; and

(b) if an undertaking has been given to pay the amount of the duty (if any), GST (if any) and luxury car tax (if any) associated with the import of the goods—the amount may be recovered at any time in a court of competent jurisdiction by proceedings in the name of:

(i) the CEO; or

(ii) the Regional Director for a State or Territory.

162AA Applications to deal with goods imported temporarily without duty

(1) This section describes how to make an application that is:

(a) required by subsection 162A(2A) for a permission under subsection 162A(2) to take delivery of goods; or

(b) required by subsection 162A(6A) for a permission under subsection 162A(6) to take goods aboard a ship or aircraft for export.

(2) An application may be communicated to Customs by document or computer.

(3) An application communicated by document must:

(a) be in an approved form; and

(b) include the information required by the approved form; and

(c) be signed in the way indicated by the approved form.

(4) An application communicated by computer must:

(a) be communicated by computer in the manner indicated in an approved statement relating to the application; and

(b) include the information indicated in the approved statement; and

(c) identify the applicant in the way indicated in the approved statement.

162B Pallets used in international transport

(1) Where pallets are delivered under section 162A and it would be a contravention of the Convention by the Commonwealth to collect duty on the pallets, duty is not payable on the pallets.

(2) Where pallets are to be exported and it would be a contravention of the Convention by the Commonwealth to require the goods to be entered for export, the pallets may be exported without being entered for export.

(3) This section is in addition to, and not in derogation of, the provisions of subsections (5), (5A) and (6) of section 162A.

(4) In this section:

Convention means the European Convention on Customs Treatment of Pallets used in International Transport signed in Geneva on 9 December 1960, as affected by any amendment that has come into force for Australia.

Note: The text of the Convention is set out in Australian Treaty Series 1969 No. 26.

163 Refunds etc. of duty [*see* Note 5]

(1) Refunds, rebates and remissions of duty may be made:

(a) in respect of goods generally or in respect of the goods included in a class of goods; and

(b) in such circumstances, and subject to such conditions and restrictions (if any), as are prescribed, being circumstances, and conditions and restrictions, that relate to goods generally or to the goods included in the class of goods.

(1A) The regulations may prescribe the amount, or the means of determining the amount, of any refund, rebate or remission of duty that may be made for the purposes of subsection (1).

(1AA) Subject to subsection (1AD), the regulations may prescribe:

(a) the manner of making application, either by document or by computer, for such refunds, rebates or remissions; and

(b) the procedure to be followed by Customs in dealing with such applications, including procedures for requesting further information in relation to issues raised in such applications.

(1AB) Regulations made for the purposes of subsection (1AA) that provide for the making of an application for a refund, rebate or remission of duty by computer must indicate when that application is to be taken, for the purposes of this Act, to have been communicated to Customs.

(1AC) Regulations made for the purposes of subsection (1AA) that provide for the making of applications for refund, rebate or remission of duty by computer may include contingency arrangements to deal with circumstances where the computer system employed in relation to such applications is down.

(1AD) The regulations may identify circumstances where a person is entitled to a refund, rebate or remission of duty:

(a) without making an application at all; or

(b) on making an application in respect of which a refund application fee is not payable.

(1AE) For the avoidance of doubt, if, before or after the commencement of this subsection, a person has:

(a) altered an electronic copy of an import entry as a step in making an application for a refund or rebate of duty in respect of goods covered by the entry; or

(b) altered an electronic copy of an import entry as such a step and paid the application fee (if any) associated with the making of such an application;

but the person did not or does not, within the time prescribed for making that application, communicate the altered import entry to Customs, either manually or, after the commencement of this subsection, by computer, the person's actions in modifying that import entry and paying any such application fee are of no effect.

(1B) A Collector must refuse to consider an application for a refund of duty paid in respect of goods if the fee, if any, payable under subsection (1C) in respect of the application has not been paid.

(1C) If a person makes an application for refund of duty paid in respect of goods in accordance with regulations made under paragraph (1)(b), the person is liable to pay a fee (the ***refund application fee***) for the processing by Customs of that application.

(1D) The amount of refund application fee is:

(a) if the application is transmitted to Customs via a prescribed computer system—$45.00, or, if another amount is prescribed, that other amount; or

(b) if the application is made in an approved form—$65.00, or, if another amount is prescribed, that other amount.

(2) For the purposes of this section and of any regulations made for the purposes of this section, duty, in relation to goods that have been, or are proposed to be, imported into Australia under Schedule 3 to the Tariff includes an amount paid to a collector on account of the duty that will become payable on those goods.

(3) For the purposes of this section and of any regulations made for the purposes of this section, the amount of duty in respect of which a person may seek a refund, rebate or remission of duty on goods that are imported into Australia under item 41E of Schedule 4 to the Tariff is to be taken to be the sum of:

(a) the amount of money (if any) paid as customs duty on the importation of those goods; and

(b) to the extent that duty credit issued under the *ACIS Administration Act 1999* has been offset against customs duty that would otherwise have been payable in respect of those goods—the amount of customs duty offset by the use of the credit.

164 Rebate of duty in respect of diesel fuel used for certain purposes

[*see* Note 2]

(1AA) This section makes provision for a rebate to be payable in respect of diesel fuel purchased for certain usages. In particular (but without limiting the effect of the provisions), it sets out:

(a) the particular usages of diesel fuel that would entitle a person to apply for rebate (subsection (1)); and

(b) matters relating to the making of an application for the rebate (subsections (1A) to (1D), (3) and (4)); and

(c) the assessment of rebate entitlement (subsections (1E) and (4B)); and

(d) matters relating to the gathering of information for risk assessment purposes (subsections (1F) and (1G)); and

(e) other tests of eligibility for the rebates (subsections (2) and (4A)); and

(f) rules about calculation of the rate of rebates (subsections (5), (5A), (5AA) and (5AB)); and

(g) the application of provisions of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* in relation to a notice under subsection (5A) declaring a rate of rebate (subsection (5B)); and

(h) a special appropriation clause for the purposes of this section (subsection (6)); and

(i) definitions of important terms used in this section (subsections (7) to (9)).

(1AB) Despite the other provisions of this section, rebate is not payable:

(a) for a purchase of diesel fuel on or after 1 July 2003; or

(b) as a result of an application received more than 5 months after 1 July 2003.

(1) A rebate is, subject to subsections (2) and (4A) and to such conditions and restrictions as are prescribed (being conditions and restrictions that relate to goods generally, to goods included in a class of goods that includes diesel fuel or to diesel fuel only), payable to a person who purchases diesel fuel for use by the person:

(a) in mining operations (otherwise than for the purpose of propelling any vehicle on a public road);

(aa) in primary production (otherwise than for the purpose of propelling a road vehicle on a public road);

(ab) in rail transport (otherwise than for the purpose of propelling a road vehicle on a public road) in the course of carrying on an enterprise;

(ac) in marine transport (otherwise than for the purpose of propelling a road vehicle on a public road) in the course of carrying on an enterprise;

(ad) at particular premises to generate electricity for use in the course of carrying on, at those premises, an enterprise that:

(i) has, as its principal purpose, the retail sale of goods or services or the provision of hospitality; and

(ii) does not have, at those premises, ready access to a commercial supply of electricity;

(b) at residential premises to generate electricity for use in:

(i) providing food and drink for;

(ii) providing lighting, heating, air-conditioning, hot water or similar amenities for; or

(iii) meeting other domestic requirements of;

residents of the premises;

(c) at a hospital or nursing home or at any other institution providing medical or nursing care; or

(d) at a home for aged persons.

(1A) An application for rebate to be paid in respect of diesel fuel under subsection (1) must:

(a) be made in accordance with an approved form; and

(b) include such information as is required by the form; and

(c) be signed in the manner indicated in the form; and

(d) be given to a taxation officer doing duty in relation to diesel fuel rebate; and

(e) if regulations made under subsection (1) provide that a rebate is not payable to an applicant under this section unless, when the application is made, the applicant gives a taxation officer doing duty in relation to diesel fuel rebate prescribed records containing prescribed information—be accompanied by such records.

(1B) The Commissioner may waive the requirement under paragraph (1A)(e) if the Commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is unable to give the records because of circumstances beyond the applicant's control.

(1C) The application must not be made before duty is paid on the diesel fuel concerned.

(1D) In addition to other matters that may be required to be included in the approved form, the applicant must, in the approved form:

(a) include an assessment of the applicant's entitlement to rebate that is being applied for (including any particulars or estimates concerning the amount of diesel fuel and the use or intended use of the fuel on which the assessment is based); and

(b) certify that the information contained in the application is correct; and

(c) state that the applicant is aware of the applicant's obligation in relation to the keeping of diesel fuel records as required under section 240A in relation to diesel fuel covered by the application and any other diesel fuel that has been, or is being, stored with that fuel; and

(d) state that the applicant is aware of the applicant's obligations in relation to the exercise of the audit powers by an authorised taxation officer conducting an audit under section 164AC.

(1E) Subject to this section, the Commissioner may, for the purposes of subsection (4B) and having regard to the outcome of any audit that

relates, in whole or in part, to a particular application, adopt the whole or any part of the applicant's assessment contained in the application as the Commissioner's assessment of the applicant's entitlement to rebate in respect of that application.

(1F) A person who has applied for, or who has been paid, an amount of diesel fuel rebate, must, if the Commissioner, by notice in writing, requires the person to do so, give the Commissioner information, in an approved form, within the time specified in the notice, concerning:

(a) the business or operations of the person in respect of which the person has made, or ordinarily makes, application for rebate; and

(b) any business circumstances or seasonal factors that might affect the volume or incidence of applications by the person for rebate.

(1G) If the Commissioner is satisfied that a person who is required to provide information under subsection (1F) fails to comply with that requirement, the Commissioner may advise the person that the Commissioner is so satisfied and, if he or she does so:

(a) the person ceases to have any entitlement to have any existing diesel fuel rebate application dealt with, or further dealt with, or any new diesel fuel rebate application dealt with, until the person so complies; but

(b) any rebate that has been paid in respect of a past diesel fuel rebate application is unaffected by the refusal or failure.

(2) A person is not entitled to be paid diesel fuel rebate, or to retain diesel fuel rebate paid to the person, in respect of diesel fuel purchased by the person for use by the person in a manner referred to in subsection (1) that is specified in the application for that rebate if, in fact, the person:

(a) uses the fuel otherwise than in that manner; or

(b) sells or otherwise disposes of the fuel; or

(c) loses the fuel (whether because of accident, theft or any other reason).

Note: If rebate has been paid on diesel fuel that is subsequently used in a manner other than the manner indicated, or sold or otherwise disposed of, or lost, the rebate on the fuel is repayable. (See sections 164AA and 164AD).

(3) Subject to subsection (4), the Commissioner may refuse to consider an application for rebate under this section if:

(a) the application does not relate to diesel fuel purchased for use in a manner referred to in paragraph (1)(b); and

(b) the quantity of diesel fuel in respect of which the application is made is less than 2,000 litres.

(4) The Commissioner shall not refuse to consider an application made by a person for rebate under this section only because the quantity of diesel fuel in respect of which the application is made is less than 2,000 litres if the application is the first application by the person for rebate under this section.

(4A) Rebate on a diesel fuel application received on or after 1 July 1994 is payable only in respect of diesel fuel purchased within 3 years before that application is so received, except where the applicant made an application, before the commencement of item 7 of Schedule 1 to the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 1997*, on particular grounds indicated in a notice of intention to make such an application that was given to Customs by the applicant before 1 July 1994.

(4B) If a person who has applied for diesel fuel rebate is to be paid rebate in respect of some or all of the diesel fuel to which the application relates, the Commissioner must, by written assessment, inform the person in writing of the amount of rebate (if any) payable to the person under the application.

Note: The Commissioner's assessment may be subject to amendment under section 164AD.

(4C) The rebate payable under subsection (1) to a person in respect of diesel fuel purchased by the person for use in a manner referred to in paragraph (1)(ab) or (ac) (rail or marine transport) or in a manner referred to in paragraph (1)(ad) (generation of electricity for retail or hospitality purposes) is payable at the rate that the rebate would be payable if the use of the diesel fuel had been in primary production.

(5) Subject to subsections (5AA) and (5AC), the rebate payable under subsection (1) to a person in respect of any diesel fuel purchased by the person for use in a manner referred to in a paragraph of that subsection is payable at the rate of:

(a) in the case of paragraph (1)(a)—$0.07619 per litre;
(b) in the case of paragraph (1)(aa)—$0.10007 per litre;
(c) in the case of paragraph (1)(b)—$0.07619 per litre;
(d) in the case of paragraph (1)(c)—$0.07619 per litre;
(e) in the case of paragraph (1)(d)—$0.07619 per litre.

(5A) The Minister may, by notice in writing published in the *Gazette*, declare that the rate of rebate payable under subsection (1) to a person in respect of any diesel fuel for use in a manner referred to in a paragraph of that subsection and specified in the notice is, on and after a day specified in the notice, a rate specified in the notice, being a rate higher than the rate specified in subsection (5) in relation to that paragraph, and, subject to subsection (5AAC), where the Minister makes such a declaration, the declaration has effect accordingly.

(5AAC) The Minister may, by notice published in the *Gazette*, declare that the rate of rebate payable under subsection (1) to a person in respect of a specified type of diesel fuel that:

(a) is like fuel of a kind prescribed for the purposes of the definition of ***diesel fuel*** in subsection 4(1); and
(b) is for use in a manner referred to in a paragraph of subsection (1) of this section and specified in the notice;

is, on and after a day specified in the notice, a rate specified in the notice, being a rate lower than the rate specified in subsection (5) or under subsection (5A) (as the case requires) in relation to that paragraph, and, where the Minister makes such a declaration, the declaration has effect accordingly.

(5AAD) If a particular type of diesel fuel is used for more than one purpose, it may be treated for the purposes of subsection (5AAC) as more than one type of diesel fuel, each type relating to one or more purposes for which the fuel is used.

(5AA) Subject to subsection (5ABA), the rebate payable to a person in respect of diesel fuel purchased by the person for use in a manner referred to in a paragraph of subsection (1) is payable at a rate equal to the average of the rates of rebate in relation to that paragraph in force on the last day of each of the 6 months immediately before the month in which the application for the rebate was received by the Commissioner, being:

(a) in relation to months ending before the commencement of this subsection—the rates under declarations made under subsection 164(5A) of this Act as in force immediately before the commencement of this subsection; or

(b) in relation to other months—the rates in force under declarations made under subsection (5A) or (5AAC).

(5AB) Where an average of rates referred to in subsection (5AA) has more than 5 decimal places, the rate equal to that average shall, for the purposes of that subsection, be taken to be:

(a) if the average calculated to 6 decimal places would end in a number less than or equal to 4—a rate equal to the average calculated to 5 decimal places; or

(b) if the average calculated to 6 decimal places would end in a number greater than 4—a rate equal to the average calculated to 5 decimal places increased by 0.00001.

(5ABA) Subsection (5AA) does not apply to the rebate payable in respect of diesel fuel if:

(a) the rate of rebate payable in respect of the diesel fuel is a rate specified in a notice under subsection (5AAC); and

(b) one or more of the rates of rebate that would be averaged under subsection (5AA) in respect of the fuel if that subsection applied would not be a rate specified in such a notice.

(5AC) The rate of rebate payable under subsection (1) to a person in respect of any diesel fuel purchased by the person for use in a manner referred to in more than one paragraph of that subsection is:

(a) if the rates of rebate in relation to each of those paragraphs are the same—the rate of rebate in relation to any of those paragraphs; or

(b) if the rates of rebate in relation to each of those paragraphs are not the same—the highest rate of rebate in relation to any of those paragraphs.

The reference in subsection (5AA) to a paragraph of subsection (1) is taken to be a reference to any one of those paragraphs to which that rate of rebate relates.

(5B) The provisions of sections 48 (other than paragraphs (1)(a) and (b) and subsection (2)), 48A, 48B, 49, 49A and 50 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* apply to notices under subsection (5A) as if in those provisions references to regulations were references to notices, references to a regulation were references to a notice and references to repeal were a reference to revocation.

(6) Rebates payable under subsection (1) are payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is appropriated accordingly.

(7) In this section:

agricultural use limestone means limestone for use in the de-acidification of soil in any agricultural activity other than the activity referred to in paragraph (t) of the definition of ***agriculture***.

agriculture means:

(a) the cultivation of the soil; or

(b) the cultivation or gathering in of crops; or

(c) the rearing of live-stock; or

(d) viticulture, horticulture, pasturage or apiculture;

and includes:

(e) the shearing or cutting of hair or fleece of live-stock, or the milking of live-stock, carried out on an agricultural property; or

(f) frost abatement carried out on an agricultural property; or

(g) the transporting of live-stock to an agricultural property:

(i) for the purpose of rearing; or

(ii) for the purpose of agistment; or

(h) the return journey from a place referred to in paragraph (g) of the vehicles or equipment used in transporting the live-stock, if that journey is for the purpose of later carrying out the transportation referred to in paragraph (g) or for the backloading of raw materials or consumables for use in a core agricultural activity; or

(i) the mustering of live-stock undertaken:

(i) by a person who carries on a core agricultural activity; or

(ii) by a person contracted by that person to carry out the mustering;

on the agricultural property where the core agricultural activity is carried on; or

(j) hay baling on the agricultural property where the hay was cultivated; or

(k) the planting or tending of trees on an agricultural property otherwise than for the purpose of felling; or

(l) any activity undertaken for the purpose of soil or water conservation:

(i) by a person who carries on a core agricultural activity; or

(ii) by a person contracted by that person to carry out the first-mentioned activity;

on the agricultural property where the core agricultural activity is carried on; or or

(la) the carrying out of firefighting activities:

(i) by a person who carries on a core agricultural activity; or

(ii) by a person contracted by that person to carry out the first-mentioned activity;

on the agricultural property where the core agricultural activity is carried on or at a place adjacent to that place; or

(m) the construction or maintenance of fences undertaken:

(i) by a person who carries on a core agricultural activity; or

(ii) by a person contracted by that person to carry out the construction or maintenance;

on the agricultural property where the core agricultural activity is carried on; or

(n) the construction or maintenance of firebreaks undertaken:

(i) by a person who carries on a core agricultural activity; or

(ii) by a person contracted by that person to carry out the construction or maintenance;

on the agricultural property where the core agricultural activity is carried on or at a place adjacent to that place; or

(o) the service, maintenance or repair of vehicles or equipment for use in an agricultural activity if the service, maintenance or repair:

(i) is carried out on an agricultural property where a core agricultural activity is carried on; and

(ii) is carried out by the person who carries on the first-mentioned agricultural activity or by a person contracted by that person to carry out the service, maintenance or repair; or

(p) the construction or maintenance of sheds, pens, silos or silage pits for use in an agricultural activity if the construction or maintenance:

(i) is carried out on an agricultural property where a core agricultural activity is carried on; and

(ii) is carried out by the person who carries on the first-mentioned agricultural activity or by a person contracted by that person to carry out the construction or maintenance; or

(q) the construction or maintenance of dams, water tanks, water troughs, water channels, irrigation systems or drainage systems including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, water pipes and water piping for use in a core agricultural activity if the construction or maintenance:

(i) is carried out on the agricultural property where the core agricultural activity is carried on; and

(ii) is carried out by the person who carries on the core agricultural activity or by a person contracted by that person to carry out the construction or maintenance; or

(r) the carrying out of earthworks for use in a core agricultural activity if the earthworks:

(i) are carried out on the agricultural property where the core agricultural activity is carried on; and

(ii) are carried out by the person who carries on the core agricultural activity or by a person contracted by that person to carry out the earthworks; or

(s) searching for ground water solely for use in an agricultural activity, or the construction or maintenance of facilities for the extraction of such water, solely for that use, if the searching, construction or maintenance:

(i) is carried out on an agricultural property where a core agricultural activity is carried on, or at a place adjacent to that property; and

(ii) is carried out by the person who carries on the first-mentioned agricultural activity or by a person contracted by that person to carry out the searching, construction or maintenance; or

(t) any activity undertaken for the purposes of soil or water conservation:

(i) by a person who carries on a core agricultural activity within an approved catchment area; or

(ii) by a person contracted by that person to carry out the first-mentioned activity;

within the approved catchment area; or

(u) the pumping of water solely for use in an agricultural activity if the pumping:

(i) is carried out on an agricultural property where a core agricultural activity is carried on, or at a place adjacent to that property; and

(ii) is carried out by the person who carries on the first-mentioned agricultural activity or by a person contracted by that person to carry out the pumping, other than a person so contracted that is a Commonwealth authority or a State or Territory authority; or

(v) the supply of water solely for use in an agricultural activity if:

(i) the supply is to an agricultural property where a core agricultural activity is carried on; and

(ii) the water comes from that property or a place adjacent to that property; and

(iii) the supply is carried out by the person who carries on the first-mentioned agricultural activity or by a person contracted by that person to carry out the supply, other than a person so contracted that is a Commonwealth authority or a State or Territory authority; or

(w) the storage of produce of a core agricultural activity on an agricultural property where a core agricultural activity is carried on; or

(x) the packing, or the prevention of deterioration, of the produce of a core agricultural activity if:

(i) the packing, or the prevention of deterioration, of the produce is carried out on an agricultural property where a core agricultural activity is carried on; and

(ii) there is no physical change to the produce; and

(iii) the packing, or the prevention of deterioration, of the produce does not constitute a processing of the produce; or

(y) weed, pest or disease control undertaken:

(i) by a person who carries on a core agricultural activity; or

(ii) by a person contracted by that person to carry out the weed, pest or disease control;

on the agricultural property where the core agricultural activity is carried on; or

(z) the removal of waste products of an agricultural activity from the agricultural property where the activity is carried on; or

(za) the disposal of waste products of an agricultural activity on the agricultural property where the activity is carried on; or

(zb) hunting or trapping that is carried on for the purposes of a business, including the storage of any carcasses or skins obtained from the hunting or trapping; or

(zba) the use of diesel fuel at residential premises in:

(i) providing food and drink for; or

(ii) providing lighting, heating, air-conditioning, hot water or similar amenities for; or

(iii) meeting other domestic requirements of;

residents of the premises if:

(iv) the use is by a person who carries on a core agricultural activity; and

(v) the residential premises are situated on the agricultural property where that activity is carried on;

but does not include:

(zc) fishing operations or forestry; or

(zd) an activity referred to in any one of paragraphs (a) to (za) or paragraph (zba) unless the activity is carried out for the purposes of, or for purposes that will directly benefit, a business undertaken to obtain produce for sale.

Note: The agricultural activities referred to in paragraph (i), (l), (la), (m), (n), (o), (p), (q), (r), (s), (t), (u), (v) or (y) are given an expanded meaning by subsection (8).

agricultural activity means an activity referred to in any one of paragraphs (a) to (za) of the definition of ***agriculture*** if that activity is carried out for the purposes of, or for purposes that will directly benefit, a business undertaken to obtain produce for sale.

approved catchment area means an area:

(a) in respect of which a soil or water conservation plan has been adopted by the persons who carry on core agricultural activities within that area; or

(b) in respect of which a soil or water conservation agreement has been made between the persons who carry on core agricultural activities within that area.

carrying on an enterprise has the same meaning as in the *Diesel and Alternative Fuels Grants Scheme Act 1999*.

core agricultural activity means an activity referred to in paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d) of the definition of ***agriculture*** if that activity is carried out for the purposes of, or for purposes that will directly benefit, a business undertaken to obtain produce for sale.

duty has the same meaning as in subsection 163(1).

earthworks means:

(a) the forming or maintenance of levee banks or windbreaks; or

(b) contour banking; or

(c) land levelling or land grading.

fish means freshwater or salt-water fish, and includes turtles, dugong, crustacea, molluscs or any other living resources of the sea or of the sea-bed.

fishing operations means:

(a) the taking, catching or capturing of fish;

(b) the farming of fish;

(c) the processing of fish on board vessels;

(d) pearling operations;

(e) the operation of a dedicated mother vessel in connection with the activities referred to in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d); or

(f) the undertaking:

(i) of voyages to or from a port by a vessel for the purposes of refitting or repairing the vessel, or its equipment, for purposes that are integral to the performance of an activity referred to in paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e); or

(ii) trials in connection with such a refit or repair of a vessel or of its equipment;

but does not include any activity referred to in paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) that is conducted, in whole or in part:

(g) otherwise than for the purposes of a business; or

(h) for business purposes connected with recreation, sport or tourism.

forestry means:

(a) the planting or tending, in a forest or plantation, of trees intended for felling; or

(b) the thinning or felling, in a forest or plantation, of standing timber;

and includes:

(c) the transporting, milling or processing, in a forest or plantation, of timber felled in the forest or plantation;

(d) the milling of timber at a sawmill or chipmill that is not situated in the forest or plantation in which the timber was felled;

(e) where timber is milled at a sawmill or chipmill that is not situated in the forest or plantation in which the timber was felled—the transporting of the timber from the forest or plantation in which it was felled to the sawmill or chipmill; or

(f) the making and maintaining in a forest or plantation referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) of a road that is integral to the activities referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c).

gross vehicle weight, in relation to a vehicle, means the road weight specified by the manufacturer of the vehicle as the maximum design weight capacity of the vehicle, or, in the absence of such a specification, the sum of the following:

(a) the weight of the vehicle;

(b) the weight of the maximum load for which the vehicle was designed (including the weight of the driver and a full tank of fuel).

horticulture includes:

(a) the cultivation or gathering in of fruit, vegetables, herbs, edible fungi, nuts, flowers, trees, shrubs or plants;

(b) the propagation of trees, shrubs or plants; or

(c) the production of seeds, bulbs, corms, tubers or rhizomes.

live-stock includes any animal reared for the production of food, fibres, skins, fur or feathers, or for its use in the farming of land.

marine transport includes transport by vessels in or on fresh water, but does not include any transport relating to forestry.

minerals means minerals in any form, whether solid, liquid or gaseous and whether organic or inorganic, except:

(a) sand, sandstone, soil, slate, clay (other than bentonite or kaolin), basalt, granite, gravel or water; or

(b) limestone (other than agricultural use limestone).

mining operations means:

(a) exploration or prospecting for minerals, or the removal of overburden and other activities undertaken in the preparation of a site to enable mining for minerals to commence; or

(b) operations for the recovery of minerals, being:

(i) mining for those minerals including the recovery of salts by evaporation; or

(ii) the beneficiation of those minerals, or of ores bearing those minerals;

Note: The meaning of paragraph (b) is affected by subsections (7A), (7B) and (7C).

and includes:

(c) if minerals, or ores bearing minerals, are beneficiated at a place other than the mining site as an integral part of operations for their recovery:

(i) the journey undertaken for the purpose of transporting the minerals or ores from the mining site to that place except to the extent (if any) that the journey involves transportation by sea; and

(ii) the return journey of a vehicle, a locomotive or other equipment from that place to the mining site or any part of that journey if it is undertaken for the purpose of repeating a journey referred to in subparagraph (i) or for the backloading of raw materials or consumables for use in a mining operation referred to in paragraph (a) or (b); or

(d) the undertaking:

(i) of voyages to or from an Australian port by a ship that is proposed to be, or that is, used wholly or primarily in carrying out northern mining activities for the purposes of refitting or repairing the ship or its equipment for, or as a result of, carrying out those activities; or

(ii) of trials in connection with such a refit or repair of the ship or its equipment; or

(e) the liquefying of natural gas; or

(f) if natural gas is liquefied at a place other than the mining site—the transporting of the natural gas from the mining site to that place; or

(h) the reactivation of carbon for use in the beneficiation of ores bearing gold if the reactivation occurs at the place where a recovery operation referred to in paragraph (b) is carried on; or

(i) coal stockpile management for the prevention of the spontaneous combustion of coal if the management is carried out:

(i) by a person who carries on a mining operation referred to in paragraph (a) or (b); or

(ii) by a person contracted by that person to carry out the management;

at the place where the mining operation is carried on; or

(j) the generation of electricity solely for, or the provision of electricity solely to, a mining town if:

(i) the existence of the town is necessary to enable a mining operation referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) to be undertaken; and

(ii) the generation or provision is carried out by the person who carries on the mining operation; or

(k) the rehabilitation before 1 July 1995 of a place at which a mining operation referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) has been carried on if the rehabilitation is carried out by:

(i) the person who carried on the mining operation at the place; or

(ii) a person contracted by that person to carry out the rehabilitation; or

(ka) the rehabilitation of a place affected by a mining operation referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) if the rehabilitation is carried out by:

(i) the person who carried on the mining operation; or

(ii) a person contracted by that person to carry out the rehabilitation; or

(l) searching for ground water solely for use in a mining operation referred to in paragraph (a) or (b), or the construction or maintenance of facilities for the extraction of such water, solely for that use, if the searching, construction or maintenance:

(i) occurs at the place where the mining operation is carried on; and

(ii) is carried out by the person who carries on the mining operation or by a person contracted by that person to carry out the searching, construction or maintenance; or

(m) the pumping of water solely for use in a mining operation referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) if the pumping:

(i) occurs at the place where the mining operation is carried on or at a place adjacent to that place; and

(ii) is carried out by the person who carries on the mining operation or by a person contracted by that person to carry out the pumping; or

(n) the supply of water solely for use in a mining operation referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) if:

(i) the supply is to the place where the mining operation is carried on; and

(ii) the water comes from that place or a place adjacent to that place; and

(iii) the supply is carried out by the person who carries on the mining operation or by a person contracted by that person to carry out the supply; or

(o) the construction or maintenance of private access roads for use in a mining operation referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) if the construction or maintenance:

(i) occurs at the place where the mining operation is carried on; and

(ii) is carried out by the person who carries on the mining operation or by a person contracted by that person to carry out the construction or maintenance; or

(p) the construction or maintenance of:

(i) tailings dams for use in a mining operation referred to in paragraph (a) or (b); or

(ii) dams, or other works, to store or contain water that has been used in, or obtained in the course of conducting, a mining operation referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) and that contains contaminants that preclude its release into the environment;

if the construction or maintenance:

(iii) occurs at the place where the mining operation is carried on or at a place adjacent to that place; and

(iv) is carried out by the person who carries on the mining operation or by a person contracted by that person to carry out the construction or maintenance; or

(pa) the construction or maintenance of dams for the storage of uncontaminated water for use in a mining operation referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) if the construction or maintenance:

(i) occurs at the place where the mining operation is carried on; and

(ii) is carried out by the person who carries on the mining operation or by a person contracted by that person to carry out the construction or maintenance; or

(q) the construction or maintenance of private airstrips, buildings, plant or equipment for use in a mining operation referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) if the construction or maintenance:

(i) occurs at the place where the mining operation is carried on; and

(ii) is carried out by the person who carries on the mining operation or by a person contracted by that person to carry out the construction or maintenance; or

(r) the construction or maintenance of power stations or power lines solely for use in a mining operation referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) if the construction or maintenance:

(i) occurs at the place where the mining operation is carried on; and

(ii) is carried out by the person who carries on the mining operation or by a person contracted by that person to carry out the construction or maintenance; or

(s) the removal of waste products of a mining operation referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) from the place where the mining operation is carried on; or

(t) the disposal of waste products of a mining operation referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) at the place where the mining operation is carried on; or

(u) the service, maintenance or repair of vehicles, plant or equipment for use in a mining operation referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) if the service, maintenance or repair:

(i) occurs at the place where the mining operation is carried on; and

(ii) is carried out by the person who carries on the mining operation or by a person contracted by that person to carry out the service, maintenance or repair; or

(v) the service, maintenance or repair of vehicles or equipment solely for use in a mining operation referred to in paragraph (c) if the service, maintenance or repair is carried out by:

(i) the person who carries on the mining operation; or

(ii) a person contracted by that person to carry out the service, maintenance or repair; or

(va) the service, maintenance or repair of transport networks that are employed solely for use in a mining operation referred to in paragraph (c) to the extent that the service, maintenance or repair:

(i) is carried out on so much of the network as is located at the place where a mining operation referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) is carried out; and

(ii) is carried out by the person who carries on the mining operation referred to in paragraph (c) or by a person contracted by that person to carry out the service, maintenance or repair; or

(w) the use of diesel fuel at residential premises in:

(i) providing food and drink for; or

(ii) providing lighting, heating, air-conditioning, hot water or similar amenities for; or

(iii) meeting other domestic requirements of;

residents of the premises if:

(iv) the use is by a person who carries on a mining operation referred to in paragraph (a) or (b); and

(v) the residential premises are situated at the place where the mining operation is carried on, or at a place adjacent to that place;

but does not include:

(x) quarrying or dredging operations to the extent that the purpose of the operations is to obtain materials for use in building, road making, landscaping, construction or similar purposes; or

(y) the use of a vehicle (other than a fork-lift, front-end loader, tractor or other similar prescribed vehicle) not exceeding 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight, other than such a vehicle that is extensively modified for use underground while it is so used; or

(z) the transport, by any means, of people, equipment or goods to or from a place where a mining operation referred to in any of paragraphs (a) to (w) is, or is to be, carried on, or to or

from a place adjacent to that place, other than such transport to the extent that it constitutes the activity described in paragraph (c), (n) or (s).

Note: Examples of quarrying or dredging operations that are covered by paragraph (x) include operations for obtaining materials for use as concrete aggregate, road base materials, railway ballast, fill materials, building stone or monumental stone.

mining town means a town constructed by or on behalf of a person engaged in mining operations, in an area where immediately prior to its construction there was no town, principally to house employees of the person, but does not include a town administered by:

(a) a council that is constituted under local government legislation of a State or Territory; or

(b) an organisation taken to be a council under such legislation.

northern mining activities means activities associated with or incidental to, the exploration for, or exploitation of, oil or natural gas in waters within the geographical boundaries of 100°east longitude to 140°east longitude and the equator to 30°south latitude.

pearling operations means:

(a) the taking of pearl shell; or

(b) the culture of pearls or pearl shell;

and includes the taking or capturing of trochus, beche-de-mer or green snails.

primary production means:

(a) agriculture;

(b) fishing operations; or

(c) forestry.

processing, in relation to fish, includes:

(a) the cutting up, dismembering, cleaning, sorting or packing of fish;

(b) the preserving or preparing of fish; or

(c) the producing of any substance or article from fish.

rail transport includes light rail transport and transport by tram, but does not include any rail transport relating to forestry.

residential premises means:

(a) premises used as a house; or

(b) other premises at which at least one person resides;

but does not include:

(c) premises used in the business of a hotel, motel or boarding house or a similar business;

(d) premises used as a hospital or nursing home or as any other institution providing medical or nursing care;

(e) premises used as a home for aged persons; or

(f) premises used as a boarding school.

retail sale, in relation to goods or services, does not include the retail sale of electricity.

road vehicle means a vehicle of a kind ordinarily used on roads for the transport of persons or goods.

State or Territory authority means:

(a) an instrumentality of a State or Territory; or

(b) an authority or body established for the purpose of a State or Territory by or under a law of the State or Territory.

transport networks includes conveyor belts, pipelines and railway lines.

use, in relation to diesel fuel in relation to a person, does not include the sale or other disposal of the diesel fuel by the person to another person or the loss of the diesel fuel by the person.

(7A) For the purposes of the definition of ***mining operations***, operations for the recovery of a mineral cease:

(a) when the process of beneficiation ceases; or

(b) in the absence of a beneficiation process—when the mineral, or ores bearing the mineral:

(i) are first stockpiled or otherwise stored at the place at which the mining operation is carried on; or

(ii) if subparagraph (i) does not apply—are removed from the ore body or deposit.

(7B) The beneficiation of ores bearing manganese minerals ceases when manganese-mineral concentrates are last deposited in a holding bin, or in a stockpile, at the place where the concentration is carried on, before transportation of those concentrates.

(7C) In determining whether a particular process to which a mineral, or ores bearing a mineral, are subjected constitutes beneficiation of that mineral or those ores, regard is to be had to the nature of the technical process involved but no regard is to be had to any market considerations that might affect the decision to subject that mineral or those ores to that process.

(8) For the purposes of determining whether an activity is an agricultural activity, the activity referred to in paragraph (i), (l), (la), (m), (n), (o), (p), (q), (r), (s), (t), (u), (v) or (y) of the definition of ***agriculture*** includes such an activity when it is carried out by a subcontractor of a person contracted to carry out the activity.

(9) For the purposes of determining whether an operation is a mining operation:

(a) the operations referred to in paragraph (i), (k), (ka), (l), (m), (n), (o), (p), (pa) (q), (r), (u) (v) or (va) of the definition of ***mining operations*** include such operations when they are carried out by a subcontractor of a person contracted to carry out the operations; and

(b) the paragraphs occurring after paragraph (b) of the definition of ***mining operations*** are, subject to subsections (7A), (7B) and (7C) and paragraph (9)(a), to be construed in their own terms and not by reference to paragraph (a) or (b) of the definition.

(10) The regulations may provide that, without otherwise affecting the ordinary meaning of beneficiation, a particular process, or a particular process in respect of a particular mineral or of ores bearing a particular mineral, is, for the purposes of this Act, a beneficiation process, or a beneficiation process in respect of that mineral or those ores, as the case requires.

164A Diesel fuel rebate—notification of sale etc.

(1) If a person who has made a diesel fuel rebate application in respect of diesel fuel purchased by the person (whether or not the rebate has been paid):

(a) sells or otherwise disposes of the fuel; or

(b) uses the fuel in a manner other than the manner indicated in the application; or

(c) loses the fuel (whether because of accident, theft or any other reason known to the person);

the person must, within 21 days after the sale, other disposal or use of the fuel, or within 21 days after the loss of the fuel became known to the person, give particulars in writing of the sale, other disposal, use or loss to the Commissioner or to a taxation officer doing duty in relation to diesel fuel rebate.

Penalty: An amount not exceeding the amount of the diesel fuel rebate applied for in respect of the fuel for whose sale, other disposal, use or loss, particulars were required to be, but were not, given.

(2) An offence against subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

164AA Diesel fuel rebate—penalty in lieu of prosecution

(1) If the Commissioner has reasonable grounds to believe that a person who has made a diesel fuel rebate application (the ***applicant***):

(a) has contravened section 164A in respect of some or all of the diesel fuel to which the application relates; or

(b) has contravened subsection 164AC(8) in respect of some or all of the diesel fuel to which the application relates;

the Commissioner may serve on the applicant a notice in writing in accordance with subsection (2).

(2) A notice under subsection (1) must:

(a) set out the Commissioner's amendment, under section 164AD, of the assessment of the person's rebate entitlement in respect of the fuel; and

(b) if paragraph (1)(a) applies—specify the diesel fuel whose sale, other disposal, use or loss, has not been notified in accordance with section 164A and demand:

(i) repayment of the amount of any diesel fuel rebate paid in respect of that fuel; and

(ii) payment of a penalty equal to 20% of the amount of diesel fuel rebate applied for in respect of fuel in respect of which there was no notification; and

(c) if paragraph (1)(b) applies—specify the amount of diesel fuel rebate applied for that was not substantiated and demand:

(i) repayment of the amount of any diesel fuel rebate paid in respect of that fuel that was not substantiated; and

(ii) payment of a penalty equal to 20% of the amount of diesel fuel rebate applied for that was not substantiated; and

(d) set out the terms of, or adequate particulars of the provisions of, subsection (3); and

(e) specify the address at which payment of an amount demanded under subsection (3) may be made.

(3) If:

(a) a notice is served on the applicant under subsection (1); and

(b) the applicant pays to a taxation officer doing duty in relation to diesel fuel rebate, at the address specified in the notice and within 21 days after the day on which the notice was served, the sum of the amounts demanded in the notice (the ***notice amount***);

the applicant is not liable to be prosecuted under a provision of this Act for any offence in relation to the rebate to which the notice relates.

(4) If a notice is served on the applicant under subsection (1), the applicant may give the Commissioner, within 21 days after the day on which the notice was served, a written request (the ***request***) to set off some or all of the diesel fuel rebate referred to in subsection (5) (the ***expected rebate***) against the notice amount.

(5) If the Commissioner is satisfied that diesel fuel rebate is, or is likely to become, payable to the applicant within 12 months after

the day on which the notice was served, the Commissioner may accept the request and, if he or she does so, the Commissioner must inform the applicant accordingly.

(6) If:

(a) the Commissioner rejects the request; and

(b) the applicant pays the notice amount to a taxation officer doing duty in relation to diesel fuel rebate, at the address specified in the notice and within 21 days after the day on which that rejection was notified to the applicant;

the applicant is not liable to be prosecuted under a provision of this Act for any offence in relation to the rebate to which the notice relates.

(7) If the Commissioner accepts the request, then:

(a) if the expected rebate is likely to exceed the notice amount—any diesel fuel rebate that is, or that becomes, payable within 12 months after the acceptance is set off against the notice amount, to the extent that the notice amount is unpaid; or

(b) if the expected rebate is not likely to exceed the notice amount:

(i) the amount by which the Commissioner believes the notice amount will exceed the expected rebate is payable within 21 days of the applicant being notified of that amount; and

(ii) any diesel fuel rebate that is, or that becomes, payable under subsection 164(1) within 12 months after the Commissioner accepts the request is set off against that part of the notice amount that is not payable under subparagraph (i).

(8) If:

(a) the Commissioner has accepted the request; and

(b) any amount payable in respect of that request under subparagraph (7)(b)(i) has been paid within the time limit specified in that subparagraph;

the applicant is not liable to be prosecuted under a provision of this Act for any offence in relation to the rebate to which the notice relates.

(9) If:

(a) the Commissioner has accepted the request; and

(b) any amount payable in respect of that request under subparagraph (7)(b)(i) has been paid within the time limit specified in that subparagraph; and

(c) the notice amount has not been paid or set off under this section within 12 months after the Commissioner accepted the request;

the notice amount, or so much of the notice amount as remains unpaid, may be recovered in a court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due to the Commonwealth.

164AB Voluntary notification of error

(1) If:

(a) at any time before a person is notified by the Commissioner under subsection 164AC(1) of an audit in respect of a particular diesel fuel rebate application, the person notifies a taxation officer doing duty in relation to diesel fuel rebate in writing that, because of an error or errors in the application, the person has applied for an amount of diesel fuel rebate to which the person is not entitled; and

(b) the Commissioner, under section 164AD, amends the assessment in respect of that application to take account of the error or errors; and

(c) the person repays to the Commonwealth the amount of any diesel fuel rebate (the ***overclaimed rebate***) that was paid to the person on that application and to which the person was not entitled in accordance with the Commissioner's amendment of the assessment;

the person is not liable to be prosecuted or penalised under a provision of this Act in relation to the overclaimed rebate.

(2) Subsection (1) does not affect the person's liability under another Act in respect of any error or errors in the application.

164AC Audit of diesel fuel rebate applications

(1) For the purposes of auditing a particular diesel fuel rebate application, the Commissioner may, by notice in writing given to

the person who made that application (the ***applicant***) before the end of 5 years after the making of that application, inform the applicant:

(a) that he or she is required to substantiate the entitlement to any rebate applied for under the application; and

(b) that, for the purposes of the audit, an authorised taxation officer may wish to exercise all or any of the audit powers conferred by this section.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the audit powers of an authorised taxation officer in relation to a particular diesel fuel rebate application are powers to do all or any of the following:

(a) to require the applicant to demonstrate to the authorised taxation officer the method, or the operation of any record keeping or accounting system, employed in arriving at the particulars or estimates included in the application and in the related diesel fuel records;

(b) to conduct testing of the record keeping or accounting system referred to in paragraph (a) in order to determine the accuracy of the system in arriving at those particulars or estimates;

(c) to require the applicant, within a period notified by the authorised taxation officer (whether in a notice under subsection (1) or otherwise), to make available for inspection by the officer diesel fuel records that substantiate the entitlement to rebate applied for under the application;

(d) to examine, make and retain copies of, or take and retain extracts from, any records made available in accordance with a requirement under paragraph (c);

(e) subject to subsections (4) and (5), to examine any premises, whether indicated by the records themselves or by the applicant, where diesel fuel the subject of the application has been, or is, used or stored;

(f) to examine any receptacle in which diesel fuel the subject of the application has been stored, or is stored, and to inspect, take and retain samples of, any fuel stored in it;

(g) subject to subsection (6), to board and examine any vessel, or to examine any vehicle or machine, in the control of the applicant, in which diesel fuel the subject of the application

has been used or is used, and to examine, take and retain samples of, any fuel in that vessel, vehicle or machine;

(h) to require the applicant to answer any questions concerning the diesel fuel the subject of the application.

(3) An applicant may comply with a requirement to make diesel fuel records available to authorised taxation officers:

(a) by sending or giving the records to the authorised taxation officer for examination; or

(b) if the records are maintained at the residential premises of the applicant—by consenting to their examination, at any reasonable time, by the authorised taxation officer at those premises; or

(c) if the records are maintained at premises that are not residential premises—by notifying the authorised taxation officer that the records may be examined, at any reasonable time, by the authorised taxation officer at those premises.

(4) The power of an authorised taxation officer under paragraph (2)(e) extends to a power to examine residential premises only if:

(a) the application relates to diesel fuel that was purchased for use at those premises in a manner that falls within paragraph 164(1)(b); and

(b) the occupant or person in charge of those premises consents to the entry of the authorised taxation officer for the purpose of exercising that power.

(5) The power of an authorised taxation officer under paragraph (2)(e) extends to a power to examine the residential areas of premises described in paragraph 164(1)(ad), (c) or (d) only if:

(a) the application relates to diesel fuel that was purchased for use at those premises in a manner that falls within that paragraph; and

(b) the occupant or person in charge of those premises consents to the entry of the authorised taxation officer for the purpose of exercising that power.

(6) The power of an authorised taxation officer under paragraph (2)(g) extends to a power to examine a part of a vessel that comprises the living quarters for any of the crew of the vessel only if:

(a) the application relates to diesel fuel that was purchased for use in the vessel in a manner that falls within paragraph 164(1)(b); and

(b) the person in charge of the vessel consents to the entry of the authorised taxation officer for the purpose of exercising that power.

(7) The power of an authorised taxation officer to examine a vessel, vehicle or machine includes a power to conduct, or supervise the conducting of, a test of the vessel, vehicle or machine in order to determine its rate of diesel fuel consumption.

(8) The applicant who has received a notice requiring that applicant to make available diesel fuel records that substantiate the entitlement to rebate applied for must not refuse or fail to make such records available for inspection.

Penalty: An amount not exceeding the amount of the rebate applied for and not substantiated.

(9) An offence against subsection (8) is an offence of strict liability.

(10) In determining whether diesel fuel records substantiate a person's entitlement to rebate applied for in respect of particular fuel, any particulars relating to the use or intended use of the fuel that are established in the exercise of an authorised taxation officer's powers under this section may be taken into account.

(11) For the purposes of this section, the Commissioner may, by notice published in the *Gazette*, specify a rate of diesel fuel consumption as the standard rate of diesel fuel consumption for a specified kind of vessel, vehicle or machine.

(12) If:

(a) a standard rate of diesel fuel consumption for a specified kind of vessel, vehicle or machine is specified under subsection (11); and

(b) an applicant applies for diesel fuel rebate in respect of diesel fuel used or to be used in a particular vessel, vehicle or machine that falls within that specified kind of vessel, vehicle or machine (as the case may be); and

(c) the amount of rebate applied for is based on a rate of diesel fuel consumption (the ***claimed rate***) that is greater than the standard rate;

then, the applicant's diesel fuel records are not to be taken to substantiate the applicant's entitlement to the rebate unless the records establish, or it is otherwise established, that the particular vessel, vehicle or machine in fact consumes diesel fuel at the claimed rate in circumstances similar to circumstances to which the application relates.

(13) If an authorised taxation officer proposes, under this section, to enter any premises or to board any vessel, the officer must, if requested to do so by the occupier or person in charge of the premises, or the person in control of the vessel, produce for inspection written evidence of the fact that he or she is an authorised taxation officer, and, if the officer fails to do so, he or she is not authorised to enter the premises or board the vessel.

(14) The occupier or person in charge of premises entered, or the person in control of a vessel boarded, must provide the authorised taxation officer with all reasonable facilities and assistance for the effective exercise of the officer's powers.

Penalty: 10 penalty units.

(14A) Subsection (14) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(15) A person is not excused from making available a record when required to do so under subsection (2) on the grounds that the making available of the record makes the person liable to a penalty, but any records so made available are not admissible in evidence against the person in proceedings other than proceedings for an offence against section 164A, subsection (8) of this section or paragraph 234(1)(d), or paragraph 120(1)(vd) of the *Excise Act 1901*, in relation to diesel fuel rebate.

(16) Nothing in this section prevents the Commissioner from auditing, at a particular time, a number of diesel fuel rebate applications made by the same person if each of the applications may be audited by the Commissioner under subsection (1) at that time.

164AD Commissioner may amend the assessment of a person's rebate entitlement

(1) Subject to subsection (5), within 5 years after the making of a diesel fuel rebate application, the Commissioner may, under subsection (2), (3) or (4), amend the assessment of the rebate payable on the application (whether or not the assessment has previously been amended under this section).

(2) The Commissioner may amend the assessment of rebate payable on a diesel fuel rebate application if:

(a) the applicant notifies a taxation officer doing duty in relation to diesel fuel rebate, under section 164A, of particulars of the sale, other disposal, use or loss of diesel fuel in respect of which rebate was applied for; or

(b) the Commissioner otherwise becomes aware of such a sale, other disposal, use or loss.

(3) The Commissioner may amend the assessment of rebate payable on a diesel fuel rebate application if:

(a) either:

(i) the applicant notifies a taxation officer doing duty in relation to diesel fuel rebate in writing of an error or errors in the application before the applicant is notified by the Commissioner under subsection 164AC(1) of an audit of that particular application; or

(ii) the Commissioner otherwise becomes aware of an error or errors in the application; and

(b) the Commissioner is satisfied that the assessment should be amended to take account of the error or errors.

(4) The Commissioner may amend the assessment of rebate payable on a diesel fuel rebate application if:

(a) an authorised taxation officer conducts an audit under section 164AC in relation to the rebate applied for; and

(b) having regard to the results of the audit, the Commissioner is satisfied that the assessment should be amended.

(5) If:

(a) a court or the Administrative Appeals Tribunal has decided that diesel fuel rebate is or is not payable in relation to a person in particular circumstances; and

(b) the Commissioner is proposing, under subsection (2), (3) or (4), to amend an assessment of diesel fuel rebate payable on an application made by another person who was in similar circumstances; and

(c) that other person has already been paid that rebate before the making by the decision of the court or the Tribunal;

the Commissioner must not, in amending that assessment, vary the amount of the rebate in a manner that would, but for the operation of this subsection, be required having regard to that decision.

(6) If the Commissioner amends an assessment:

(a) the Commissioner must notify the applicant for the rebate to which the assessment relates in writing of the amendment; and

(b) if the Commissioner does not give the applicant a notice under section 164AA in respect of some or all of the rebate to which the original assessment related—the notice must inform the applicant that he or she may object against the amended assessment in the manner set out in Part IVC of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*.

(7) Subject to subsection (9), if, in accordance with the amended assessment, the person was not entitled to the whole or a part of diesel fuel rebate that was paid to the person:

(a) the person must repay the whole or that part (as the case may be) of the amount of the rebate; and

(b) if the person fails to repay an amount that should be repaid under paragraph (a), the amount that should be repaid may be recovered in a court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due to the Commonwealth.

(8) If, in accordance with the amended assessment, the person was entitled to an amount of diesel fuel rebate exceeding the amount of the rebate that was paid to the person, the Commissioner must pay to the person the amount of the excess as soon as practicable after the making of the amendment.

(9) Subsection (7) does not apply if a person is required to repay an amount of diesel fuel rebate because of an amended assessment made in circumstances described in section 164AA.

164AE Commissioner's power to seek information

The Commissioner may, by written notice given to:

(a) the head of a Department or an authority of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory or the head of a local government authority; or

(b) any other person;

request the head of the Department or authority or the person (as the case may be) to provide the Commissioner with information in connection with diesel fuel the subject of a diesel fuel rebate application.

164AF Diesel fuel rebate scheme set-offs [*see* Note 4]

(1) Subject to subsection (3), where at any time, a person is liable to repay to the Commonwealth an amount under subsection 164AD(7) in respect of a rebate of duty paid in relation to diesel fuel and, at the same time, the Commonwealth is liable to pay an amount to that person under section 164, the Commissioner shall, by notice in writing, set off the first-mentioned amount against the second-mentioned amount and, where he or she does so, then, with effect from the day of issue of that notice:

(a) if one amount is greater than the other—the lesser amount shall be taken to have been paid in full and the greater amount shall be taken to have been paid to the extent of the lesser amount; and

(b) if both amounts are equal—both amounts shall be taken to have been paid in full.

(2) Where the Commissioner effects a set-off by notice under subsection (1), he or she shall give a copy of the notice to the person affected by the set-off.

(3) Where the Commissioner becomes aware that a person who has been requested to pay an amount under subsection 164AD(7) in

respect of a rebate of duty has objected under section 273JB against that decision requesting payment of that amount:

(a) this section does not permit the set-off of that amount against the amount of the rebate pending the final determination:

(i) by the Commissioner; or

(ii) by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal on review from the Commissioner's decision; or

(iii) by a Court on appeal from the Tribunal;

of the objection; and

(b) if it is determined, or ultimately determined, that the amount, or any part of the amount, is not payable, this section thereupon permits the set-off only of the part of the amount, if any, that is payable having regard to the determination of the Commissioner, Tribunal or Court.

164B Refunds of export duty

Whenever goods in respect of which an export duty of Customs has been paid are re-imported or brought back to Australia, the CEO may direct the refund of so much of the duty paid on those goods as he considers to be justified in the circumstances.

165 Short paid duty etc. may be recovered [*see* Note 5]

(1) When any duty has been short levied or erroneously refunded the person who should have paid the amount short levied or to whom the refund has erroneously been made shall pay the amount short levied or repay the amount erroneously refunded on demand being made by the CEO within twelve months from the date of the short levy or refund.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a drawback of duty shall be deemed to be a refund of duty.

(3) Where a rebate of duty (other than diesel fuel rebate) has been paid to a person and the whole or a part of the rebate was not payable to him, he shall repay the whole or that part, as the case may be, of the amount of rebate paid to him on demand being made by the CEO within 12 months from the date on which the rebate was paid.

166 No refund if duty altered

If any practice of the Customs relating to classifying or enumerating any article for duty shall be altered so that less duty is charged upon such article, no person shall thereby become entitled to any refund on account of any duty paid before such alteration.

Division 4—Disputes as to duty

167 Payments under protest [*see* Note 5]

(1) If any dispute arises as to the amount or rate of duty payable in respect of any goods, or as to the liability of any goods to duty, under any Customs Tariff, or under any Customs Tariff or Customs Tariff alteration proposed in the Parliament (not being duty imposed under the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975*), the owner of the goods may pay under protest the sum demanded by the Collector as the duty payable in respect of the goods, and thereupon the sum so paid shall, as against the owner of the goods, be deemed to be the proper duty payable in respect of the goods, unless the contrary is determined in an action brought in pursuance of this section.

(2) The owner may, within the times limited in this section, bring an action against the Collector, in any Commonwealth or State Court of competent jurisdiction, for the recovery of the whole or any part of the sum so paid.

(3) If a documentary import entry has been made in respect of goods, a protest under this section is taken to have been made if, and only if, the owner of the goods or the agent of the owner:

(a) writes on the entry ***Paid under protest***; and

(b) adds to the entry a description of the goods to which the protest relates (where the protest does not relate to all the goods covered by the entry) and a statement of the grounds on which the protest is made; and

(c) signs the statement.

(3A) If a computer import entry has been made by a registered COMPILE user in respect of goods, a protest under this section is taken to have been made if, and only if, the registered COMPILE user transmits to Customs at the time of making payment in respect of those goods following an import entry advice under section 71B:

(a) the entry number; and

(b) the words ***Paid under protest***; and

(c) a description of the goods to which the protest relates (where the protest does not relate to all the goods covered by the entry) and a statement of the grounds on which the protest is made.

(4) No action shall lie for the recovery of any sum paid to the Customs as the duty payable in respect of any goods, unless the payment is made under protest in pursuance of this section and the action is commenced within the following times:

(a) In case the sum is paid as the duty payable under any Customs Tariff, within 6 months after the date of the payment; or

(b) In case the sum is paid as the duty payable under a Customs Tariff or Customs Tariff alteration proposed in the Parliament, within 6 months after the Act, by which the Customs Tariff or Customs Tariff alteration proposed in the Parliament is made law, is assented to.

(5) Nothing in this section shall affect any rights or powers under section 163.

Part IX—Drawbacks

168 Drawbacks of import duty

(1) The regulations may make provision for and in relation to allowing drawbacks of duty paid on goods imported into Australia.

(2) For the purposes of this section and of any regulations made for the purposes of this section, the amount of duty paid on goods that are imported into Australia under item 41E of Schedule 4 to the Tariff is to be taken to be the sum of:

(a) the amount of money (if any) paid as customs duty on the importation of those goods; and

(b) to the extent that duty credit issued under the *ACIS Administration Act 1999* has been offset against customs duty that would otherwise have been payable in respect of those goods—the amount of customs duty offset by the use of the credit.

Part X—The coasting trade

175 Goods not to be transferred between certain vessels

(1) In this section:

Australian aircraft has the same meaning as in the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*.

coastal aircraft means an aircraft that is not currently engaged in making:

(a) an international flight; or

(b) a prescribed flight.

coastal ship means a ship that is not currently engaged in making:

(a) an international voyage; or

(b) a prescribed voyage.

international flight and ***international voyage*** have the same respective meanings as they have in Part VII.

prescribed flight in relation to an aircraft, means a flight in the course of which the aircraft takes off from a place outside Australia and lands at a place outside Australia and does not land at a place in Australia.

prescribed voyage, in relation to a ship, means a voyage in the course of which the ship:

(a) travels between places outside Australia; or

(b) travels from a place outside Australia and returns to that place;

and does not call at a place in Australia.

(2) The owner or master of a coastal ship must not allow any goods to be transferred between the coastal ship and:

(a) a ship that is engaged in making an international voyage or a prescribed voyage; or

(b) an aircraft that is engaged in making an international flight or a prescribed flight.

Penalty: 250 penalty units.

(2A) Subsection (2) applies to a coastal ship that is an Australian ship if the ship is anywhere outside the territorial sea of a foreign country.

(3) The owner or pilot of a coastal aircraft must not allow any goods to be transferred between the coastal aircraft and:

(a) an aircraft that is engaged in making an international flight or a prescribed flight; or

(b) a ship that is engaged in making an international voyage or a prescribed voyage.

Penalty: 250 penalty units.

(3AA) Subsection (3) applies to a ship that is an Australian ship if the ship is anywhere outside the territorial sea of a foreign country.

(3A) A person who is:

(a) the owner or master of an Australian ship that is currently engaged in making an international voyage or a prescribed voyage; or

(b) the owner or pilot of an Australian aircraft that is currently engaged in making an international flight or prescribed flight;

must not allow any goods to be transferred between that ship or aircraft and:

(c) a coastal ship; or

(d) a coastal aircraft.

Penalty: 250 penalty units.

(3AAA) Subsection (3A) applies to an Australian ship described in paragraph (3A)(a) if the ship is anywhere outside the territorial sea of a foreign country.

(3B) A person who is:

(a) the owner or master of a ship (other than an Australian ship) that is currently engaged in making an international voyage or a prescribed voyage; or

(b) the owner or pilot of an aircraft (other than an Australian aircraft) that is currently engaged in making an international flight or a prescribed flight;

must not allow any goods to be transferred between that ship or aircraft and a coastal ship or coastal aircraft if the transfer takes place in, or in the airspace above (as the case may be), the waters of the sea within:

(c) the outer limits of the territorial sea of Australia, including such waters within the limits of a State or an internal Territory; or

(d) 500 metres of an Australian resources installation or an Australian sea installation.

Penalty: 250 penalty units.

(3BA) For the purposes of subsections (2), (3), (3A) and (3B), strict liability applies to such of the following physical elements of circumstance as are relevant to the offence:

(a) that an aircraft is engaged in making an international flight or a prescribed flight; or

(b) that a ship is engaged in making an international voyage or a prescribed voyage.

(3C) Subsection (2), (3), (3A) or (3B) does not apply if a Collector has given permission (for the transfer of the goods) to:

(a) in the case of subsection (2)—the owner or master of the coastal ship referred to in that subsection; and

(b) in the case of subsection (3)—the owner or pilot of the coastal aircraft referred to in that subsection; and

(c) in the case of subsection (3A) or (3B)—the owner or master of the coastal ship referred to in that subsection or the owner or pilot of the coastal aircraft referred to in that subsection (as the case requires).

(4) A Collector may, when giving permission referred to in subsection (3C) or at any time while the permission is in force, impose conditions in respect of the permission, being conditions that, in the opinion of the Collector, are necessary for the protection of the revenue or for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Customs Acts, and may, at any time, revoke,

suspend, or vary, or cancel a suspension of, a condition so imposed.

(5) A condition imposed in respect of a permission under subsection (4) or a revocation, suspension, or variation, or a cancellation of a suspension, of such a condition takes effect when a notice, in writing, of the condition or of the revocation, suspension or variation, or of the cancellation of the suspension, is served on the person to whom the permission has been given or at such later time (if any) as is specified in the notice.

(6) The Collector may revoke a permission given under this section in relation to goods at any time before the goods are transferred.

(7) If, in relation to the transfer of any goods, a person required to comply with a condition imposed in respect of a permission under subsection (4) fails to comply with the condition, he is guilty of an offence against this Act punishable upon conviction by a penalty not exceeding 100 penalty units.

(8) Subsection (7) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(9) Subsection (2), (3), (3A) or (3B) does not apply to allowing a transfer of goods for the purpose of securing the safety of a ship or an aircraft or saving life.

Part XI—Agents and customs brokers

Division 1—Preliminary

180 Interpretation

(1) In this Part, unless the contrary intention appears:

broker's licence means a licence to act as a customs broker granted under section 183C (including such a licence renewed under section 183CJ).

Committee means the National Customs Brokers Licensing Advisory Committee continued in existence by subsection 183D(1).

corporate customs broker means a customs broker that is a company or a partnership.

customs broker means a person who holds a broker's licence that is in force, and in relation to a place, means a person who holds a broker's licence to act as a customs broker at the place.

nominee, in relation to a customs broker, means another customs broker whose name is endorsed on the broker's licence held by the first-mentioned customs broker as a nominee of the first-mentioned customs broker.

person means a natural person, a company or a partnership.

prescribed offence means:

(a) an offence against this Act; or

(b) an offence punishable under a law of the Commonwealth (other than this Act), or by a law of a State or of a Territory, by imprisonment for one year or longer.

(2) A reference in this Part, other than in subsection 181(2), 183CC(5), 183CJ(1), 183CQ(4), (5) or (7) or 183CR(3) or in section 183CS, 183D, 183DA, 183DC, 183DD or 183S, to the CEO shall be read as including a reference to a Regional Director for a State or Territory.

Division 2—Rights and liabilities of agents

181 Authorised agents

(1) Subject to subsection (2), an owner of goods may, in writing, authorize a person to be his agent for the purposes of the Customs Acts at a place or places specified by the owner.

(2) Where the CEO, by notice published in the *Gazette*, declares that a place specified in the notice is a place to which this subsection applies, an owner of goods shall not authorize a person to be his agent for the purposes of the Customs Acts at that place unless that person is:

(a) a natural person who is an employee of the owner and is not an employee of any other person; or

(b) a customs broker at that place.

(3) Where an owner of goods authorizes a person to be his agent for the purposes of the Customs Acts at a place, the owner may comply with the provisions of, or requirements under, the Customs Acts at that place by:

(a) except where the agent is a corporate customs broker—that agent; or

(b) where the agent is a customs broker—a nominee of that agent who is a customs broker at that place.

(4) A person, other than the owner of goods or a person who, in accordance with this section, may comply with the provisions of, or requirements under, the Customs Acts on behalf of the owner in relation to those goods, shall not:

(a) do any act or thing in relation to the goods that is required or permitted to be done by the owner of the goods under the Customs Acts; or

(b) represent that he is able to do, or able to arrange to be done, any act or thing in relation to the goods that is required or permitted to be done by the owner under the Customs Acts.

(4A) Subsection (2) does not apply to the making of an export entry.

(5) A person who contravenes subsection (4) is guilty of an offence punishable upon conviction by a penalty not exceeding $1,000.

(6) Subsection (5) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

182 Authority to be produced

(1) Where a person claims to be the agent of an owner of goods for the purposes of the Customs Acts at a place, an officer may require that person to produce written authority from the owner authorizing that person to be such an agent and, if that written authority is not produced, the officer may refuse to recognize the authority of that person to act on behalf of the owner at that place.

(2) Where a nominee of a customs broker claims that that customs broker is the agent of an owner of goods for the purposes of the Customs Acts at a place, an officer may require the nominee to produce a copy of the written authority from the owner of the goods authorizing the customs broker to be such an agent and, if that written authority is not produced, the officer may refuse to recognize the authority of the nominee to act on behalf of the owner at that place.

183 Agents personally liable

(1) Where a person is, holds himself out to be or acts as if he were the agent of an owner of goods for the purposes of the Customs Acts, that person shall, for the purposes of the Customs Acts (including liability to penalty), be deemed to be the owner of those goods.

(2) Where a customs broker is the agent of an owner of goods for the purposes of the Customs Acts and a person who is, holds himself out to be or acts as if he were a nominee of that customs broker acts in relation to those goods, that person shall, for the purposes of those Acts, (including liability to penalty), be deemed to be the owner of those goods.

(3) Any act done, or representation made, by a nominee of a customs broker for the purposes of the Customs Acts shall be deemed to be an act done or, a representation made, by that customs broker.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be taken to relieve any owner from liability.

183A Principal liable for agents acting

(1) Where an agent of, or a nominee of a customs broker that is an agent of, an owner of goods makes a declaration for the purposes of this Act in relation to those goods, that declaration shall, for the purposes of this Act (including the prosecution of an offence against this Act), be deemed to be made with the knowledge and consent of the owner.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, a person who is convicted of an offence by reason of the operation of subsection (1) shall not be subject to a penalty of imprisonment.

Division 3—Licensing of customs brokers

183B Interpretation

(1) In this Division, unless the contrary intention appears, ***application*** means an application under section 183CA.

(2) For the purposes of this Division, a person shall be taken to participate in the work of a customs broker if:

(a) he has authority as a nominee of, or as an agent, officer or employee of, the customs broker, to do any act or thing for the purposes of the Customs Acts on behalf of an owner of goods; or

(b) he has authority to direct a person who has authority referred to in paragraph (a) in the exercise of that authority.

183C Grant of licence

(1) Subject to this Part, the CEO may grant a person a licence in writing, to be known as a broker's licence, to act as a customs broker at a place or places specified in the licence.

(2) A broker's licence granted to a corporate customs broker shall not specify a place as a place at which the corporate customs broker may act as a customs broker unless the licence specifies as a nominee of the corporate customs broker a customs broker at that place who, in accordance with section 183CD, is eligible to be its nominee.

183CA Application for licence

(1) An application for a broker's licence shall:

(a) be in writing; and

(b) specify the place or places at which the applicant proposes to act as a customs broker; and

(c) where the application is made by a company or a partnership—specify the person or each person who, if the licence is granted, is to be its nominee; and

(ca) where the application is made by a natural person—specify the person or each person (if any) who, if the licence is granted, is to be a nominee of the applicant; and

(d) set out the name and address of each person whom the CEO is required to consider for the purposes of subparagraph 183CC(1)(a)(i) or paragraph 183CC(1)(b) or (c); and

(e) set out such particulars of the persons and matters that the CEO is required to consider for the purposes of subparagraph 183CC(1)(a)(ii) and section 183CD as will enable him adequately to consider those matters; and

(f) contain such other information as is prescribed.

(2) Where a person makes an application, he shall not propose a person as his nominee at a place unless, at the time the application is made, that person is eligible, or intends to take all necessary action to ensure that, if a broker's licence is granted to the applicant, he will be eligible, to be a nominee of the applicant at that place.

(3) A person shall not be proposed under paragraph (1)(c) unless he has consented, in writing, to the proposal.

183CB Reference of application to Committee

(1) Where the CEO receives an application, he shall refer the application to the Committee for a report relating to the application and shall not grant, or refuse to grant, a broker's licence to the applicant unless he has received and considered the report.

(2) Where the CEO refers an application to the Committee under subsection (1), the Committee shall investigate the matters that the CEO is required to consider in relation to the application and, after its investigation, report to the CEO on those matters.

183CC Requirements for grant of licence

(1) Where an application is made, the CEO shall not grant a broker's licence if, in his opinion:

(a) where the application is made by a natural person:

(i) the applicant is not a person of integrity; or

(ii) the applicant is not qualified to be a customs broker; or

(iii) an employee of the applicant who would participate in the work of the applicant if he were a customs broker is not a person of integrity; or

(b) where the application is made by a company:

(i) a director of the company who would participate in the work of the company if it were a customs broker is not a person of integrity; or

(ii) an officer or employee of the company who would participate in the work of the company if it were a customs broker is not a person of integrity; or

(iii) the company is not a fit and proper company to hold a broker's licence; or

(c) where the application is made by a partnership:

(i) a partner in the partnership is not a person of integrity; or

(ii) an employee of the partnership who would participate in the work of the partnership if it were a customs broker is not a person of integrity.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), an applicant shall be taken to be qualified to be a customs broker if, and only if:

(a) except where he has been exempted under subsection (3), he has completed a course of study or instruction approved under subsection (5); and

(b) he has acquired experience that, in the opinion of the CEO, fits him to be a customs broker.

(3) The CEO may, by writing signed by him, exempt an applicant from the requirements of paragraph (2)(a) where, having regard to the experience or training of the applicant, he considers that it is appropriate to do so.

(4) The CEO shall, in determining whether a person is a person of integrity for the purposes of subsection (1), have regard to:

(a) any conviction of the person for a prescribed offence committed within the 10 years immediately preceding the making of the application;

(b) whether the person is an undischarged bankrupt;

(c) any misleading statement made in the application by or in relation to the person; and

(d) where any statement by the person in the application was false—whether the person knew that the statement was false.

(4A) The CEO shall, in determining whether a company is a fit and proper company to hold a broker's licence for the purposes of subparagraph (1)(b)(iii), have regard to:

(a) any conviction of the company for an offence against this Act committed within the 10 years immediately preceding the making of the application and at a time when a person who is a director, officer or shareholder of the company was a director, officer or shareholder of the company;

(b) any conviction of the company for an offence under a law of the Commonwealth, of a State or of a Territory that is punishable by a fine of $5,000 or more, being an offence committed within the 10 years immediately preceding the making of the application and at a time when a person who is a director, officer or shareholder of the company was a director, officer or shareholder of the company;

(c) whether a receiver of the property, or part of the property, of the company has been appointed;

(ca) whether the company is under administration within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001*;

(cb) whether the company has executed under Part 5.3A of that Act a deed of company arrangement that has not yet terminated;

(d) whether the company has been placed under official management; and

(e) whether the company is being wound up.

(5) The CEO may, after obtaining and considering the advice of the Committee, approve, in writing, a course or courses of study or instruction that fits or fit him to be a customs broker.

183CD Eligibility to be nominee

(1) Subject to this section, a person is eligible to be the nominee of a customs broker if, and only if:

(a) he is a natural person; and

(b) he is a customs broker; and

(c) he does not act as a customs broker in his own right; and

(d) where the first-mentioned customs broker is a company—he is a director or an employee of the company; and

(e) where the first-mentioned customs broker is a partnership—he is a member or an employee of the partnership; and

(f) he is not the nominee of another customs broker; and

(g) he is not authorized to be an agent in accordance with subsection 181(1); and

(h) he is a customs broker at a place at which the first-mentioned customs broker is a customs broker; and

(j) he is not a customs broker at any other place.

(2) A person is not ineligible to be the nominee of 2 or more corporate customs brokers, being companies, at a place or places by reason of paragraph (1)(f) or (j) if:

(a) he is a director of each of those companies; and

(b) each of those companies has a nominee at the place, or each place, at which it is a customs broker.

(3) A person is not ineligible to be the nominee of 2 or more corporate customs brokers, being partnerships, at a place or places by reason of paragraph (1)(f) or (j) if:

(a) he is a member of each of those partnerships; and

(b) each of those partnerships has, at the place, or each place, at which it is a customs broker, a nominee who is not a partner in it.

(4) A person is not ineligible to be the nominee of a customs broker by reason only of paragraph (1)(j) if:

(a) all the places at which he is a customs broker are places at which the first-mentioned customs broker is a customs broker; and

(b) the CEO is satisfied that he could attend to the duties of the nominee at all those places in a satisfactory manner.

183CE Original endorsement on licence

(1) Where the CEO grants a broker's licence, he shall:

(a) endorse on the licence the name of the place or of each place at which the holder of the licence may act as a customs broker; and

(b) endorse on the licence the name of each customs broker who is a nominee of the licensee and opposite to each such name the name of the place or of each place at which he acts as a customs broker.

(2) The CEO shall not, in pursuance of subsection (1), endorse a licence so as to show a person as a nominee of a customs broker at a place if that person is not eligible to be a nominee of that customs broker at that place.

183CF Variation of licences

(1) Subject to subsection (3), the CEO may, upon application in writing by a customs broker and the production of the broker's licence, vary the endorsements on the licence so that a place is specified, or ceases to be specified, in the licence as a place at which the holder of the licence may act as a customs broker.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the CEO may, upon application in writing by a customs broker and the production of its broker's licence, vary the endorsements on the licence so that a person is specified, or ceases to be specified, in the licence as a nominee of the customs broker.

(3) The CEO shall not vary the endorsements on a licence so that the licence ceases to comply with subsection 183C(2).

(4) A person shall not be endorsed under subsection (2) as a nominee of a customs broker unless he has consented, in writing, to the endorsement.

183CG Licence granted subject to conditions

(1) A broker's licence is subject to the condition that if:

(a) the holder of the licence is convicted of a prescribed offence;

(b) in the case of a licence held by a natural person—the holder of the licence becomes bankrupt; or

(c) in the case of a licence held by a company:

(i) a receiver of the property, or part of the property, of the company is appointed; or

(ii) an administrator of the company is appointed under section 436A, 436B or 436C of the *Corporations Act 2001*; or

(iii) the company executes a deed of company arrangement under Part 5.3A of that Act; or

(iv) the company begins to be wound up;

the holder of the licence shall, within 30 days after the occurrence of the conviction, bankruptcy or event referred to in paragraph (c), as the case requires, give the CEO particulars in writing of the conviction, bankruptcy or event referred to in paragraph (c), as the case requires.

(2) A broker's licence held by a natural person is subject to the condition that the holder of the licence shall not act as a customs broker in his own right at any time at which he is a nominee of a customs broker.

(3) A broker's licence held by a customs broker is subject to the condition that if:

(a) a person not described in the application for the licence as participating in the work of the customs broker commences so to participate;

(b) a nominee of the customs broker dies or ceases to act as nominee of the customs broker;

(c) a person who participates in the work of the customs broker is convicted of a prescribed offence or becomes bankrupt; or

(d) in the case of a licence held by a partnership:

(i) a member of the partnership is convicted of a prescribed offence or becomes bankrupt; or

(ii) there is a change in the membership of the partnership;

the holder of the licence shall, within 30 days after the occurrence of the event, change, conviction or bankruptcy, as the case requires, give the CEO particulars in writing of that event, change, conviction or bankruptcy, as the case requires.

(4) A broker's licence held by a customs broker is subject to the condition that the broker shall do all things necessary to ensure that:

(a) all persons who participate in the work of the customs broker are persons of integrity; and

(b) in the case of a licence held by a partnership—all members of the partnership are persons of integrity.

(5) A broker's licence is subject to such other conditions (if any) as are prescribed.

(6) A broker's licence is subject to such other conditions (if any) as are specified in the licence, being conditions considered by the CEO to be necessary or desirable for the protection of the revenue or for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Customs Acts.

(7) The CEO may, upon application in writing by a customs broker and the production of the licence held by the customs broker, vary the conditions specified in the licence by making an alteration to, or an endorsement on, the licence.

(8) Where a customs broker fails to comply with a condition of his licence the CEO may, by notice in writing served on him, require him to comply with that condition within the time specified in the notice.

183CH Duration of licence

(1) A broker's licence:

(a) comes into force on a date specified in the licence or, if no date is so specified, the date on which it is granted; and

(b) subject to this Part, remains in force until the end of the licence expiry day next following the grant of the licence but may be renewed in accordance with section 183CJ.

(1A) For the purposes of this section:

(a) the first ***licence expiry day*** is 31 December 2000; and

(b) the next ***licence expiry day*** is 30 June 2003; and

(c) later ***licence expiry days*** occur at intervals of 3 years after the last licence expiry day.

(2) A licence granted to a natural person ceases to have effect on the death of that person.

183CJ Renewal of licence

(1) Where a customs broker, within 2 months before the date on which his or her broker's licence is due to expire, applies in writing to the CEO, or to a Regional Director for a State or Territory, for the renewal of the licence:

(a) if the application is made to the CEO—the CEO or the Regional Director to whom the CEO refers the application; or

(b) if the application is made to a Regional Director—the CEO or that Regional Director;

shall, by writing, renew the licence unless:

(c) the CEO has given an order under paragraph 183CS(1)(d) in relation to the licence; or

(d) the customs broker is, because of section 183CK, not entitled to hold a broker's licence.

(2) A renewal of a licence shall not take effect if, on or before the date on which the licence would, apart from the renewal, expire, the licence is revoked.

(3) Where the licence held by a customs broker has been suspended, subsection (1) applies as if the licence had not been suspended, but the renewal of the licence does not have any force or effect until the licence ceases to be suspended.

(4) Where the CEO renews a licence under subsection (1), he may, in accordance with subsection 183CG(6), specify conditions different from those specified in the original licence.

(5) Subject to this Part, a licence that has been renewed continues in force until the first licence expiry day (as defined in section 183CH) after the day on which the licence would have expired apart from the renewal, but may be further renewed.

183CK Security

(1) The CEO may, by notice in writing served on a person making an application for a broker's licence or a person who holds a broker's licence, require that person to give, within the time specified in the notice, security in an amount determined by the CEO, not being an amount exceeding the amount prescribed in respect of the prescribed class of applicants or customs brokers to which the person belongs, by bond, guarantee or cash deposit, or by any or all of those methods, for compliance by him with the Customs Acts, for compliance with the conditions or requirements to which the importation or exportation of goods is subject and generally for the protection of the revenue and that person is not entitled to be granted or to hold a broker's licence, as the case may be, unless he gives security accordingly.

(2) Where the amount of the security in force in respect of a customs broker is less than the amount prescribed in respect of the prescribed class of customs brokers to which the customs broker belongs, the CEO may, by notice in writing to the customs broker, require the customs broker to give, within such period as is specified in the notice, a fresh security in lieu of the security in force under subsection (1) in an amount specified in the notice, being an amount not exceeding the amount so prescribed, and, if the customs broker fails to comply with the notice, the customs broker shall not be entitled to hold a broker's licence.

(3) Where, by virtue of subsection (1), an applicant for a broker's licence is not entitled to be granted the licence, the CEO may refuse to grant the licence to the applicant.

(4) Where, by virtue of subsection (1) or (2), a customs broker is not entitled to hold a broker's licence, the CEO may cancel the broker's licence held by the customs broker.

(5) Regulations made for the purposes of this section may prescribe different amounts in respect of different classes of applicants or customs brokers and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, may prescribe different amounts in respect of applicants who are natural persons and applicants that are partnerships or companies and in respect of customs brokers who are natural persons and corporate customs brokers.

183CL Fees

(1) Such fees (if any) as are prescribed are payable in respect of broker's licences.

(2) Regulations made for the purposes of this section may prescribe:

(a) different fees in respect of different classes of customs brokers and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, may prescribe different fees in respect of customs brokers who are natural persons and corporate customs brokers; and

(b) the time within which fees payable under this section are to be paid.

(2A) The regulations may prescribe fees for broker's licences by reference to the period for which the licences are to remain in force under paragraph 183CH(1)(b). This does not limit the ways in which the regulations may prescribe fees for broker's licences.

(3) Fees prescribed under subsection (1) may include an amount calculated with regard to the cost of the establishment, administration and operation of the Committee.

183CM Nominees

For the purposes of this Part, a person shall be taken to be a nominee of a customs broker from the time when the name of the nominee is endorsed, in pursuance of paragraph 183CE(1)(b) or of section 183CF, on the licence of the customs broker until the nominee dies or until the CEO deletes the name of the nominee from that licence under section 183CP, whichever occurs first.

183CN Removal of nominee

(1) The CEO shall delete the name of a nominee of a customs broker from the broker's licence of that customs broker if:

(a) the nominee dies;

(b) the nominee ceases to hold a broker's licence;

(c) the nominee ceases to act as nominee of the customs broker;

(d) the nominee requests the CEO, in writing, to delete his name from the licence; or

(e) the name of the nominee is found to have been endorsed on the licence in circumstances where the endorsement should not have been made.

(2) Where the deletion of the name of a nominee from a licence of a customs broker is required under subsection (1), the customs broker shall forthwith deliver the licence to the CEO for the purpose of having the deletion effected.

183CP Notice to nominate new nominee

If the broker's licence of a customs agent ceases to comply with subsection 183C(2), the CEO may, by notice in writing served on the customs broker, require the customs broker to apply within such period as is specified in the notice, for such variation of the endorsements on the licence as would result in the licence complying with that subsection.

Division 4—Suspension, revocation and non-renewal of licences

183CQ Investigation of matters relating to a broker's licence

(1) The CEO may give notice in accordance with this section to a customs broker if he has reasonable grounds to believe that:

(a) the customs broker has been convicted of a prescribed offence;

(b) the customs broker, being a natural person, is an undischarged bankrupt;

(c) the customs broker, being a company, is in liquidation;

(d) the customs broker has ceased to perform the duties of a customs broker in a satisfactory and responsible manner;

(e) the customs broker is guilty of conduct that is an abuse of the rights and privileges arising from his licence;

(f) the customs broker has not, within 28 days after the day prescribed for the payment of any fees, paid those fees;

(g) the customs broker made a false or misleading statement in the application for the licence;

(h) the customs broker has not complied with a condition imposed on the grant or renewal of the licence and, having been served with a notice under subsection 183CG(8) in relation to the non-compliance with that condition, the customs broker has not, within the time specified in the notice, complied with that condition; or

(j) the customs broker has not, within the time specified in a notice under section 183CP, complied with that notice;

or it otherwise appears to him to be necessary for the protection of the revenue or otherwise in the public interest to give the notice.

(2) Without limiting the generality of paragraph (1)(d), a customs broker shall be taken, for the purposes of that paragraph, to have ceased to perform the duties of a customs broker in a satisfactory and responsible manner if the documents prepared by the customs broker for the purposes of this Act contain errors that are unreasonable having regard to the nature or frequency of those errors.

(3) Notice in accordance with this section to a customs broker shall be in writing and shall be served, either personally or by post, on the customs broker.

(4) A notice in accordance with this section to a customs broker shall state:

(a) the grounds on which the notice is given;

(b) that the person who gave the notice intends forthwith to refer to the Committee, for investigation and report to the CEO, the question whether the CEO should take action in relation to the licence under subsection 183CS(1);

(c) the powers that the CEO may exercise in relation to a licence under subsection 183CS(1); and

(d) the rights of the customs broker under sections 183J and 183S to take part in the proceedings before the Committee.

(5) Where the CEO, or a Regional Director for a State or Territory, gives notice in accordance with this section to a customs broker, he shall refer the question whether the CEO should take action in relation to the licence under subsection 183CS(1) to the Committee, for investigation and report to the CEO.

(6) Where the CEO refers a question to the Committee under subsection (5), he shall give particulars to the Committee of all the information in his possession that is relevant to the question so referred.

(7) Where a question is referred to the Committee under subsection (5), the Committee shall, as soon as practicable, conduct an investigation and make a report on the question to the CEO.

183CR Interim suspension by CEO

(1) Where the CEO gives notice in accordance with section 183CQ to a customs broker, he may, if he considers it necessary for the protection of the revenue or otherwise in the public interest to do so, suspend the licence of the customs broker pending the investigation and report of the Committee.

(2) The CEO may suspend the broker's licence of a customs broker in pursuance of subsection (1) by:

(a) including in the notice to the customs broker in accordance with section 183CQ a statement to the effect that the licence is suspended under that subsection; or

(b) giving further notice in writing to the customs broker to the effect that the licence is suspended under that subsection.

(3) A suspension of a licence by the CEO, or by a Regional Director for a State or Territory, under subsection (1) has effect until the suspension is revoked by the CEO, or by a Regional Director for a State or Territory, or the CEO has dealt with the matter in accordance with section 183CS, whichever first occurs.

(4) Where a broker's licence is suspended under this section, the CEO may at any time revoke the suspension.

183CS Powers of CEO

(1) Where the CEO, after considering a report under subsection 183CQ(7) in relation to a broker's licence, is:

(a) satisfied in relation to the licence as to any of the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (j) (inclusive) of subsection 183CQ(1); or

(b) satisfied on any other grounds that it is necessary to do so for the protection of the revenue or for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Customs Acts;

he may, by notice to the customs broker:

(c) cancel the licence;

(d) if the licence is about to expire—order that the licence not be renewed;

(e) reprimand the customs broker;

(f) in a case where the licence is not already suspended—suspend the licence for a period specified in the notice; or

(g) in a case where the licence is already suspended—further suspend the licence for a period specified in the notice.

(2) Where the CEO, after considering a report under subsection 183CQ(7) in relation to a broker's licence, decides not to take any further action in the matter, he shall, by notice

in writing to the customs broker, inform the customs broker accordingly, and, if the licence of the customs broker is suspended, he shall revoke the suspension.

(3) A notice under subsection (1) shall:
  (a) be in writing; and
  (b) be served, either personally or by post, on the holder of the licence.

(4) The period for which the CEO may suspend or further suspend a licence under subsection (1) may be a period expiring after the date on which the licence, if not renewed, would expire.

(5) Where the CEO orders under paragraph (1)(d) that a licence not be renewed, he shall notify the appropriate Collector accordingly.

183CT Effect of suspension

(1) During a period in which a broker's licence held by a natural person is suspended under this Division:
  (a) the person shall not act as a customs broker;
  (b) the person shall not act as a nominee of a customs broker; and
  (c) a nominee of the person shall not act as such a nominee.

(2) During a period in which a broker's licence held by a corporate customs broker is suspended under this Division:
  (a) the corporate customs agent shall not act as a customs broker; and
  (b) a nominee of the corporate customs broker shall not act as such a nominee.

183CU Service of notices

For the purposes of the application of section 29 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* to the service by post of a notice under this Division on a person who holds or held a broker's licence, such a notice posted as a letter addressed to that person at the last address of that person known to the sender shall be deemed to be properly addressed.

Division 5—National Customs Brokers Licensing Advisory Committee

183D National Customs Brokers Licensing Advisory Committee

(1) The National Customs Agents Licensing Advisory Committee in existence immediately before the commencement of this subsection continues in existence as the National Customs Brokers Licensing Advisory Committee.

(2) The functions of the Committee are:

(a) to investigate and report on applications referred to it by the CEO, or a Regional Director for a State or Territory, under section 183CB;

(b) to investigate and report on questions referred to it by the CEO, or a Regional Director for a State or Territory, under section 183CQ;

(c) to advise the CEO in relation to the approval of courses of study under section 183CC; and

(d) where the CEO requests the Committee to advise him on the standards that customs brokers should meet in the performance of their duties and obligations as customs brokers—to advise the CEO accordingly.

183DA Constitution of Committee

(1) The Committee shall consist of the following members:

(a) the Chair;

(b) a member to represent customs brokers;

(c) a member to represent the Commonwealth.

(2) The Chair shall be a person who:

(a) is or has been a Stipendiary, Police, Special or Resident Magistrate of a State or Territory; or

(b) in the opinion of the CEO, possesses special knowledge or skill in relation to matters that the Committee is to advise or report on.

(3) A member referred to in paragraph (1)(a) or (b) shall be appointed by the CEO for a period not exceeding 2 years but is eligible for re-appointment.

(4) The member referred to in paragraph (1)(b) shall be appointed on the nomination of an organization that, in the opinion of the CEO, represents customs brokers.

(5) The member referred to in paragraph (1)(c) shall be the person for the time being holding, or performing the duties of, the office in the Department that the CEO specifies, in writing signed by him, to be the office for the purposes of this subsection.

(6) The appointment of a member is not invalidated, and shall not be called in question, by reason of a deficiency or irregularity in, or in connection with, his nomination or appointment.

183DB Remuneration and allowances

(1) A member referred to in paragraph 183DA(1)(a) or (b) shall be paid such remuneration as is determined by the Remuneration Tribunal, but if no determination of that remuneration by the Tribunal is in operation, he shall be paid such remuneration as is prescribed.

(2) A member referred to in paragraph 183DA(1)(a) or (b) shall be paid such allowances as are prescribed.

(3) This section has effect subject to the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*.

183DC Acting Chair

(1) Subject to subsection (2), the CEO may appoint a person to act as Chair:

(a) during a vacancy in the office of Chair; or

(b) during any period, or during all periods, when the Chair is absent from duty or from Australia or is for any other reason, unable to perform the functions of his office.

(2) A person shall not be appointed to act as Chair unless he is qualified, in accordance with subsection 183DA(2), to be appointed as Chair.

(3) A person appointed to act as Chair shall be paid such fees, allowances and expenses as the CEO determines.

183DD Deputy member

(1) The CEO may appoint a person, on the nomination of an organization referred to in subsection 183DA(4), to be the deputy of the member referred to in paragraph 183DA(1)(b) during the pleasure of the CEO and the person so appointed shall, in the event of the absence of the member from a meeting of the Committee, be entitled to attend that meeting and, when so attending, shall be deemed to be a member of the Committee.

(2) Where the CEO specifies an office in the Department for the purposes of this subsection, the person for the time being holding, or performing the duties of, that office shall be the deputy of the member referred to in paragraph 183DA(1)(c) and that person shall, in the event of the absence of that member from a meeting of the Committee, be entitled to attend that meeting and, when so attending, shall be deemed to be a member of the Committee.

(3) A deputy of the member referred to in paragraph 183DA(1)(b) shall be paid such fees, allowances and expenses as the CEO determines.

183E Procedure of Committees

The regulations may make provision for and in relation to the procedure of the Committee.

183F Evidence

The Committee is not bound by legal rules of evidence but may inform itself on a matter referred to it under this Part in such manner as it thinks fit.

183G Proceedings in private

The proceedings of the Committee shall be held in private.

183H Determination of questions before a Committee

All questions before the Committee shall be decided according to the opinion of the majority of its members.

183J Customs broker affected by investigations to be given notice

(1) Where an application is referred to the Committee under section 183CB or a question is referred to the Committee under section 183CQ, the Chair of the Committee shall cause a notice in writing of the reference of the application or question to the Committee, and of the time and place at which the Committee intends to hold an inquiry into the application or question, to be served on the person making the application or holding the licence to which the question relates, as the case may be, at least ten days before the date of the inquiry.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the Committee shall afford the person on whom a notice has been served in pursuance of subsection (1) an opportunity of examining witnesses, of giving evidence and calling witnesses on his behalf and of addressing the Committee.

(3) Where the person on whom notice has been served in pursuance of subsection (1) fails to attend at the time and place specified in the notice, the Committee may, unless it is satisfied that the person is prevented by illness or other unavoidable cause from so attending, proceed to hold the inquiry in his absence.

(4) Where an application is referred to the Committee under section 183CB or a question is referred to the Committee under section 183CQ, the Chair of the Committee may cause a notice in writing of the reference of the application or question to the Committee, and of the time and place at which the Committee intends to hold an inquiry into the application or question, to be served on such other persons who, in the opinion of the Chair, have a special interest in, or are specially affected by, the inquiry.

183K Summoning of witnesses

(1) The Chair of the Committee may, by writing under his hand, summon a person to attend before the Committee at a time and place specified in the summons and then and there to give evidence and to produce any books, documents and writings in his custody or control which he is required by the summons to produce.

(2) A person who has been summoned to attend before the Committee as a witness shall appear and report himself from day to day, unless excused by the Committee.

(3) The Committee may inspect books, documents or writings before it, and may retain them for such reasonable period as it thinks fit, and may make copies of such portions of them as are relevant to the inquiry.

183L Service of notices and summonses

A notice or summons under this Part shall be served by delivering it personally to the person to be served or by sending it by prepaid registered letter addressed to him at his last known place of abode or business or by leaving it:

(a) at his last known place of abode with some person apparently an inmate of that place and apparently not less than 16 years of age; or

(b) at his last known place of business with some person apparently employed at that place and apparently not less than 16 years of age.

183N Committee may examine upon oath or affirmation

(1) The Committee may examine on oath a person appearing as a witness before the Committee, whether the witness has been summoned or appears without being summoned, and for that purpose a member of the Committee may administer an oath to a witness.

(2) Where a witness conscientiously objects to take an oath, he may make an affirmation that he conscientiously objects to take an oath

and that he will state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth to all questions that are asked him.

(3) An affirmation so made is of the same force and effect, and entails the same liabilities, as an oath.

183P Offences by witness

(1) A person summoned to attend before the Committee as a witness shall not:

(a) fail to attend, after payment or tender to him of a reasonable sum for his expenses of attendance;

(b) refuse to be sworn or to make an affirmation as a witness, or to answer any question when required to do so by a member of the Committee; or

(c) refuse or fail to produce a book or document which he was required by the summons to produce.

Penalty: $1,000.

(2) Paragraphs (1)(a) and (c) do not apply if the person has reasonable cause for the failure or refusal.

183Q Statements by witness

A person is not excused from answering a question or producing a book or document when required to do so under section 183P on the ground that the answer to the question, or the production of the book or document, might tend to incriminate him or make him liable to a penalty, but his answer to any such question is not admissible in evidence against him in proceedings other than proceedings for:

(a) an offence against paragraph 183P(b) or (c); or

(b) an offence in connection with the making by him of a statement in an examination before the Committee under section 183N.

183R Witness fees

(1) A person who attends in obedience to a summons to attend as a witness before the Committee is entitled to be paid witness fees

and travelling allowance according to the scale of fees and allowances payable to witnesses in the Supreme Court of the State or Territory in which he is required to attend or, in special circumstances, such fees and allowances as the Chair of the Committee directs (less any amount previously paid to him for his expenses of attendance).

(2) The fees and allowances are payable:

(a) in the case of a witness summoned at the request of the customs broker to whom the inquiry relates—by that customs broker; and

(b) in any other case—by the Commonwealth.

183S Representation by counsel etc.

(1) In an inquiry before the Committee, the customs broker to whom the inquiry relates and the CEO are each entitled to be represented by a barrister or solicitor or, with the approval of the Committee, by some other person.

(2) A barrister, solicitor or other person appearing before the Committee may examine or cross-examine witnesses and address the Committee.

183T Protection of members

(1) An action or proceeding, civil or criminal, does not lie against a member of the Committee for or in respect of an act or thing done, or report made, in good faith by the member of the Committee in his capacity as a member.

(2) An act or thing shall be deemed to have been done in good faith if the member or Committee by whom the act or thing was done was not actuated by ill-will to the person affected or by any other improper motive.

183U Protection of barristers, witnesses etc.

(1) A barrister, solicitor or other person appearing before the Committee has the same protection and immunity as a barrister has in appearing for a party in proceedings in the High Court.

(2) A witness summoned to attend or appearing before the Committee has the same protection as a witness in proceedings in the High Court.

Part XII—Officers

Division 1—Powers of Officers

Subdivision A—Preliminary

183UA Definitions [*see* Note 6]

(1) In this Division, unless the contrary intention appears:

authorised person means:

(a) in relation to an application for, or for the execution of, a search warrant—an officer of Customs; and

(b) in relation to an application for, or for the execution of, a seizure warrant in respect of goods referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition of ***forfeited goods***:

(i) an officer of Customs; or

(ii) an officer of police; or

(iii) a member of the Defence Force; and

(c) in relation to an application for, or for the execution of, a seizure warrant in respect of goods referred to in paragraph (c) of the definition of ***forfeited goods***—an officer of Customs; and

(d) in relation to the exercise of powers under section 203B or 203C:

(i) an officer of Customs; or

(ii) an officer of police; or

(iii) a member of the Defence Force.

baggage means goods:

(a) that are carried by or for a traveller, including the captain and crew members, on board the same ship or aircraft as the traveller; or

(b) that a traveller intended to be so carried.

container includes:

(a) a trailer or other like receptacle, whether with or without wheels, that is used for the movement of goods from one place to another; and

(b) any baggage; and

(c) any other thing that is or could be used for the carriage of goods, whether or not designed for that purpose.

conveyance means an aircraft, railway rolling stock, vehicle or vessel of any kind.

Customs place means:

(aa) a place owned or occupied by Customs; or

(a) a port, airport or wharf that is appointed, and the limits of which are fixed, under section 15; or

(b) a place that is the subject of a permission under subsection 58(2); or

(c) a boarding station that is appointed under section 15; or

(d) a place described in a depot licence that is granted under section 77G; or

(e) a place described in a licence for warehousing goods that is granted under subsection 79(1); or

(f) a place that is approved, in writing, by the CEO as a place for the examination of international mail; or

(g) a place from which a ship or aircraft that is the subject of a permission under section 175 is required to depart, between the grant of that permission and the departure of the ship or aircraft; or

(h) a place to which a ship or aircraft that is the subject of a permission under section 175 is required to return, while that ship or aircraft remains at that place; or

(i) a section 234AA place that is not a place, or a part of a place, referred to in paragraph (aa), (a), (b), (c), (d), (g) or (h).

Note: Subsection (2) provides for parliamentary disallowance of an instrument approving a place under paragraph (f) of the definition.

data held in a computer includes:

(a) data held in any removable data storage device for the time being held in a computer; or

(b) data held in a data storage device on a computer network of which the computer forms a part.

data storage device means a thing containing, or designed to contain, data for use by a computer.

designated container means a container referred to in paragraph (c) of the definition of ***container***.

evidential material, in relation to an offence, whether the offence is indictable or summary, means a thing relevant to the offence, including such a thing in electronic form.

executing officer, in relation to a search warrant or to a seizure warrant, means:

(a) an authorised person named in the warrant by the judicial officer issuing it as being responsible for executing the warrant; or

(b) if that authorised person does not intend to be present at the execution of the warrant—any authorised person whose name has been written in the warrant by the authorised person so named; or

(c) another authorised person whose name has been written in the warrant by the authorised person last named in the warrant.

forfeited goods means goods described as forfeited to the Crown under:

(a) section 228, 228A, 228B, 229, 229A or 230 of this Act; or

(c) section 7, 10, 11 or 13 of the *Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act 1905*.

frisk search means:

(a) a search of a person conducted by quickly running the hands over the person's outer garments; and

(b) an examination of anything worn or carried by the person that is conveniently and voluntarily removed by the person.

judicial officer, in relation to a search warrant or to a seizure warrant, means:

(a) a magistrate; or

(b) a justice of the peace or other person employed in a court of a State or Territory who is authorised to issue search warrants.

magistrate means a magistrate who is remunerated by salary or otherwise.

occupier, in relation to premises that are a conveyance or a container, means the person having charge of the conveyance or container.

offence means:

(a) an offence against this Act (other than an offence relating to diesel fuel rebate); or

(b) an offence against the *Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act 1905*.

ordinary search means a search of a person or of articles in the possession of a person that may include:

(a) requiring the person to remove his or her overcoat, coat or jacket and any gloves, shoes or hat; and

(b) an examination of those items.

person assisting, in relation to a search warrant or to a seizure warrant, means:

(a) a person who is an authorised person and who is assisting in the execution of the warrant; or

(b) a person who is not an authorised person and who has been authorised by the CEO or by a Regional Director for a State or Territory to assist in executing the warrant.

premises includes a place, a conveyance or a container.

search warrant means a warrant issued under section 198.

seizure notice means a notice of the kind referred to in section 205A.

seizure warrant means a warrant issued under section 203.

special forfeited goods means forfeited goods that are referred to in paragraph 229(1)(b) or (n).

warrant premises means premises in relation to which a search warrant or a seizure warrant is in force.

(2) An instrument of approval of a place as a place for the examination of international mail is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 46A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

(3) For the purposes of this Part, an offence against section 141.1, 142.1, 142.2 or 149.1 of the *Criminal Code* that relates to this Act is taken to be an offence against this Act.

183UB Law relating to legal professional privilege not affected

This Division does not affect the law relating to legal professional privilege.

183UC CEO may give directions concerning the exercise of powers under this Division

(1) Without limiting the generality of the power conferred on the CEO under subsection 4(4) of the *Customs Administration Act 1985*, the CEO may give directions in writing under that subsection concerning:

(a) the circumstances in which the powers in this Division may be exercised; and

(b) the officers of Customs who are entitled to exercise those powers; and

(c) the manner and frequency of reporting to the CEO concerning the exercise of those powers.

(2) A direction given for the purposes of subsection (1) is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 46A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

183UD [Not in operation—*see* Note 6]

Subdivision B—General regulatory powers

184A Request to board a ship

General power to request to board

(1) In the circumstances described in subsection (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) or (9), the commander of a Commonwealth ship or Commonwealth aircraft may request the master of a ship to permit the commander, a member of the commander's crew or an officer to board the master's ship.

Note: Sections 185 and 185A give power to board the master's ship if a request is made under this section.

Foreign ships in Australian waters

(2) The commander may make the request if the master's ship is a foreign ship that is on the landward side of the outer edge of Australia's territorial sea. However, the request must be made for the purposes of this Act or an Act prescribed by the regulations consistently with UNCLOS.

Australian ships outside territorial seas of other countries

(3) The commander may make the request if:

(a) the master's ship is an Australian ship; and

(b) the master's ship is outside the territorial sea of any foreign country.

The commander must not make the request under this subsection if it may be made under subsection (9).

Foreign ships in contiguous zone or near installations

(4) The commander may make the request if:

(a) the master's ship is a foreign ship; and

(b) the master's ship is either:

(i) in the contiguous zone of Australia; or

(ii) within 500 metres of an Australian resources installation or Australian sea installation; and

(c) the commander:

(i) wishes to establish the identity of the master's ship; or

(ii) reasonably suspects that the master's ship is, will be or has been involved in a contravention, or an attempted contravention, in Australia of this Act or an Act prescribed by the regulations consistently with UNCLOS.

Mother ships on high seas supporting contraventions in Australia

(5) The commander may make the request if:

(a) the master's ship is a foreign ship; and

(b) the master's ship is:

(i) outside the outer edge of the contiguous zone of Australia; and

(ii) not within 500 metres of an Australian resources installation or Australian sea installation; and

(iii) outside the territorial sea of a foreign country; and

(c) the commander reasonably suspects that the master's ship is being or was used in direct support of, or in preparation for, a contravention in Australia of this Act or an Act prescribed by the regulations consistently with UNCLOS, where the contravention involves another ship (whether a foreign ship or an Australian ship); and

(d) the request is made as soon as practicable after the contravention happens.

Suspicious foreign ships in EEZ

(6) The commander may make the request if:

(a) the master's ship is a foreign ship; and

(b) the master's ship is in the exclusive economic zone of Australia; and

(c) the commander reasonably suspects that the master's ship is, will be or has been involved in a contravention, or an attempted contravention, in Australia's exclusive economic zone of an Act prescribed by the regulations consistently with UNCLOS.

Mother ships on high seas supporting contraventions in EEZ

(7) The commander may make the request if:

(a) the master's ship is a foreign ship; and

(b) the master's ship is:

(i) outside the outer edge of the exclusive economic zone of Australia; and

(ii) not within 500 metres of an Australian resources installation or Australian sea installation; and

(iii) outside the territorial sea of a foreign country; and

(c) the commander reasonably suspects that the master's ship is being or was used in direct support of, or in preparation for, a contravention in Australia's exclusive economic zone of an Act prescribed by the regulations consistently with UNCLOS, where the contravention involves another ship (whether a foreign ship or an Australian ship); and

(d) the request is made as soon as practicable after the contravention happens.

Foreign ships on high seas and covered by an agreement etc.

(8) The commander may make the request if:

(a) the master's ship is:

(i) outside the outer edge of the contiguous zone of Australia; and

(ii) outside the territorial sea of a foreign country; and

(b) the commander reasonably suspects that the master's ship is a foreign ship that is entitled to fly the flag of a country; and

(c) Australia has an agreement or arrangement with that country which enables the exercise of Australian jurisdiction over ships of that country.

The commander must not make the request under this subsection if it may be made under subsection (5), (6) or (7).

Ships without nationality on high seas

(9) The commander may make the request if:

(a) the master's ship is:

(i) outside the outer edge of the contiguous zone of Australia; and

(ii) outside the territorial sea of a foreign country; and

(b) any of the following applies:

(i) the master's ship is not flying a flag of a country;

(ii) the master's ship is flying a flag of a country and the commander reasonably suspects that the master's ship is not entitled to fly that flag;

(iii) the commander reasonably suspects that the master's ship is not entitled to fly the flag of a country or has been flying the flag of more than one country; and

(c) the Commander wishes to establish the identity of the master's ship.

The commander must not make the request under this subsection if it may be made under subsection (5), (6), (7) or (8).

Means of making request

(10) The commander of a Commonwealth ship or Commonwealth aircraft may use any reasonable means to make a request under this section.

Request still made even if no master on the ship etc.

(11) To avoid doubt, a request is still made under this section even if:

(a) there was no master on board the ship to receive the request; or

(b) the master did not receive or understand the request.

Master must comply with request

(12) The master of a ship must comply with a request made under this section (other than subsection (9)).

Penalty: Imprisonment for 2 years.

Note: The master's ship can still be boarded under section 185 or 185A even though the master has not complied with a request to board under this section.

(13) In this section:

(a) a reference to the ***commander of a Commonwealth ship or Commonwealth aircraft*** includes a reference to a commissioned officer of the Australian Defence Force, and a reference to a ***member of the commander's crew*** includes, in relation to a commissioned officer of the Australian Defence Force, a reference to a person acting under the command of the commissioned officer; and

(b) ***commissioned officer of the Australian Defence Force*** means an officer within the meaning of the *Defence Act 1903*.

(13) Subsection (12) does not apply if the master has a reasonable excuse.

Note: A defendant bears an evidential burden in relation to the matter in subsection (13) (see subsection 13.3(3) of the *Criminal Code*).

184B Power to chase foreign ships for boarding

Generally, foreign ships may be chased if request to board is made

(1) To enable the boarding of a foreign ship whose master has not complied with a request to board under section 184A (other than subsection 184A(9)), the commander of a Commonwealth ship or Commonwealth aircraft may use it to chase, or continue the chase of, the master's ship to any place outside the territorial sea of a foreign country.

Note: Subsection 184A(9) is about requests to board ships without nationality that are on the high seas. Section 185A allows those ships to be boarded, even though the master of the ship has not complied with the request to board.

Using different Commonwealth ships or aircraft to continue chase

(2) To avoid doubt, a Commonwealth ship or Commonwealth aircraft may be used in the chase even if its commander did not make the request under section 184A.

When foreign ships may be chased without a request being made

(3) The commander of a Commonwealth ship or Commonwealth aircraft may use it to chase, or continue the chase of, a foreign ship to a place outside the territorial sea of a foreign country to enable

the boarding of the foreign ship if, immediately before the start of the chase, the commander could have made a request to board the foreign ship under subsection 184A(5) or (7).

Chase may continue even if the foreign ship is out of sight

(4) A chase under this section may continue even if the crew of all of the Commonwealth ships and Commonwealth aircraft involved in the chase lose sight of the chased ship or lose trace of it from radar or other sensing devices.

Chase may not continue after interruption

(5) The commander of a Commonwealth ship or Commonwealth aircraft must not use it to chase, or continue the chase of, a foreign ship under this section if the chase is interrupted (within the meaning of Article 111 of UNCLOS) at a place outside the outer edge of the contiguous zone. This subsection has effect despite subsections (1), (3) and (4).

Means that may be used to enable boarding of the foreign ship

(6) Anywhere outside the territorial sea of a foreign country, the commander of a Commonwealth ship or Commonwealth aircraft chasing a ship under this section may use any reasonable means consistent with international law to enable boarding of the chased ship, including:

(a) using necessary and reasonable force; and

(b) where necessary and after firing a gun as a signal, firing at or into the chased ship to disable it or compel it to be brought to for boarding.

184C Power to chase Australian ships for boarding

Australian ships may be chased

(1) To enable the boarding of an Australian ship, the commander of a Commonwealth ship or Commonwealth aircraft may use it to chase, or continue the chase of, the Australian ship to any place outside the territorial sea of a foreign country.

Chase may continue even if the Australian ship is out of sight

(2) A chase under this section may continue even if the crew of all of the Commonwealth ships and Commonwealth aircraft involved in the chase lose sight of the chased ship or lose trace of it from radar or other sensing devices.

Means that may be used to enable boarding of the Australian ship

(3) Anywhere outside the territorial sea of a foreign country, the commander of a Commonwealth ship or Commonwealth aircraft chasing a ship under this section may use any reasonable means to enable boarding of the chased ship, including:

(a) using necessary and reasonable force; and

(b) where necessary and after firing a gun as a signal, firing at or into the chased ship to disable it or compel it to be brought to for boarding.

184D Identifying an aircraft and requesting it to land for boarding

Application of section

(1) This section allows the commander of a Commonwealth aircraft to make requests of the pilot of another aircraft that:

(a) if the other aircraft is an Australian aircraft—is over anywhere except a foreign country; and

(b) if the other aircraft is not an Australian aircraft—is over Australia.

Requesting information to identify an aircraft

(2) If the commander cannot identify the other aircraft, the commander may:

(a) use his or her aircraft to intercept the other aircraft in accordance with the practices recommended in Annex 2 (headed "Rules of the Air") to the Convention on International Civil Aviation done at Chicago on 7 December 1944 (that was adopted in accordance with that Convention); and

(b) request the pilot of the other aircraft to disclose to the commander:

(i) the identity of the other aircraft; and
(ii) the identity of all persons on the other aircraft; and
(iii) the flight path of the other aircraft; and
(iv) the flight plan of the other aircraft.

Requesting aircraft to land for boarding

(3) The commander may request the pilot of the other aircraft to land it at the nearest airport, or at the nearest suitable landing field, in Australia for boarding for the purposes of this Act if:
(a) the pilot does not comply with a request under subsection (2); or
(b) the commander reasonably suspects that the other aircraft is or has been involved in a contravention, or attempted contravention, of this Act.

Note: Section 185 gives power to board the aircraft and search it once it has landed.

Means of making request

(4) Any reasonable means may be used to make a request under this section.

Request still made even if pilot did not receive etc. request

(5) To avoid doubt, a request is still made under this section even if the pilot did not receive or understand the request.

Pilot must comply with request

(6) The pilot of the other aircraft must comply with a request made under this section.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 2 years.

(6A) Subsection (6) does not apply if the pilot of the other aircraft has a reasonable excuse.

Note: A defendant bears an evidential burden in relation to the matter in subsection (6A) (see subsection 13.3(3) of the *Criminal Code*).

Definition

(7) In this section, ***Australian aircraft*** means an aircraft that:

(a) is an Australian aircraft as defined in the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*; or

(b) is not registered under the law of a foreign country and is either wholly owned by, or solely operated by:

(i) one or more residents of Australia; or

(ii) one or more Australian nationals; or

(iii) one or more residents of Australia and one or more Australian nationals.

For the purposes of this definition, ***Australian national*** and ***resident of Australia*** have the same meanings as in the *Shipping Registration Act 1981*.

185 Power to board and search etc. ships and aircraft

Application of section to ships

(1) This section applies to a ship that is outside the territorial sea of a foreign country if:

(a) a request to board the ship has been made under section 184A; or

(b) the ship is a foreign ship described in subsection 184B(3) (which allows foreign ships on the high seas to be chased); or

(c) the ship is an Australian ship.

However, this section does not apply to a ship if a request to board the ship has been made under subsection 184A(8) or (9) (certain ships on the high seas), unless an officer is satisfied under subsection 185A(3) that the ship is an Australian ship.

Note: Section 185A deals with the boarding of ships where a request has been made under subsection 184A(8) or (9).

Application to aircraft

(1A) This section applies to an aircraft that has landed in Australia for boarding as a result of a request made under section 184D.

Officer's powers

(2) An officer may:

(a) board and search the ship or aircraft; and

(b) search and examine any goods found on the ship or aircraft; and

(ba) secure any goods found on the ship or aircraft; and

(c) require all persons found on the ship or aircraft to answer questions, and produce any documents in their possession, in relation to the following:

(i) the ship or aircraft, its voyage or flight and its cargo, stores, crew and passengers;

(ii) the identity and presence of those persons on the ship or aircraft;

(iii) a contravention, an attempted contravention or an involvement in a contravention or attempted contravention, either in or outside Australia, of this Act; and

(ca) copy, or take extracts from, any document:

(i) found on the ship or aircraft; or

(ii) produced by a person found on the ship or aircraft as required under paragraph (c); and

(d) arrest without warrant any person found on the ship or aircraft if:

(i) in the case of a person found on a ship that is in Australia—the officer reasonably suspects that the person has committed, is committing or attempting to commit, or is involved in the commission of, an offence, either in or outside Australia, against this Act or an Act prescribed by the regulations consistently with UNCLOS; or

(ii) in the case of a person found on a ship that is outside Australia—the officer reasonably suspects that the person has committed, is committing or attempting to commit, or is involved in the commission of:

(A) an offence in Australia against this Act or an Act prescribed by the regulations consistently with UNCLOS; or

(B) an offence in Australia's exclusive economic zone against an Act prescribed by the regulations consistently with UNCLOS; or

(iii) in the case of a person found on an aircraft that is in Australia—the officer reasonably suspects that the person has committed, is committing or attempting to commit, or is involved in the commission of, an offence, either in or outside Australia, against this Act; and

(e) seize without warrant any narcotic goods found on the ship or aircraft.

(2A) Any exercise of the power of arrest referred to in subsection (2) in the contiguous zone in relation to Australia is subject to the obligations of Australia under international law, including obligations under any treaty, convention or other agreement or arrangement between Australia and another country or other countries.

Help to search

(2B) Without limiting the generality of paragraph (2)(a), an officer may use a dog to assist in searching the ship or aircraft.

Help to examine goods

(2C) In the exercise of the power under paragraph (2)(b) to examine goods, the officer may do, or arrange for another officer or other person having the necessary experience to do, whatever is reasonably necessary to permit the examination of the goods.

Examples of examining goods

(2D) Without limiting the generality of subsection (2C), examples of what may be done in the examination of goods include the following:

(a) opening any package in which goods are or may be contained;

(b) using a device, such as an X-ray machine or ion scanning equipment, on the goods;

(c) testing or analysing the goods;

(d) measuring or counting the goods;

(e) if the goods are a document—reading the document either directly or with the use of an electronic device;

(f) using a dog to assist in examining the goods.

Power to detain and move ship or aircraft

(3) An officer may detain the ship or aircraft and bring it, or cause it to be brought, to a port or airport, or to another place (including, in relation to a ship, a place within the territorial sea or the contiguous zone in relation to Australia), that he or she considers appropriate if:

(a) in the case of a ship that is in Australia—the officer reasonably suspects that the ship is or has been involved in a contravention, either in or outside Australia, of this Act or an Act prescribed consistently with UNCLOS; and

(b) in the case of an Australian ship that is outside Australia—the officer reasonably suspects that the ship is, will be or has been involved in a contravention, either in or outside Australia, of this Act or any other Act; and

(c) in the case of a foreign ship that is outside Australia—the officer reasonably suspects that the ship is, will be or has been involved in a contravention:

(i) in Australia of this Act or an Act prescribed consistently with UNCLOS; or

(ii) in Australia's exclusive economic zone of an Act prescribed consistently with UNCLOS; and

(d) in the case of an aircraft that is in Australia—the officer reasonably suspects that the aircraft is or has been involved in a contravention, either in or outside Australia, of this Act.

However, a ship need not be brought to a port or other place if the CEO makes a direction in relation to the ship under section 185B.

People on detained ships or aircraft

(3AAA) If an officer detains a ship or aircraft under this section, any restraint on the liberty of any person found on the ship or aircraft that results from the detention of the ship or aircraft is not unlawful, and proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in respect of that restraint may not be instituted or continued in any court

against the Commonwealth, the officer or any person assisting the officer in detaining the ship or aircraft.

Jurisdiction of High Court

(3AAB) Nothing in subsection (3AAA) is intended to affect the jurisdiction of the High Court under section 75 of the Constitution.

Powers of officers in respect of people found on detained ships or aircraft

(3A) If an officer detains a ship or aircraft under this section, the officer may:

(a) detain any person found on the ship or aircraft and bring the person, or cause the person to be brought, to the migration zone (within the meaning of the *Migration Act 1958*); or

(b) take the person, or cause the person to be taken, to a place outside Australia.

The definition of ***place outside Australia*** in subsection 4(1) does not apply for the purposes of paragraph (b).

Powers to move people

(3AA) For the purpose of moving a person under subsection (3A), an officer may, within or outside Australia:

(a) place the person on a ship or aircraft; or

(b) restrain the person on a ship or aircraft; or

(c) remove the person from a ship or aircraft.

Protection if officers etc. act in good faith

(3AB) Proceedings, whether civil or criminal, may not be instituted or continued, in respect of any action taken under subsection (3AA), against the Commonwealth, an officer or any person assisting an officer if the officer or person who took the action acted in good faith and used no more force than was authorised by subsection (3B).

Use of necessary and reasonable force

(3B) An officer may use such force as is necessary and reasonable in the exercise of a power under this section.

Limit on use of force to board and search ships or aircraft

(3C) In boarding and searching the ship or aircraft and searching or examining goods found on the ship or aircraft, an officer must not damage the ship, aircraft or goods by forcing open a part of the ship, aircraft or goods unless:

(a) the person (if any) apparently in charge of the ship or aircraft has been given a reasonable opportunity to open that part or the goods; or

(b) it is not reasonably practicable to give that person such an opportunity.

This subsection has effect despite paragraphs (2)(a) and (b) and subsection (3B).

Limit on use of force to arrest or detain person on ships or aircraft

(3D) In arresting or detaining a person found on the ship or aircraft, an officer:

(a) must not use more force, or subject the person to greater indignity, than is necessary and reasonable to make the arrest or detention or to prevent the person escaping after the arrest or detention; and

(b) must not do anything likely to cause the person grievous bodily harm unless the officer believes on reasonable grounds that doing the thing is necessary to protect life or prevent serious injury of another person (including the officer).

This subsection has effect despite paragraph (2)(d) and subsection (3B).

Limit on use of force to arrest fleeing person

(3E) In arresting a person found on the ship or aircraft who is fleeing to escape arrest, an officer must not do anything likely to cause the person grievous bodily harm unless:

(a) the person has, if practicable, been called on to surrender and the officer believes on reasonable grounds that the person cannot be apprehended in any other way; or

(b) the officer believes on reasonable grounds that doing the thing is necessary to protect life or prevent serious injury of another person (including the officer).

This subsection applies in addition to subsection (3D) and has effect despite paragraph (2)(d) and subsection (3B).

If ship covered by agreement, officer may exercise other powers

(3F) If:

(a) an officer is satisfied that the ship is a foreign ship that is entitled to fly the flag of a country; and

(b) Australia has an agreement or arrangement with that country which enables the exercise of Australian jurisdiction over ships of that country;

then the officer may exercise any powers prescribed by the regulations consistently with the agreement or arrangement in relation to the ship or persons found on the ship.

Complying with requirement by officer

(4) A person shall not refuse or fail to comply with a requirement made by an officer under this section.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

Reasonable excuse for non-compliance

(4AA) Subsection (4) does not apply if the person has a reasonable excuse.

Evidence may be used in prosecutions etc.

(4A) To avoid doubt, if, when exercising powers under this section, an officer obtains evidence of the commission of an offence against a law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory, then that evidence may be used, or given to another body for use, in:

(a) investigating the offence; or

(b) proceedings for the prosecution for the offence.

However, this subsection does not override or limit the operation of a law of a State about the evidence that may be used in

proceedings for the prosecution for an offence against a law of that State.

Definition of officer

(5) In this section, ***officer*** means an officer within the meaning of subsection 4(1), and includes:

(a) any person who is in command, or a member of the crew, of:

(i) the ship or aircraft from which the relevant request under section 184A or 184D was made; or

(ii) a ship or aircraft that was used under section 184B or 184C to chase the ship in relation to which this section applies; and

(b) a police officer or a member of the Australian Defence Force.

Interpretation

(6) In this section:

(a) a reference to a person found on the ship or aircraft includes a reference to a person suspected on reasonable grounds by an officer of having landed from or left the ship or aircraft; and

(b) a reference to goods found on the ship or aircraft includes a reference to goods suspected on reasonable grounds by an officer of having been removed from the ship or aircraft.

185A Boarding of certain ships on the high seas

Application of section

(1) This section applies to a ship if:

(a) a request has been made under:

(i) subsection 184A(8) (request to board a ship of a country with which Australia has an agreement); or

(ii) subsection 184A(9) (request to board a ship without nationality); and

(b) the ship is:

(i) outside the outer edge of the contiguous zone of Australia; and

(ii) outside the territorial sea of any country (including Australia).

Powers to establish the identity of the ship

(2) An officer may:

(a) board the ship; and

(b) ask all persons found on the ship questions about:

(i) the identity of the ship; and

(ii) the voyage of the ship; and

(c) require all persons found on the ship to produce documents relevant to:

(i) finding out the identity of the ship; or

(ii) the voyage of the ship; and

(d) require the master or a member of the master's crew to show the commander or a member of the commander's crew readings of the ship's navigation instruments relating to the voyage of the ship.

Officer discovers that the ship is an Australian ship

(3) If, after exercising the powers in subsection (2), the officer is satisfied that the ship is an Australian ship, then section 185 applies to the ship.

Note: If section 185 applies to a ship, then the officer will be able to exercise all of the powers under that section in relation to the ship.

Officer confirms that the ship is covered by an agreement etc.

(4) If:

(a) after exercising the powers in subsection (2), the officer is satisfied that the ship is a foreign ship that is entitled to fly the flag of a country; and

(b) Australia has an agreement or arrangement with that country which enables the exercise of Australian jurisdiction over ships of that country;

then the officer may exercise the powers prescribed by the regulations consistently with that agreement or arrangement.

Officer discovers that the ship is not covered by an agreement etc.

(5) If:

(a) after exercising the powers in subsection (2), the officer is satisfied that the ship is a foreign ship that is entitled to fly the flag of a country; and

(b) Australia does not have an agreement or arrangement with that country which enables the exercise of Australian jurisdiction over ships of that country;

then the officer must leave the ship as soon as is practicable.

Officer confirms that the ship is without nationality

(6) If, after exercising the powers in subsection (2), the officer is satisfied that the ship is a foreign ship that:

(a) is not entitled to fly the flag of a country; or

(b) has been flying the flag of a country that it is not entitled to fly; or

(c) has been flying the flag of more than one country;

then the officer may search the ship and seize without warrant any narcotic goods found on the ship.

*Definition of **officer***

(7) In this section, ***officer*** has the meaning given by subsection 4(1), and includes any person who is in command, or a member of the crew, of:

(a) the ship from which the relevant request under section 184A was made; or

(b) a ship that was used under section 184B to chase the ship in relation to which this section applies.

185AA Searches of people on certain ships or aircraft

(1) For the purposes set out in subsection (2), a person, and the person's clothing and any property under the immediate control of the person, may, without warrant, be searched if the person:

(a) is on a ship or aircraft that has been detained under subsection 185(3); or

(b) has been placed on a ship or aircraft under subsection 185(3AA).

(2) The purpose for which a person, and the person's clothing and any property under the immediate control of the person, may be searched under this section is to find out whether the person is carrying, or there is hidden on the person, in the clothing or in the property, a weapon or other thing capable of being used to inflict bodily injury or to help the person to escape.

Note: Division 1B of Part XII provides search powers in respect of certain persons suspected of unlawfully carrying prohibited goods.

(3) If, in the course of a search under this section, a weapon or other thing referred to in subsection (2) is found, an officer:

(a) may take possession of the weapon or other thing; and

(b) may retain the weapon or other thing for such time as he or she thinks necessary for the purposes of this Act.

(4) This section does not authorise an officer, or another person conducting a search pursuant to subsection (5), to remove any of the person's clothing, or to require a person to remove any of his or her clothing, except the person's outer garments (including but not limited to the person's overcoat, coat, jacket, gloves, shoes and head covering).

(5) A search under this section of a person, and the person's clothing, must be conducted by:

(a) an officer of the same sex as the person; or

(b) in a case where an officer of the same sex as the person is not available to conduct the search—any other person who is of the same sex and:

(i) is requested by an officer; and

(ii) agrees;

to conduct the search.

(6) An action or proceeding, whether civil or criminal, does not lie against a person who, at the request of an officer, conducts a search under this section if the person acts in good faith and does not contravene subsection (7).

(7) An officer or other person who conducts a search under this section must not use more force, or subject a person to greater indignity, than is reasonably necessary in order to conduct the search.

(8) In this section, ***officer*** has the same meaning as it has in section 185.

185AB Returning persons to ships

(1) An officer, or a person assisting an officer, may return to a ship that is detained under section 185 a person who:

(a) was on the ship when it was initially detained under section 185; and

(b) later leaves the ship.

For this purpose, reasonable means, including reasonable force, may be used by the officer or another person.

(2) A person may only be returned to a ship under subsection (1) if the officer or person assisting is satisfied that it is safe to return the person to the ship.

(3) In this section, ***officer*** has the same meaning as it has in section 185.

185B Moving or destroying hazardous ships etc. [*see* Note 6]

Application of section to ships in Australia

(1) This section applies to a ship that is in Australia and that an officer reasonably suspects is or has been involved in a contravention or an attempted contravention, either in or outside Australia, of this Act or a prescribed Act.

Application of section to ships outside Australia

(2) This section also applies to a ship that is outside Australia if:

(a) an officer has detained it under subsection 185(3); and

(b) in the case of an Australian ship—the officer reasonably suspects it is or has been involved in a contravention or an

attempted contravention, either in or outside Australia, of this Act or a prescribed Act; and

(c) in the case of a foreign ship—the officer reasonably suspects it is or has been involved in a contravention:

(i) in Australia of this Act or a prescribed Act; or

(ii) in Australia's exclusive economic zone of a prescribed Act.

When ship may be destroyed or moved

(3) The CEO may direct an officer to move, destroy, or move and destroy the ship, or cause such thing to be done, if the CEO has reasonable grounds to believe any of the following:

(a) that the ship is unseaworthy;

(b) that the ship poses a serious risk to navigation, quarantine, safety or public health;

(c) that the ship poses a serious risk of damage to property or the environment.

(4) The CEO may direct an officer to destroy, or move and destroy, the ship, or cause such thing to be done, if the CEO has reasonable grounds to believe that the ship is in such poor condition that its custody or maintenance by the Commonwealth would involve an expense that would be likely to be greater than its value.

Giving of notice after the ship has been destroyed

(5) As soon as practicable, but not later than 7 days after the ship has been destroyed, the CEO must give a written notice to:

(a) the owner of the ship; or

(b) if the owner cannot be identified after reasonable inquiry—the person in whose possession or under whose control the ship was when it was detained or located.

(6) The notice must state:

(a) that the ship has been destroyed under subsection (3) or (4); and

(b) the reason for the destruction; and

(c) that compensation may be payable under section 4AB.

Note: A person may be paid compensation under section 4AB if the destruction of the ship results in an acquisition of property (within the meaning of paragraph 51(xxxi) of the Constitution).

Failure to give notice not to affect validity

(7) A failure to give a notice under this section does not affect the validity of the ship's destruction.

Section to override certain other provisions

(8) This section applies despite Subdivisions D and G (other than section 205G) of Division 1 of Part XII.

(9) In this section, ***officer*** includes a member of the Australian Defence Force.

186 General powers of examination of goods subject to Customs control [*see* Note 6]

(1) Any officer may, subject to subsections (2) and (3), examine any goods subject to the control of the Customs, and the expense of the examination including the cost of removal to the place of examination shall be borne by the owner.

(2) In the exercise of the power to examine goods, the officer of Customs may do, or arrange for another officer of Customs or other person having the necessary experience to do, whatever is reasonably necessary to permit the examination of the goods concerned.

(3) Without limiting the generality of subsection (2), examples of what may be done in the examination of goods include the following:

(a) opening any package in which goods are or may be contained;

(b) using a device, such as an X-ray machine or ion scanning equipment, on the goods;

(c) testing or analysing the goods;

(d) measuring or counting the goods;

(e) if the goods are a document—reading the document either directly or with the use of an electronic device;

(f) using dogs to assist in examining the goods.

186A Power to make copies of, and take extracts from, documents in certain circumstances

(1) If:

(a) a document is examined under section 186; and

(b) as a result of that examination, an officer of Customs is satisfied that the document or part of the document may contain information relevant to:

(i) an importation or exportation, or to a proposed importation or exportation, of prohibited goods; or

(ii) the commission or attempted commission of any other offence against this Act or of any offence against a prescribed Act;

the officer of Customs may make a copy of, or take an extract from, the document, or arrange for another officer of Customs or other person having the necessary experience, to make such a copy or take such an extract.

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a copy may be made of, or an extract taken from, a document:

(a) by photocopying the document or a part of the document; or

(b) by photographing the document or a part of the document; or

(c) by electronically scanning the document or a part of the document; or

(d) by making an electronic copy of information contained in the document or a part of the document; or

(e) by making a written copy of information contained in the document or a part of the document.

186B Compensation for damage caused by copying

(1) If an activity undertaken in relation to the copying of a document, or the taking of an extract from a document, causes its loss or destruction or causes damage to the document, and the loss or destruction or the damage occurred wholly or partly as a result of:

(a) insufficient care being exercised in selecting the person to undertake the activity; or

(b) insufficient care being exercised by the person undertaking the activity;

compensation for the damage is payable to the owner of the documents concerned.

(2) Compensation is payable out of money appropriated by the Parliament for the purpose.

(3) In this section, a reference either to the loss or destruction of a document, or to damage to a document, includes a reference to the erasure or addition of electronic data or the corruption of such data.

187 Power to board and search

(1) An officer may:

(a) board any ship or aircraft;

(b) board any Australian resources installation:

(i) that is subject to the control of the Customs;

(ii) at which there is a ship or aircraft that has come to the installation from a place outside Australia; or

(iii) on which an officer has reasonable grounds to believe there are goods that are subject to the control of the Customs;

(c) board a resources installation (other than an Australian resources installation) in respect of which permission under section 5A has been granted;

(d) board any Australian sea installation:

(i) that is subject to the control of Customs;

(ii) at which there is a ship or aircraft that has come to the installation from parts beyond the seas; or

(iii) on which an officer has reasonable grounds to believe there are goods that are subject to the control of the Customs;

(e) board a sea installation (other than an Australian sea installation) in respect of which permission under section 5B has been granted;

(f) search any ship or aircraft or an installation of the kind referred to in paragraph (b), (c), (d) or (e); or

(g) secure any goods on any ship or aircraft or on any installation of the kind referred to in paragraph (b), (c), (d) or (e).

(2) A reference in subsection (1) to a ship or aircraft is a reference to a ship or aircraft to which section 185 does not apply.

188 Boarding

(1) The power of an officer to board shall extend to staying on board any ship, aircraft or installation and the Collector may station an officer on board any ship, aircraft or installation, and the master or pilot shall provide sleeping accommodation in the cabin and suitable and sufficient food for such officer.

Penalty: $500.

(2) Subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

189 Searching

The power of an officer to search shall extend to every part of any ship, aircraft or installation, and shall authorize the opening of any package, locker, or place and the examination of all goods.

189A Officers may carry arms in certain circumstances

(1) Subject to any directions from the CEO, an authorised arms issuing officer:

(a) may issue approved firearms and other approved items of personal defence equipment to officers authorised to carry arms, for the purpose of:

(i) enabling the use, by such officers, of a firearm in the circumstances set out in subsection 184B(6) or 184C(3); or

(ii) enabling the safe exercise, by such officers, of powers conferred on them under this Act or any other Act; and

(b) must take all reasonable steps to ensure that approved firearms, and other approved items of personal defence equipment, that are available for issue under paragraph (a),

are kept in secure storage at all times when not required for use.

(2) Without limiting the matters that may be the subject of directions under subsection 4(4) of the *Customs Administration Act 1985* as modified by section 183UC, the CEO may give directions under that modified subsection relating to the deployment of approved firearms and other approved items of personal defence equipment under this section. The directions may deal with:

(a) the circumstances in which approved firearms and other approved items of personal defence equipment may be issued; and

(b) the circumstances in which such firearms and other items of equipment are to be recalled; and

(c) the circumstances in which such firearms and other items of equipment can be used and the manner of their use; and

(d) the nature of the secure storage of such firearms and other items of equipment when recalled; and

(e) any other matters relating to the deployment of such firearms and other items of equipment the CEO thinks appropriate.

(3) An officer is not required under, or by reason of, a law of a State or Territory:

(a) to obtain a licence or permission for the possession or use of an approved firearm or approved item of personal defence equipment; or

(b) to register such a firearm or other item of equipment.

(4) Nothing in this section affects the operation of any other provision of, or of the regulations under, this Act to the extent that that provision relates to the use of firearms in circumstances other than the circumstances referred to in this section.

(5) In this section:

approved firearm means a firearm of a kind declared by the regulations to be an approved firearm for the purposes of this section.

approved item of personal defence equipment means an extendable baton, an oleoresin capsicum spray or anti-ballistic

clothing, and includes any other item that is declared by the regulations to be an approved item of personal defence equipment for the purposes of this section.

authorised arms issuing officer means an officer of Customs authorised, in writing, by the CEO to exercise the powers or perform the functions of an authorised arms issuing officer under this section.

officer authorised to carry arms means an officer of Customs who is authorised, in writing, by the CEO to use approved firearms and approved items of personal defence equipment issued by an authorised arms issuing officer for either or both of the purposes specified in subparagraphs (1)(a)(i) and (ii) of this section.

190 Securing goods

The power of an officer to secure any goods shall extend to fastening down hatchways and other openings into the hold and locking up, sealing, marking or otherwise securing any goods.

191 Seals etc. not to be broken

(1) No fastening, lock, mark, or seal placed by an officer upon any goods or upon any door hatchway opening or place upon any ship, aircraft or installation shall be opened, altered, broken or erased whilst the goods upon which the fastening, lock, mark, or seal is placed or which are intended to be secured thereby shall remain subject to the control of the Customs.

Penalty: $5,000.

(2) Subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply to an opening, alteration, breaking or erasure by authority.

Note: For ***by authority***, see subsection 4(1).

192 Seals etc. on ship or aircraft in port bound to another port within Commonwealth

No fastening, lock, mark, or seal placed by an officer upon any goods or upon any door, hatchway, opening, or place for the purpose of securing any stores upon any ship or aircraft which has arrived in any port or airport from parts beyond the seas and which is bound to any other port or airport within the Commonwealth shall be opened, altered, broken, or erased; and if any ship or aircraft enters any port or airport with any such fastening, lock, mark, or seal opened, altered, broken, or erased contrary to this section, the master or pilot shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Penalty: $5,000.

(2) Subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply to an opening, alteration, breaking or erasure by authority.

Note: For ***by authority***, see subsection 4(1).

193 Officers may patrol coasts etc.

Any officer and any person in his aid when on duty may patrol upon and pass freely along and over any part of the coast or any railway or any airport or the shores, banks, or beaches of any port bay harbour lake or river.

194 Ships on service may be moored in any place

The officer in charge for the time being of any ship employed in the service of the Customs may haul any such ship upon any part of the coast or the shores banks or beaches of any port bay harbour lake or river and may moor any such ship thereon and continue such ship so moored as aforesaid for such time as he shall deem necessary.

195 Power to question passengers etc.

(1) An officer of Customs may question:

(a) any person who is on board a ship or an aircraft or an installation of the kind referred to in paragraph 187(b), (c), (d) or (e);

(b) any person who has, or who the officer has reason to believe has, got off a ship or out of an aircraft; or

(c) any person who the officer has reason to believe is about to board a ship or an aircraft;

as to whether that person or any child or other person accompanying him has on his person, in his baggage or otherwise with him any:

(d) dutiable goods;

(e) excisable goods; or

(f) prohibited goods.

(2) A person shall answer questions put to him in pursuance of subsection (1).

Penalty: $1,000.

(3) Subsection (2) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

196C Power to question persons claiming packages [*see* Note 5]

(1) Before an officer of Customs decides whether or not to authorise the delivery into home consumption of goods referred to in subsection 71(1), the officer may:

(a) request the person to state his full name and residential address;

(b) ask the person whether he is the owner of the goods;

(c) where the person states that he is not the owner of the goods, request the person to state the full name and residential address of the owner of the goods; and

(d) request the person to produce evidence of the correctness of the information given by him in compliance with a request made of him in pursuance of paragraph (a) or (c).

(2) A person shall not refuse or fail to comply with a request made of him, or to answer a question put to him, in pursuance of subsection (1).

Penalty: $1,000.

(2A) Subsection (2) does not apply if the person has a reasonable excuse.

(3) Where a person refuses or fails to comply with a request made of him, or to answer a question put to him, by an officer of Customs in pursuance of subsection (1), the officer may:

(a) detain the person for the purposes of establishing his identity; or

(b) if the officer believes on reasonable grounds that there is no reasonable excuse for the person refusing or failing to so comply, detain the person and take him, without undue delay, before a magistrate to be charged with an offence against subsection (2).

(4) In this section, ***owner***, in relation to goods, means a person who has an interest in the goods.

197 Power to stop conveyances about to leave a Customs place

(1) If a conveyance is about to leave a Customs place, an officer of Customs may:

(a) require the conveyance to stop; and

(b) check to establish that there is appropriate documentation authorising the movement from the Customs place of any goods in or on the conveyance that are subject to the control of Customs within the meaning of section 30.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), an officer of Customs may question the person apparently in charge of the conveyance about any goods in, on, or in a container on, the conveyance.

(3) The power in paragraph (1)(b) includes a power to give directions relating to:

(a) the unloading of any goods from the conveyance; or

(b) their movement to a particular part of the Customs place for further examination.

(4) If a direction under subsection (3) is not complied with, an officer of Customs may do what is necessary to give effect to the direction or to arrange for it to be done.

(5) An officer of Customs must not detain a conveyance under this section for longer than is necessary and reasonable to exercise the powers conferred by this section.

(6) A person in charge of a conveyance is guilty of an offence if:
(a) the conveyance is about to leave a Customs place; and
(b) an officer of Customs requires the conveyance to stop; and
(c) the person does not stop the conveyance as so required.

Penalty: 45 penalty units.

(7) This offence is an offence of strict liability.

Subdivision C—Search warrants in respect of things believed to be evidential material

198 When search warrants can be issued

(1) A judicial officer may issue a warrant to search premises if the judicial officer is satisfied by information on oath that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that there is, or within the next 72 hours there will be, any evidential material, other than evidential material that is also a forfeited good, on or in the premises.

(2) If:
(a) the person applying for the warrant has, at any time previously, applied for a warrant relating to the search of, or the seizure of goods that are on or in, the same premises; and
(b) the premises are not a Customs place;
the person must state particulars of those applications and their outcome in the information.

(3) If a judicial officer issues a warrant, the judicial officer is to state in the warrant:
(a) the offence to which the warrant relates; and

(b) a description of the premises to which the warrant relates; and

(c) the kind of evidential material that is to be searched for under the warrant; and

(d) the name of the authorised person who, unless he or she inserts the name of another authorised person in the warrant, is to be responsible for executing the warrant; and

(e) the time at which the warrant expires (see subsection (3A)); and

(f) whether the warrant may be executed at any time or only during particular hours.

(3A) The time stated in the warrant under paragraph (3)(e) as the time at which the warrant expires must be a time that is not later than the end of the seventh day after the day on which the warrant is issued.

Example: If a warrant is issued at 3 pm on a Monday, the expiry time specified must not be later than midnight on Monday in the following week.

(4) The judicial officer is also to state in the warrant:

(a) that it authorises the seizure of things (other than evidential material of the kind referred to in paragraph (3)(c)) found on or in the premises in the course of the search that the executing officer or a person assisting believes on reasonable grounds:

(i) to be evidential material in relation to an offence to which the warrant relates or to another offence; and

(ii) not to be forfeited goods;

if the executing officer or person assisting believes on reasonable grounds that seizure of the things is necessary to prevent their concealment, loss or destruction or their use in committing an offence; and

(b) whether the warrant authorises an ordinary search or a frisk search of a person who is at or near the premises when the warrant is executed, if the executing officer or a person assisting suspects on reasonable grounds that the person has any evidential material in his or her possession.

(5) Paragraph (3)(e) and subsection (3A) do not prevent the issue of successive warrants in relation to the same premises.

(6) If the application for the warrant is made under section 203M, this section (other than subsection (3A)) applies as if:

(a) subsection (1) referred to 48 hours rather than 72 hours; and

(b) paragraph (3)(e) required the judicial officer to state in the warrant the period for which the warrant is to remain in force, which must not be more than 48 hours.

(7) A judicial officer of a particular State or Territory may issue a warrant in respect of the search of premises in another State or Territory.

(8) This section is not to be taken to limit any power of search granted to an officer of Customs under any other provision of a law of Customs within the meaning of the *Customs Administration Act 1985*.

199 The things that are authorised by a search warrant

(1) A search warrant that is in force in relation to premises authorises the executing officer or a person assisting:

(a) to enter the warrant premises; and

(b) to search for and to record fingerprints found on or in the premises, and take samples of things (other than human biological fluid or tissue) found on or in the premises for forensic purposes; and

(c) to search the premises for the kind of evidential material specified in the warrant, and to seize things of that kind found on or in the premises; and

(d) to seize other things found on or in the premises in the course of the search that the executing officer or a person assisting believes on reasonable grounds:

(i) to be evidential material in relation to an offence to which the warrant relates or to another offence; and

(ii) not to be forfeited goods;

if the executing officer or person assisting believes on reasonable grounds that seizure of the things is necessary to prevent their concealment, loss or destruction or their use in committing an offence; and

(e) if the warrant so allows:

(i) to conduct an ordinary search or a frisk search of a person at or near the premises if the executing officer or a person assisting suspects on reasonable grounds that the person has any evidential material in his or her possession; and

(ii) to seize any such material found in the course of the search.

(2) Without limiting the generality of the powers conferred by a warrant issued in respect of premises that are not a conveyance or a container, the warrant extends to every conveyance or container on the premises.

(3) Without limiting the generality of the powers conferred by a warrant issued in respect of premises that are a conveyance, the warrant:

(a) permits entry of the conveyance, wherever it is; and

(b) extends to every container on the conveyance.

(4) A warrant issued in respect of premises that are a container permits entry of the container, wherever it is, to the extent that it is of a size permitting entry.

(5) If the warrant states that it may be executed only during particular hours, the warrant must not be executed outside those hours.

(6) If the warrant authorises an ordinary search or a frisk search of a person, a search of the person different to that so authorised must not be done under the warrant.

200 Use of equipment to examine or process things

(1) The executing officer or a person assisting may bring to the warrant premises any equipment reasonably necessary for the examination or processing of a thing found on or in the premises in order to determine whether it is a thing that may be seized under the warrant.

(2) A thing found at the premises may be moved to another place for examination or processing in order to determine whether it may be seized under a warrant if:

(a) both of the following apply:

(i) it is significantly more practicable to do so having regard to the timeliness and cost of examining or processing the thing at another place and the availability of expert assistance;

(ii) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the thing contains or constitutes evidential material; or

(b) the occupier of the premises consents in writing.

(3) If a thing is moved to another place for the purpose of examination or processing under subsection (2), the executing officer must, if it is practicable to do so:

(a) inform the occupier of the address of the place and the time at which the examination or processing will be carried out; and

(b) allow the occupier or his or her representative to be present during the examination or processing.

(3A) The thing may be moved to another place for examination or processing for no longer than 72 hours.

(3B) An executing officer may apply to a judicial officer for one or more extensions of that time if the executing officer believes on reasonable grounds that the thing cannot be examined or processed within 72 hours or that time as previously extended.

(3C) The executing officer must give notice of the application to the occupier of the premises, and the occupier is entitled to be heard in relation to the application.

(4) The executing officer or a person assisting may operate equipment already on or in the warrant premises to carry out the examination or processing of a thing found on or in the premises in order to determine whether it is a thing that may be seized under the warrant if the executing officer or person assisting believes on reasonable grounds that:

(a) the equipment is suitable for the examination or processing; and

(b) the examination or processing can be carried out without damage to the equipment or the thing.

201 Use of electronic equipment on or in premises

(1) The executing officer or a person assisting may operate electronic equipment at the warrant premises to access data (including data not held at the premises) if he or she believes on reasonable grounds that:

(a) the data might constitute evidential material; and

(b) the equipment can be operated without damaging it.

Note: An executing officer can obtain an order requiring a person with knowledge of a computer or computer system to provide assistance: see section 201A.

(1A) If the executing officer or person assisting believes on reasonable grounds that any data accessed by operating the electronic equipment might constitute evidential material, he or she may:

(a) copy the data to a disk, tape or other associated device brought to the premises; or

(b) if the occupier of the premises agrees in writing—copy the data to a disk, tape or other associated device at the premises;

and take the device from the premises.

(1B) If:

(a) the executing officer or person assisting takes the device from the premises; and

(b) the CEO is satisfied that the data is not required (or is no longer required) for:

(i) investigating an offence against the law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory; or

(ii) judicial proceedings or administrative review proceedings; or

(iii) investigating or resolving a complaint under the *Ombudsman Act 1976* or the *Privacy Act 1988*;

the CEO must arrange for:

(c) the removal of the data from any device in the control of Customs; and

(d) the destruction of any other reproduction of the data in the control of Customs.

(2) If the executing officer or a person assisting, after operating the equipment, finds that evidential material is accessible by doing so, he or she may:

(a) seize the equipment and any disk, tape or other associated device; or

(b) if the material can, by using facilities on or in the premises, be put in documentary form—operate the facilities to put the material in that form and seize the documents so produced.

(3) The executing officer or a person assisting may seize equipment under paragraph (2)(a) only if it is not practicable to copy the material as mentioned in subsection (1A) or to put the material in documentary form as mentioned in paragraph (2)(b).

(4) If the executing officer or a person assisting believes on reasonable grounds that:

(a) evidential material may be accessible by operating electronic equipment on or in the premises; and

(b) expert assistance is required to operate the equipment; and

(c) if he or she does not take action under this subsection, the material may be destroyed, altered or otherwise interfered with;

he or she may do whatever is necessary to secure the equipment, whether by locking it up, placing a guard or otherwise.

(5) The executing officer or a person assisting must give notice to the occupier of the premises of his or her intention to secure equipment and of the fact that the equipment may be secured for up to 24 hours.

(6) The equipment may be secured:

(a) for a period not exceeding 24 hours; or

(b) until the equipment has been operated by the expert;

whichever first occurs.

(7) If the executing officer or a person assisting believes on reasonable grounds that the expert assistance will not be available within 24 hours, he or she may apply to a judicial officer for an extension of that period.

(8) The executing officer or a person assisting must give notice to the occupier of the premises of his or her intention to apply for an extension, and the occupier is entitled to be heard in relation to the application.

(9) The provisions of this Subdivision relating to the issue of warrants apply, with such modifications as are necessary, to the issuing of an extension.

201A Person with knowledge of a computer or a computer system to assist access etc.

(1) An executing officer may apply to a magistrate for an order requiring a specified person to provide any information or assistance that is reasonable and necessary to allow the officer to do one or more of the following:

(a) access data held in, or accessible from, a computer that is on warrant premises;

(b) copy the data to a data storage device;

(c) convert the data into documentary form.

(2) The magistrate may grant the order if the magistrate is satisfied that:

(a) there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that evidential material is held in, or is accessible from, the computer; and

(b) the specified person is:

(i) reasonably suspected of having committed the offence stated in the relevant warrant; or

(ii) the owner or lessee of the computer; or

(iii) an employee of the owner or lessee of the computer; and

(c) the specified person has relevant knowledge of:

(i) the computer or a computer network of which the computer forms a part; or

(ii) measures applied to protect data held in, or accessible from, the computer.

(3) A person commits an offence if the person fails to comply with the order.

Penalty: 6 months imprisonment.

201B Accessing data held on other premises—notification to occupier of that premises

(1) If:

(a) data that is held on premises other than the warrant premises is accessed under subsection 201(1); and

(b) it is practicable to notify the occupier of the other premises that the data has been accessed under a warrant;

the executing officer must:

(c) do so as soon as practicable; and

(d) if the executing officer has arranged, or intends to arrange, for continued access to the data under subsection 201(1A) or (2)—include that information in the notification.

(2) A notification under subsection (1) must include sufficient information to allow the occupier of the other premises to contact the executing officer.

202 Compensation for damage to equipment or data

(1) If:

(a) damage is caused to equipment as a result of it being operated as mentioned in section 200 or 201; or

(b) the data recorded on or accessible from the equipment is damaged;

and the damage was caused as a result of:

(c) insufficient care being exercised in selecting the person who was to operate the equipment; or

(d) insufficient care being exercised by the person operating the equipment;

compensation for the damage is payable to the owner of the equipment or the user of the data concerned.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), damage to data includes damage by erasure of data or addition of other data.

(3) Compensation is payable out of money appropriated by the Parliament for the purpose.

(4) In determining the amount of compensation payable, regard is to be had to whether the occupier of the premises and his or her employees and agents, if they were available at the time, had provided any warning or guidance as to the operation of the equipment that was appropriate in the circumstances.

202A Copies of seized things to be provided

(1) Subject to subsection (2), if the executing officer or a person assisting seizes, under a warrant relating to premises:

(a) a document, film, computer file or other thing that can be readily copied; or

(b) a storage device, the information in which can be readily copied;

the executing officer or person assisting must, if requested to do so by the occupier of the premises or another person who apparently represents the occupier and who is present when the warrant is executed, give a copy of the document, film, computer file, thing or information to that person as soon as practicable after the seizure.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply if:

(a) the thing that has been seized was seized under subsection 201(1A) or paragraph 201(2)(b); or

(b) possession by the occupier of the document, film, computer file, thing or information could constitute an offence.

Subdivision D—Seizure of goods believed to be forfeited goods

203 When seizure warrants can be issued [*see* Note 6]

(1) A judicial officer may issue a warrant to seize goods on or in particular premises if the judicial officer is satisfied by information on oath that an authorised person:

(a) has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the goods:

(i) are forfeited goods; and

(ii) are, or within the next 72 hours will be, on or in the premises; and

(b) has demonstrated the necessity, in all the circumstances, for seizure of the goods.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to the seizure of goods under section 203B or 203C.

(3) In considering whether the authorised person has demonstrated the necessity, in all the circumstances, for seizure of the goods, the judicial officer may have regard to, but is not limited to, consideration of the following factors:

(a) the seriousness or otherwise of any offence by reason of the commission of which the goods are believed to be forfeited goods;

(b) the circumstances in which any such offence is believed to have been committed;

(c) the pecuniary or other penalty that might be imposed for any such offence;

(d) the nature, quality, quantity and estimated value of the goods;

(e) whether administrative penalties might be imposed in respect of the goods;

(f) the inconvenience or cost to any person having a legal or equitable interest in the goods if they were seized.

(4) If:

(a) the person applying for the warrant has, at any time previously, applied for a warrant relating to the search of, or seizure of goods that are on or in, the same premises; and

(b) the premises are not a Customs place;

the person must state particulars of those applications and their outcome in the information.

(5) If a judicial officer issues a warrant, the judicial officer is to state in the warrant:

(a) a description of the goods to which the warrant relates; and

(b) a description of the premises on or in which the goods are believed to be located; and

(c) the name of the authorised person who, unless that authorised person inserts the name of another authorised person in the warrant, is to be responsible for executing the warrant; and

(d) the time at which the warrant expires (see subsection (5A)); and

(e) whether the warrant may be executed at any time or only during particular hours.

(5A) The time stated in the warrant under paragraph (5)(d) as the time at which the warrant expires must be a time that is not later than the end of the seventh day after the day on which the warrant is issued.

Example: If a warrant is issued at 3 pm on a Monday, the expiry time specified must not be later than midnight on Monday in the following week.

(6) The judicial officer is also to state in the warrant:

(a) that it authorises the seizure of goods (other than forfeited goods of the kind referred to in paragraph (5)(a)) found on or in the premises in the course of the search that the executing officer or a person assisting believes on reasonable grounds to be special forfeited goods; and

(b) whether the warrant authorises an ordinary search or a frisk search of a person who is at or near the premises when the warrant is executed, if the executing officer or a person assisting suspects on reasonable grounds that the person has any forfeited goods of the kind referred to in paragraph (5)(a) or any special forfeited goods in his or her possession.

(7) Paragraph (5)(d) and subsection (5A) do not prevent the issue of successive warrants in relation to the same premises.

(8) If the application for the warrant is made under section 203M, this section (other than subsection (5A)) applies as if:

(a) subsection (1) referred to 48 hours rather than 72 hours; and

(b) paragraph (5)(d) required the judicial officer to state in the warrant the period for which the warrant is to remain in force, which must not be more than 48 hours.

(9) A judicial officer of a particular State or Territory may issue a warrant in respect of the seizure of goods on or in premises in another State or Territory.

203A The things that are authorised by seizure warrants [*see* Note 6]

(1) A seizure warrant that is in force in relation to premises authorises the executing officer or a person assisting:

(a) to enter the warrant premises; and

(b) to search for the goods described in the warrant; and

(c) to seize the goods described in the warrant; and

(d) to seize other goods:

(i) that are found on or in the premises in the course of searching for the goods the subject of the warrant; and

(ii) that the executing officer or a person assisting believes on reasonable grounds to be special forfeited goods; and

(e) if the warrant so allows:

(i) to conduct an ordinary search or a frisk search of a person at or near the premises if the executing officer or a person assisting suspects on reasonable grounds that the person has any goods that are goods the subject of the warrant or special forfeited goods in his or her possession; and

(ii) to seize any such goods found in the course of that search.

(2) Without limiting the generality of the powers conferred by a warrant issued in respect of premises that are not a conveyance or a container, the warrant extends to every conveyance or container on the premises.

(3) Without limiting the generality of the powers conferred by a warrant issued in respect of premises that are a conveyance, the warrant:

(a) permits entry of the conveyance, wherever it is; and

(b) extends to every container on the conveyance.

(4) A warrant issued in respect of premises that are a container permits entry of the container, wherever it is, to the extent that it is of a size permitting entry.

(5) If the warrant states that it may be executed only during particular hours, the warrant must not be executed outside those hours.

(6) If the warrant authorises an ordinary search or a frisk search of a person, a search of the person different to that so authorised must not be done under the warrant.

203B Seizure without warrant of special forfeited goods, or of evidential material relating to special forfeited goods, at a Customs place

(1) This section applies in 2 circumstances, namely:

(a) in a circumstance where an authorised person suspects on reasonable grounds that there are special forfeited goods:

(i) at, or in a container (other than a designated container in the immediate physical possession of a person to whom subparagraph (b)(i) applies) at, a Customs place; or

(ii) in, on, or in a container (other than a designated container in the immediate physical possession of a person to whom subparagraph (b)(i) applies) on, a conveyance at a Customs place; or

(b) in a circumstance where a person:

(i) is at a Customs place that is also a designated place; and

(ii) has a designated container, or has goods reasonably suspected by an authorised person to be special forfeited goods, in his or her immediate physical possession; but

(iii) is not carrying that container or those goods on his or her body.

Note 1: ***Container*** and ***designated container*** have special definitions for the purposes only of this Division.

Note 2: The baggage of a passenger entering or leaving Australia or of the captain or crew of a vessel or aircraft so entering or leaving is not a designated container.

Note 3: To determine the question whether a person is carrying a designated container, or goods reasonably suspected of being special forfeited goods, on his or her body, see subsection 4(19).

(2) In the circumstance referred to in paragraph (1)(a), the authorised person may, without warrant:

(a) search the Customs place, or the container at that place, for special forfeited goods; or

(b) stop and detain at the Customs place the conveyance and search it and any container on it for special forfeited goods;

as the case requires, and seize any goods that the authorised person reasonably suspects are special forfeited goods if the authorised person finds them there.

(2A) In the circumstance referred to in paragraph (1)(b), an authorised person who is an officer of Customs may, without warrant:

(a) search any designated container in the immediate physical possession of the person to whom that paragraph applies; and

(b) seize any goods reasonably suspected by the authorised person of being special forfeited goods (whether or not those goods are found as a result of such a search).

(2B) An authorised person must not exercise the powers referred to in subsection (2A) unless the person having immediate physical possession of the container to be searched is present at the time when the container is searched.

(2C) For the avoidance of doubt, the power of the authorised person under subsection (2) to seize, without warrant, goods found as a result of a search of, or at, a Customs place that are reasonably suspected of being special forfeited goods includes the power to seize, without warrant, any goods that:

(a) have been produced as a result of a frisk search of a person; or

(b) have been discovered on the body of a person as a result of an external search or an internal search of the person;

if the search is conducted under Division 1B at the Customs place and the goods are reasonably so suspected.

(3) If, in the course of searching under subsection (2) or (2A) for special forfeited goods, an authorised person finds a thing that the authorised person believes on reasonable grounds is evidential material relating to an offence committed in respect of those special forfeited goods, the authorised person may, without warrant, seize that thing whether or not the authorised person has found any such special forfeited goods.

(4) For the purposes of a search conducted under subsection (2) or (2A), the authorised person may question any person apparently in charge of the place, conveyance or container about any goods or thing at the place, in or on the conveyance, or in the container.

(5) The authorised person must exercise his or her powers subject to section 203D.

203C Seizure without warrant of narcotic goods or of evidential material relating to narcotic goods at other places

(1) This section applies if:

(a) an authorised person suspects on reasonable grounds that there are special forfeited goods that are narcotic goods:

(i) at, or in a container at, a place other than a Customs place; or

(ii) in, on, or in a container on, a conveyance at a place other than a Customs place; or

(iii) in a container in the immediate physical possession of, but not carried on the body of, a person at a place other than a Customs place; and

(b) it is necessary to exercise a power under this section in order to prevent such goods from being concealed, lost or destroyed.

Note: Container has a special definition for the purposes only of this Division.

(2) The authorised person may, without warrant:

(a) search the place or any container at the place for narcotic goods; or

(b) stop and detain the conveyance about to leave the place, and search it and any container on it for narcotic goods; or

(c) search the container in the immediate physical possession of the person for narcotic goods;

as the case requires, and seize any goods that the authorised person reasonably suspects are narcotic goods if the authorised person finds them there.

(2A) For the avoidance of doubt, the power of the authorised person to seize, without warrant, goods found at a place other than a

Customs place that are reasonably suspected of being narcotic goods includes the power to seize, without warrant, any goods that:

(a) have been produced as a result of a frisk search of a person; or

(b) have been discovered on the body of a person as a result of an external search or an internal search of the person;

if the search is conducted under Division 1B at a place other than a Customs place and the goods are reasonably so suspected.

(3) If, in the course of searching under subsection (2) for special forfeited goods that are narcotic goods, an authorised person finds a thing that the authorised person believes on reasonable grounds is evidential material relating to an offence committed in respect of those goods, the authorised person may, without warrant, seize that thing whether or not the authorised person has found those goods.

(4) For the purposes of a search conducted under subsection (2), the authorised person may question any person apparently in charge of the place, conveyance or container about any goods or thing at the place, in or on the conveyance, or in the container.

(5) The authorised person must exercise his or her powers subject to section 203D.

203D How an authorised person is to exercise a power under section 203B or 203C

(1) An authorised person who exercises a power under section 203B or 203C in relation to a conveyance must not detain the conveyance for longer than is necessary and reasonable to search it and any container found on it.

(2) An authorised person exercising a power under section 203B or 203C may use such force as is necessary and reasonable in the circumstances, but must not:

(a) forcibly remove any container or other goods from a person's physical possession; or

(b) damage any place, conveyance, container or other goods of which the person is apparently in charge;

unless:

(c) the person has been given a reasonable opportunity to facilitate the search by providing access to the place, conveyance, container or goods or by opening the conveyance or container; or

(d) it is not possible to give that person such an opportunity.

Subdivision DA (Sections 203DA, 203DB) [Not in operation—*see* Note 6]

Subdivision E—Provisions applicable both to search and seizure warrants

203E Conduct of ordinary searches and frisk searches

An ordinary search or a frisk search of a person under this Division must, if practicable, be conducted by a person of the same sex as the person being searched.

203F Announcement before entry

(1) The executing officer must, before any person enters premises under a search warrant or a seizure warrant:

(a) announce that he or she is authorised to enter the premises; and

(b) give any person at the premises an opportunity to allow entry to the premises.

(2) The executing officer is not required to comply with subsection (1) if he or she believes on reasonable grounds that immediate entry to the premises is required to ensure:

(a) the safety of a person (including the executing officer); or

(b) that the effective execution of the warrant is not frustrated.

203G Details of warrant to be given to occupier [*see* Note 6]

(1) If a search warrant or a seizure warrant in relation to premises is being executed and the occupier of the premises or another person who apparently represents the occupier is present at the place where the warrant is executed, the executing officer or a person assisting must make available to that person a copy of the warrant.

(2) If a person is searched under a warrant in relation to premises, the executing officer or a person assisting must show the person a copy of the warrant.

(3) The executing officer must identify himself or herself to the person at the place where the warrant is executed.

(4) At the time of executing the warrant, the executing officer or a person assisting:

(a) is not required to have in his or her possession or under his or her immediate control the original warrant; but

(b) must have in his or her possession or under his or her immediate control a copy of the warrant.

(5) In this section:

a copy of the warrant means:

(a) in relation to a warrant issued under section 198 or 203—a copy that includes the signature of the judicial officer who issued the warrant and the seal of the relevant court; and

(b) in relation to a warrant issued under section 203M—a completed form of warrant that includes the name of the judicial officer who issued the warrant.

203H Occupier entitled to be present during search or seizure

(1) If a search warrant or a seizure warrant in relation to premises is being executed and the occupier of the premises or another person who apparently represents the occupier is present at the place where the warrant is executed, the person is, subject to Part 1C of the *Crimes Act 1914*, entitled to observe the search or seizure being conducted.

(2) The right to observe the search or seizure being conducted ceases if the person impedes the search or seizure.

(3) This section does not prevent 2 or more areas of the premises being searched at the same time.

203J Availability of assistance and use of force in executing a warrant

In executing a search warrant or a seizure warrant:

(a) the executing officer may obtain such assistance; and

(b) the executing officer, or a person who is an authorised person and who is assisting in executing the warrant, may use such force against persons and things;

as is necessary and reasonable in the circumstances.

203K Specific powers available to executing officers [*see* Note 6]

(1) In executing a search warrant or a seizure warrant in relation to premises, the executing officer or a person assisting may:

(a) for a purpose incidental to the execution of the warrant; or

(b) if the occupier of the premises consents in writing;

take photographs or video recordings of the premises or of things on or in the premises.

(2) If a search warrant or a seizure warrant in relation to premises is being executed, the executing officer and the persons assisting may, if the warrant is still in force, complete the execution of the warrant after all of them temporarily cease its execution and leave the premises:

(a) for not more than one hour; or

(b) for a longer period if the occupier of the premises consents in writing.

(3) If:

(a) the execution of a search warrant or of a seizure warrant is stopped by an order of a court; and

(b) the order is later revoked or reversed on appeal; and

(c) the warrant is still in force;

the execution of the warrant may be completed.

(4) If:

(a) the execution of a search warrant or of a seizure warrant is stopped by an order of a court; and

(b) the order is later revoked or reversed on appeal; and

(c) the warrant has ceased to be in force;

the court revoking or reversing the order may reissue the warrant for a further period not exceeding 7 days.

(5) The court must not exercise the power under subsection (4) unless it is satisfied of the matters set out in subsection 198(1) or 203(1).

203L Use of animals in executing a warrant

In executing a search warrant or a seizure warrant in relation to premises, the executing officer or a person assisting may bring to the premises any animals reasonably necessary for locating things the subject of the warrant.

203M Warrants by telephone or other electronic means [*see* Note 6]

(1) An authorised person may apply to a judicial officer for a search warrant or for a seizure warrant by telephone, telex, facsimile or other electronic means:

(a) in an urgent case; or

(b) if the delay that would occur if an application were made in person would frustrate the effective execution of the warrant.

(2) The judicial officer:

(a) may require communication by voice to the extent that it is practicable in the circumstances; and

(b) may make a recording of the whole or any part of any such communication by voice.

(3) An application under this section must include all information required to be provided in an ordinary application for a search warrant or for a seizure warrant, but the application may, if necessary, be made before the information is sworn.

(4) If an application is made to a judicial officer under this section and the judicial officer, after considering the information and having received and considered such further information (if any) as the judicial officer required, is satisfied that:

(a) a search warrant or a seizure warrant in the terms of the application should be issued urgently; or

(b) the delay that would occur if an application were made in person would frustrate the effective execution of the warrant;

the judicial officer may complete and sign the same form of warrant that would be issued under section 198 or 203.

(5) If the judicial officer decides to issue the warrant, the judicial officer is to inform the applicant, by telephone, telex, facsimile or other electronic means, of the terms of the warrant and the day on which and the time at which it was signed.

(6) The applicant must then complete a form of warrant in terms substantially corresponding to those given by the judicial officer, stating on the form the name of the judicial officer and the day on which and the time at which the warrant was signed.

(7) The applicant must, not later than the day after:

(a) the day of expiry of the warrant; or

(b) the day on which the warrant was executed;

whichever is the earlier, give or transmit to the judicial officer the form of warrant completed by the applicant and, if the information referred to in subsection (3) was not sworn, that information duly sworn.

(8) The judicial officer must:

(a) attach to the documents provided under subsection (7) the form of warrant signed by the judicial officer; and

(b) give or transmit to the applicant the attached documents.

(9) If:

(a) it is material, in any proceedings, for a court to be satisfied that the exercise of a power under a warrant issued under this section was duly authorised; and

(b) the form of warrant signed by the judicial officer is not produced in evidence;

the court is to assume, unless the contrary is proved, that the exercise of the power was not duly authorised.

203N Receipts for things seized under warrant

(1) If a thing is seized under a search warrant or a seizure warrant, the executing officer or a person assisting must provide a receipt for the thing.

(2) If 2 or more things are seized, they may be covered in the one receipt.

203P Offence for making false statements in warrants

A person must not make, in an application for a search warrant or for a seizure warrant, a statement that the person knows to be false or misleading in a material particular.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 2 years.

203Q Offences relating to telephone warrants

(1) A person must not:

(a) state in a document that purports to be a form of warrant under section 203M the name of a judicial officer; or

(b) state on a form of warrant under that section a matter that, to the person's knowledge, departs in a material particular from the form authorised by the judicial officer; or

(c) purport to execute, or present to a person, a document that purports to be a form of warrant under that section that the person knows:

(i) has not been approved by a judicial officer under that section; or

(ii) departs in a material particular from the terms authorised by a judicial officer under that section; or

(d) give to a judicial officer a form of warrant under that section that is not the form of warrant that the person purported to execute.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 2 years.

(2) Paragraph (1)(a) does not apply if the judicial officer named in the warrant issued it.

Note: A defendant bears an evidential burden in relation to the matter in subsection (2) (see subsection 13.3(3) of the *Criminal Code*).

Subdivision F—Dealing with things seized as evidential material under a search warrant or under subsection 203B(3) or 203C(3)

203R Retention of things seized under a search warrant or under subsection 203B(3) or 203C(3)

(1) Subject to any law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory permitting the retention, destruction or disposal of a thing seized as evidential material by an officer of Customs under a search warrant or by an authorised person under subsection 203B(3) or 203C(3), the officer or authorised person must return it if:

(a) the reason for its seizure no longer exists or it is decided that it is not to be used in evidence; or

(b) 120 days after its seizure:

(i) proceedings in respect of which the thing may afford evidence have not been started; and

(ii) an order permitting the thing to be retained has not been made under section 203S; and

(iii) an order of a court of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory permitting the retention, destruction or disposal of the thing has not been made;

whichever first occurs.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the return of a thing requires its return to the person reasonably believed to be the owner of the thing in a condition as near as practicable to the condition in which it was seized.

203S Magistrate may permit a thing seized under a search warrant or under subsection 203B(3) or 203C(3) to be retained

(1) If a thing is seized as evidential material by an officer of Customs under a search warrant, or by an authorised person under subsection 203B(3) or 203C(3), and:

(a) before the end of 120 days after the seizure; or

(b) before the end of a period previously specified in a magistrate's order under this section;

proceedings in respect of which the thing may afford evidence have not been started:

(c) if the thing is seized by an officer of Customs under a search warrant—an officer of Customs may apply to a magistrate for an order that the thing be retained; or

(d) if the thing is seized by an authorised person under subsection 203B(3) or 203C(3)—an authorised person may apply to a magistrate for an order that the thing be retained.

(2) If the magistrate is satisfied:

(a) that it is necessary for the retention of the thing be continued:

(i) for the purposes of an investigation as to whether an offence has been committed; or

(ii) to enable evidence of an offence to be assembled for the purposes of a prosecution; and

(b) that there has been no avoidable delay in conducting the investigation or assembling the evidence concerned;

the magistrate may order that the thing be retained for a period specified in the order.

(3) Before making the application, the officer of Customs or the authorised person must:

(a) take reasonable steps to discover who has an interest in the retention of the thing; and

(b) if it is practicable to do so, notify each person who the officer believes to have such an interest of the proposed application.

Subdivision G—Dealing with forfeited goods seized under a seizure warrant or under subsection 203B(2) or (2A) or 203C(2)

203SA [Not in operation—*see* Note 6]

203T Seizure of protected objects

(1) In this section:

inspector has the same meaning as in the Act.

Minister means the Minister administering the Act.

the Act means the *Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act 1986*.

(2) Where:

(a) the Minister is of the opinion that a particular object may become forfeited by virtue of section 9 of the Act; or

(b) a foreign country has requested the return of a particular object exported from that country and the Minister is of the opinion that the object may become liable to forfeiture by virtue of section 14 of the Act;

the Minister may issue a notice in writing to the Comptroller to that effect.

(3) An officer may seize a protected object or any object that the officer believes on reasonable grounds is a protected object, being an object that is subject to the control of the Customs.

(4) Where an officer seizes an object under subsection (3), the officer shall forthwith deliver the object into the custody of an inspector.

204 Seized goods to be secured

(1) In this section:

approved place, in relation to goods, means a place approved by a Collector as a place for the storage of goods of that kind.

(2) If an officer of Customs seizes any goods other than narcotic-related goods under a seizure warrant or under section 203B, the officer must, as soon as practicable, take those goods to an approved place.

(3) If a person other than an officer of Customs seizes any goods other than narcotic-related goods under a seizure warrant or under section 203B, the person must, as soon as practicable, deliver the goods into the custody of an officer of Customs.

(4) If a person other than a member of the Australian Federal Police seizes:

(a) any narcotic-related goods under a seizure warrant or under section 203B; or

(b) any narcotic goods under section 203C;

the person must, as soon as practicable, deliver the goods into the custody of a member of the Australian Federal Police.

(5) If goods are delivered to an officer of Customs under subsection (3), the officer must:

(a) if paragraph (b) does not apply—as soon as practicable, deliver the goods to an approved place; or

(b) if the goods are delivered to the officer at an approved place—leave the goods at that place.

205 Requirement to serve seizure notices

(1) After goods have been seized under a seizure warrant or under subsection 203B(2) or (2A) or 203C(2), the responsible person must serve, within 7 days after the seizure, a seizure notice on the owner of the goods or, if the owner cannot be identified after reasonable inquiry, on the person in whose possession or under whose control the goods were when they were seized.

(2) Subsection (1) applies whether or not a claim for the return of the goods seized has been made under section 205B.

(3) The notice must be in writing and must be served:

(a) personally or by post; or

(b) if no person of the kind referred to in subsection (1) can be identified after reasonable inquiry—by publishing a copy of the notice in a newspaper circulating in the location in which the goods were seized.

(4) A seizure notice may be served on a person who is outside Australia.

(5) In this section:

responsible person means:

(a) in relation to goods other than narcotic-related goods—the officer of Customs who seized the goods or to whom the goods were delivered under subsection 204(3); or

(b) in relation to narcotic-related goods—the member of the Australian Federal Police who seized the goods or to whom the goods were delivered under subsection 204(4).

205A Matters to be dealt with in seizure notices

A seizure notice must set out the following:

(a) a statement identifying the goods;

(b) the day on which they were seized;

(c) the ground, or each of the grounds, on which they were seized;

(d) a statement that, if a claim for the return of the goods has not already been made, and is not made within 30 days after the day the notice is served, the goods will be taken to be condemned as forfeited to the Crown;

(e) if the notice is to be served in a foreign country—a statement that the person served, if that person has not yet made such a claim, may not make such a claim unless he or she has first appointed in writing an agent in Australia with authority to accept service of documents, including process in any proceedings arising out of the matter.

205B Claim for return of goods seized

(1) If goods are seized under a seizure warrant or under subsection 203B(2) or (2A) or 203C(2), the owner of the goods may, whether or not a seizure notice has yet been served on the owner, make a claim to the appropriate person for the return of the goods.

(2) A claim:

(a) must be in writing in an approved form; and

(b) must specify the grounds on which the claim is made; and

(c) if it is made by a person who does not reside or have a place of business in Australia, must:

(i) appoint an agent in Australia with authority to accept service of documents, including process in any proceedings, arising out of the matter; and

(ii) specify the address of the agent for service; and

(iii) be accompanied by the written consent of the agent signed by the agent, agreeing to act as agent.

(3) In this section:

appropriate person means:

(a) in relation to goods other than narcotic-related goods:

(i) the CEO; or

(ii) a Regional Director for a State or Territory; and

(b) in relation to narcotic-related goods:

(i) the Commissioner of Police; or

(ii) a Deputy Commissioner of Police.

205C Treatment of goods seized if no claim for return is made

If:

(a) goods have been seized under a seizure warrant or under subsection 203B(2) or (2A) or 203C(2); and

(b) a seizure notice has been served; and

(c) at the end of 30 days after the day the notice was served, no claim has been made for return of the goods;

the goods are taken to be condemned as forfeited to the Crown.

205D Treatment of goods seized if a claim for return is made

(1) This section applies if:

(a) goods are seized under a seizure warrant or under subsection 203B(2) or (2A) or 203C(2); and

(b) not later than 30 days after the day the seizure notice was served, a claim is made under section 205B for return of the goods.

(2) The authorised person who seized the goods must, subject to any law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory permitting their retention, destruction or disposal, return the goods unless:

(a) the goods have been dealt with under section 206 or 207; or

(b) not later than 120 days after the claim for their return is made, proceedings in respect of an offence involving the goods have been commenced and, on completion of the proceedings, a court has made an order for condemnation of the goods as forfeited to the Crown; or

(c) not later than 120 days after the claim for their return is made:

(i) an order permitting the goods to be retained for a specified period has been made under section 205E; and

(ii) before the end of that specified period, proceedings in respect of an offence involving the goods have been commenced and, on completion of the proceedings, a court has made an order for condemnation of the goods as forfeited to the Crown; or

(d) not later than 120 days after the claim for their return is made:

(i) an order permitting the goods to be retained for a specified period has been made under section 205E; and

(ii) before the end of that specified period proceedings have been commenced before a court of summary jurisdiction for a declaration that the goods are special forfeited goods and, on completion of the proceedings, a court has made an order for condemnation of the goods as forfeited to the Crown; or

(e) if the goods were seized as special forfeited goods—not later than 120 days after the claim for their return is made, proceedings before a court of summary jurisdiction for a declaration that the goods are special forfeited goods have been commenced and, on completion of the proceedings, a court has made an order for condemnation of the goods as forfeited to the Crown.

Note: Subsection (9) gives special forfeited goods a wider meaning for the purposes of this section.

(3) If:

(a) goods seized otherwise than as special forfeited goods have not been dealt with under section 206; and

(b) proceedings of the kind referred to in paragraph (2)(b) or (c) are commenced in respect of an offence involving the goods; and

(c) on completion of the proceedings, the court:

(i) finds that the offence is proved; and

(ii) is satisfied, in all the circumstances of the case, that it is appropriate that an order be made for condemnation of the goods as forfeited to the Crown;

the court must make an order to that effect.

Note: Subsection (9) gives special forfeited goods a wider meaning for the purposes of this section.

(4) If:

(a) goods seized as special forfeited goods have not been dealt with under section 206 or 207; and

(b) proceedings of the kind referred to in paragraph (2)(b) or (c) are commenced in respect of an offence involving the goods; and

(c) on completion of the proceedings, the court is satisfied that the goods are special forfeited goods;

the court must make an order for condemnation of the goods as forfeited to the Crown, whether or not the court finds the offence proved.

Note: Subsection (9) gives special forfeited goods a wider meaning for the purposes of this section.

(5) Subject to subsection (6) if:

(a) goods seized as special forfeited goods have not been dealt with under section 206 or 207; and

(b) proceedings of the kind referred to in paragraph (2)(d) or (e) are commenced in respect of the goods; and

(c) on completion of the proceedings, the court is satisfied that the goods are special forfeited goods;

the court must declare the goods to be special forfeited goods and make an order for condemnation of the goods as forfeited to the Crown.

Note: Subsection (9) gives special forfeited goods a wider meaning for the purposes of this section.

(6) A court must not make an order for condemnation of goods under subsection (5) if proceedings for an offence involving the goods have been commenced.

(7) If the finding of a court in proceedings under paragraph (2)(b), (c), (d) or (e) in respect of goods that have not been dealt with under section 206 or 207 may be taken on appeal to another court, the goods are not to be returned under subsection (2), or disposed of under section 208D or 208DA, while that appeal may be made, or, if it is made, until the completion of that appeal.

(8) For the purposes of this section, the return of goods requires their return to the person reasonably believed to be the owner of the goods in a condition as near as practicable to the condition in which they were seized.

(9) In this section:

offence means an offence against any law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory.

special forfeited goods includes goods that are forfeited under section 7, 10, 11 or 13 of the *Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act 1905*.

(10) In this section, a reference to completion of proceedings includes a reference to completion of any appeal process arising from those proceedings.

205E Magistrate may permit goods seized under a seizure warrant or under subsection 203B(2) or (2A) or 203C(2) to be retained

(1) If goods are seized under a seizure warrant or under subsection 203B(2) or (2A) or 203C(2) and:

(a) before the end of 120 days after the making of a claim for their return; or

(b) before the end of the period previously specified in a magistrate's order under this section;

proceedings of the kind referred to in paragraph 205D(2)(b) have not been started, an authorised person may apply to a magistrate for an order that the goods be retained.

(2) If the magistrate is satisfied that it is necessary:

(a) that the retention of the goods continue while evidence of the offence to which the proceedings referred to in paragraph 205D(2)(b) relate is assembled; and

(b) that there has been no avoidable delay in assembling that evidence;

the magistrate may order that the goods be retained for a period specified in the order.

(3) Before making the application, the authorised person must:

(a) take reasonable steps to discover who has an interest in the retention of the goods; and

(b) if it is practicable to do so, notify each person who the officer believes to have such an interest of the proposed application.

205F Right of compensation in certain circumstances for goods disposed of or destroyed

(1) Despite the disposal or destruction of goods taken to be condemned as forfeited to the Crown because no claim for their return was made, a person may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction under this section for compensation.

(2) A right to compensation exists if:

(a) the goods are not special forfeited goods within the meaning of section 205D; and

(b) the goods were not used or otherwise involved in the commission of an offence; and

(c) the person establishes, to the satisfaction of the court:

(i) that he or she is the rightful owner of the goods; and

(ii) that there were circumstances providing a reasonable excuse for the failure to claim the goods not later than 30 days after the day the seizure notice was served.

(3) If a right to compensation exists under subsection (2), the court must order the payment by the Commonwealth to the person of an amount equal to:

(a) if the goods have been sold—the proceeds of the sale; and

(b) if the goods have been destroyed—the market value of the goods at the time of their destruction.

205G Effect of forfeiture

When goods are, or are taken to be, condemned as forfeited to the Crown, the title to the goods immediately vests in the Commonwealth to the exclusion of all other interests in the goods, and the title cannot be called into question.

206 Immediate disposal of certain goods

(1) If:

(a) goods are seized under a seizure warrant or under subsection 203B(2) or (2A); and

(b) the goods are perishable goods or live animals; and

(c) the CEO or a Regional Director for a State or Territory is satisfied that the retention of the goods would constitute:

(i) a danger to public health; or

(ii) if the goods are live animals—a danger to the health of other animals or a danger to plants or to agricultural produce;

the CEO or Regional Director concerned may cause the goods to be dealt with in such manner as he or she considers appropriate (including the destruction of the goods).

(2) If:

(a) goods are seized under a seizure warrant or under subsection 203B(2) or (2A); and

(b) the goods are a vessel in the possession of an officer of Customs; and

(c) the CEO or a Regional Director for a State or Territory is satisfied that the vessel is so unseaworthy that its custody or maintenance is impracticable;

the CEO or Regional Director concerned may cause the goods to be dealt with in such manner as he or she considers appropriate (including the destruction of the goods).

(3) As soon as practicable, but not later than 7 days after the goods referred to in subsection (1) or (2) have been dealt with, the CEO or Regional Director concerned must give or publish a notice in accordance with subsection (5).

(4) The notice must be in writing and must be served:

(a) personally or by post on the owner of the goods or, if the owner cannot be identified after reasonable inquiry, on the person in whose possession or under whose control the goods were when they were seized; or

(b) if no person of the kind referred to in paragraph (a) can be identified after reasonable inquiry—by publishing a copy of the notice in a newspaper circulating in the location in which the goods were seized.

(5) The notice must:

(a) identify the goods; and

(b) state that the goods have been seized under a seizure warrant or under subsection 203B(2) or (2A) and give the reason for the seizure; and

(c) state that the goods have been dealt with under subsection (1) or (2) and specify the manner in which they have been so dealt with and the reason for doing so; and

(d) set out the terms of subsection (6).

(6) If goods are dealt with in accordance with subsection (1) or (2), the owner of the goods may bring an action against the Commonwealth in a court of competent jurisdiction for the

recovery of the market value of the goods at the time they were so dealt with.

(7) A right to recover the market value of the goods at the time they were dealt with in accordance with subsection (1) or (2) exists if:

(a) the goods are not special forfeited goods within the meaning of section 205D; and

(b) the goods were not used or otherwise involved in the commission of an offence; and

(c) the owner of the goods establishes, to the satisfaction of the Court, that the circumstances for them to be so dealt with did not exist.

(8) If a person establishes a right to recover the market value of the goods at the time they were dealt with, the Court must order the payment by the Commonwealth of an amount equal to that value at that time.

207 Immediate disposal of narcotic goods

(1) If:

(a) goods are seized under a seizure warrant or under subsection 185(2), 185A(6), 203B(2) or (2A) or 203C(2); and

(b) the goods are reasonably believed by the Commissioner of Police or a Deputy Commissioner of Police to be special forfeited goods that are narcotic goods;

the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner may cause the goods to be dealt with in such manner as he or she considers appropriate (including the destruction of the goods).

(2) If goods are dealt with in accordance with subsection (1), the owner of the goods may bring an action against the Commonwealth in a court of competent jurisdiction for the recovery of the market value of the goods at the time they were so dealt with.

(3) A right to recover the market value of the goods at the time they were dealt with in accordance with subsection (1) exists if:

(a) the goods are not special forfeited goods; and

(b) the goods were not used or otherwise involved in the commission of an offence; and

(c) the owner of the goods establishes, to the satisfaction of the Court, that the circumstances for them to be so dealt with did not exist.

(4) If a person establishes a right to recover the market value of the goods at the time they were dealt with in accordance with subsection (1) or (2), the Court must order the payment by the Commonwealth of an amount equal to that value at that time.

208 Release of goods on security

(1) This section applies to goods:

(a) that have been seized under a seizure warrant; and

(b) that are not special forfeited goods; and

(c) that are not taken to be forfeited to the Crown under section 205C; and

(d) in respect of which proceedings have not yet been brought by the Commonwealth under section 205D.

(2) The owner of the goods may apply to a court of summary jurisdiction for an order that the goods be released to the owner on provision to the CEO of security for an amount determined by the court in accordance with subsection (4).

(3) In determining whether or not to order the release of the goods on provision of a security, the court may have regard to:

(a) the impact that the continued retention of the goods would have on the economic interests of third parties; and

(b) whether the continued retention of the goods would prevent the provision of services by third parties which would place at risk the health, safety or welfare of the community; and

(c) any other like matters that the court considers relevant.

(4) For the purposes of this section, the security to be provided in respect of the goods is security for an amount determined by the court that does not exceed the sum of:

(a) the market value of the goods at the time when the order is made; and

(b) the costs incurred by Customs for storage of the goods from the time of their seizure until the time of their release under this section;

reduced by the amount of any duty that has been paid on the goods.

(5) If the security is given, the CEO is to release the goods to the applicant.

208C Service by post

For the purposes of the application of section 29 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* to the service by post of a seizure notice under section 205 or a notice under subsection 206(3) on a person, such a notice posted as a letter addressed to that person at the last address of that person known to the sender shall be deemed to be properly addressed.

208D Disposal of forfeited goods

All goods seized under a seizure warrant or under subsection 185(2), 185A(6), 203B(2) or (2A) or 203C(2) that are taken to be condemned as forfeited to the Crown under section 205C or that are so condemned under section 205D shall be dealt with and disposed of in accordance with:

(a) in the case of goods other than narcotic-related goods—the directions of the CEO; or

(b) in the case of narcotic goods—the directions of the Commissioner of Police or a Deputy Commissioner of Police; or

(c) in the case of narcotic-related goods other than narcotic goods—in accordance with section 208DA.

208DA Disposal of narcotic-related goods other than narcotic goods

(1) In this section:

condemned goods means goods seized under a seizure warrant or under subsection 203B(2) or 2A or 203C(2):

(a) that are taken to be condemned as forfeited to the Crown under section 205C; or

(b) that are so condemned under section 205D.

Official Trustee means the Official Trustee in Bankruptcy.

prescribed officer means an SES employee, or acting SES employee, in the Attorney-General's Department.

(2) All condemned goods that are narcotic-related goods (other than narcotic goods) must, subject to any direction given under subsection (4) in relation to those goods, be transferred to the Official Trustee to be dealt with under subsection (3).

(3) Where goods are transferred to the Official Trustee under subsection (2), the Official Trustee must, as soon as practicable:

(a) if the goods are money—pay the money to the Confiscated Assets Reserve as required by section 34B of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 1987*; and

(b) if the goods are not money:

(i) sell or otherwise dispose of the goods; and

(ii) apply the proceeds of the sale or disposition in accordance with subsection (3A); and

(iii) pay the remainder of those proceeds to the Confiscated Assets Reserve as required by section 34B of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 1987*.

(3A) The proceeds of the sale or disposition of condemned goods transferred to the Official Trustee under subsection (2) must be applied in payment of:

(a) the Official Trustee's remuneration; and

(b) the other costs, charges and expenses of the kind referred to in section 243P that are payable to, or incurred by, the Official Trustee in connection with the sale or disposition; and

(c) if the goods were seized by, or delivered into the custody of, a member of the Australian Federal Police under a seizure warrant, or under section 203B, 203C or 204—the costs, charges and expenses incurred by, or on behalf of, the Commonwealth in connection with the transportation, storage, custody and control of the goods before their transferral to the Official Trustee.

(4) If condemned goods consist of, or include, narcotic-related goods (other than narcotic goods), the Attorney-General, or a prescribed officer authorised by the Attorney-General for the purposes of this section, may, at any time before the condemned goods are sold or otherwise disposed of under subsection (2), direct that those narcotic-related goods be disposed of, or otherwise dealt with, as specified in the direction.

208E Sales subject to conditions

Where a ship or aircraft is sold under section 206 or sold or otherwise disposed of under section 208D, the ship or aircraft may be sold or disposed of subject to conditions, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

(a) a condition that, before the expiration of a period specified in the condition, the ship or aircraft is to be exported from Australia; or

(b) a condition that, before the expiration of a period specified in the condition, the ship or aircraft is to be broken up.

209 Power to impound certain forfeited goods and release them on payment of duty and penalty

(1) This section applies to dutiable goods that are forfeited by virtue of paragraph 229(1)(a), (g), (o), (p), (q) or (qa) (including forfeited by virtue of the operation of any of those paragraphs and section 230), other than goods that are prohibited imports.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), where an officer finds goods that are, or that he has reason to believe are, goods to which this section applies in the course of a search of the baggage of a person who has arrived in Australia from a place outside Australia, the officer may, instead of seizing the goods under a seizure warrant, impound the goods.

(3) An officer shall not exercise his powers under subsection (2) to impound goods found in the course of a search if, in the opinion of the officer, the total of the amounts of duty sought to be evaded in respect of goods to which this section applies found in the course of that search exceeds $5,000.

(3A) Subject to subsection (3B), where, under a seizure warrant, an officer has power to seize any goods that are, or that he has reason to believe are, goods to which this section applies, not being goods found by him in the course of a search referred to in subsection (2), the officer may, instead of seizing the goods under a seizure warrant, impound the goods.

(3B) An officer shall not exercise his powers under subsection (3A) to impound goods if, in the opinion of the officer, the amount of duty sought to be evaded in respect of the goods exceeds $5,000.

(4) Goods impounded under this section shall be taken to such place of security as the Collector directs.

(5) Where an officer impounds goods under this section, he shall as soon as is practicable, but not later than 7 days after the day on which the goods were impounded, serve on the owner of the goods, either personally or by post, a notice in writing:

(a) identifying:

(i) where the goods are an article, the article;

(ii) where the goods consist of separate articles, each of those articles; or

(iii) in any other case, the goods;

and stating:

(iv) where the goods were impounded under subsection (2), that the article, articles or goods so identified have been impounded under that subsection; or

(v) where the goods were impounded under subsection (3A), that the article, articles or goods so identified have been impounded under that subsection;

(b) setting out the amount of duty demanded in respect of the article, each of the articles, or the goods, identified in the notice;

(c) setting out the date on which the goods were impounded;

(d) setting out the terms of, or adequate particulars of the provisions of, subsections (6) and (7); and

(e) specifying the address at which payment under subsection (6) may be made in respect of the goods.

(6) Where the owner of an article or goods identified in a notice served under subsection (5) pays to the Collector, at the address for payment shown in the notice and within 21 days after the day on which the notice was served, the duty demanded in respect of the article or goods (not being a payment under protest in accordance with section 167) together with an amount of penalty equal to:

(a) where the notice states that the goods were impounded under subsection (2)—an amount specified in the notice, being an amount equal to the amount of that duty that, in the opinion of the officer issuing the notice, the owner has sought to evade; or

(b) where the notice states that the goods were impounded under subsection (3A)—an amount specified in the notice, being an amount equal to twice the amount of that duty that, in the opinion of the officer issuing the notice, the owner has sought to evade;

the following provisions apply:

(c) the Collector shall authorize the delivery of the article or goods to the owner;

(d) the article ceases, or the goods cease, to be forfeited; and

(e) proceedings shall not be brought for an offence against this Act in relation to the importation of the article or goods.

(7) Where the owner of an article or goods identified in a notice served under subsection (5) does not pay duty and penalty in respect of the article or goods in accordance with subsection (6), the article or goods are taken:

(a) to have been seized under a seizure warrant at the end of 21 days after the notice is served; and

(b) to have been so seized by the officer who served the notice under subsection (5).

(9) Neither the Commonwealth nor an officer or other person is under any liability in relation to the impounding of any goods under this section for which there was reasonable cause.

(10) For the purpose of the application of section 29 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* to the service by post on the owner of goods of a notice under subsection (5), such a notice posted as a

letter addressed to the owner at his last address known to the officer required to serve the notice shall be deemed to be properly addressed.

(11) A reference in this section to the baggage of a person who has arrived in Australia shall be read as including a reference to goods on his person or otherwise with him.

(12) A reference in this section to a search of the baggage of a person shall be read as including a reference to a search of such part of the baggage of a person as is available for search at a particular time.

209A Destruction or concealment of evidential material or forfeited goods

A person must not:

(a) destroy, or render incapable of identification, a document or thing that is, or may be, evidential material or a forfeited good; or

(b) render illegible or indecipherable such a document or thing; or

(c) place or conceal on his or her body, or in any clothing worn by the person, such a document or thing;

with the intention of preventing it from being seized by an authorised person in the exercise of the person's powers under a search warrant, a seizure warrant or section 203B or 203C.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 2 years.

Subdivision GA (Sections 209B–209L) [Not in operation—*see* Note 6]

Subdivision H—Powers of arrest

210 Persons suspected of smuggling etc.

(1) An officer of Customs or police may without warrant arrest any person who he has reasonable grounds to believe is guilty of:

(a) committing, or attempting to commit, or of being concerned in the commission of, any offence against section 231 or 233; or

(b) committing an offence against section 233B or against subsection 233BAA(4) or (5) or 233BAB(5) or (6).

(1A) An officer of Customs or police may, without warrant, arrest a person if he has reasonable ground for believing that the person has committed an offence against section 147.1, 147.2 or 149.1 of the *Criminal Code* in relation to a Customs Officer.

(2) No person shall resist, obstruct, or prevent the arrest of any person in pursuance of this section.

Penalty: $1,000.

212 Arrested persons to go before Justices

Every person arrested may be detained until such time as he can without undue delay be taken before a Justice.

213 Powers of Justices with offenders

Any Justice before whom any person is brought under this Act may:

(1) Commit such person to gaol until he can be brought before Justices to be dealt with according to law; or

(2) Admit him to bail upon his giving sufficient security for his appearance before Justices at the time and place appointed for the hearing of the charge.

Subdivision HA (Sections 213A, 213B) [Not in operation—*see* Note 6]

Subdivision J—Powers to monitor and audit

214AA Occupier of premises

In this Subdivision:

occupier of premises includes a person who is apparently in charge of the premises.

214AB What are *monitoring powers*?

Monitoring powers

(1) For the purposes of this Subdivision, the following are ***monitoring powers***:

(a) the power to search premises;

(b) the power to take photographs (including a video recording), or make sketches, of premises or anything at premises;

(c) the power to inspect, examine, count, measure, weigh, gauge, test or analyse, and take samples of, anything in or on premises;

(d) the power to inspect any document or record in or on premises;

(e) the power to take extracts from, or make copies of, any document or record in or on premises;

(f) the power to take into or onto premises any equipment or material reasonably necessary for the purpose of exercising a power under paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e);

(g) the power to test and operate record-keeping, accounting, computing or other operating systems of any kind that are at premises and may be used to generate or record information or documents of a kind that may be communicated to Customs;

(h) the power to secure a thing that:

(i) is found during a search of premises; and

(ii) a monitoring officer believes on reasonable grounds affords evidence of the commission of an offence against a Customs-related law and may be lost, destroyed or tampered with;

until a warrant is obtained to seize the thing or 72 hours elapses after the securing of the thing, whichever first occurs;

(i) the powers in subsections (2) and (3).

Power to operate equipment to check information

(2) For the purposes of this Subdivision, ***monitoring powers*** include the power to operate equipment at premises to see whether:

(a) the equipment; or

(b) a disk, tape or other storage device that:

(i) is at the premises; and

(ii) can be used with the equipment or is associated with it;

contains information that is relevant to assessing:

(c) whether a person is complying with a Customs-related law; or

(d) whether a person's record-keeping, accounting, computing or other operating systems of any kind accurately record and generate information to enable compliance with a Customs-related law; or

(e) the correctness of information communicated by a person to Customs (whether in documentary or other form).

Power to copy information found by operating equipment

(3) For the purposes of this Subdivision, ***monitoring powers*** include the following powers in relation to information described in subsection (2) that is found in the exercise of the power under that subsection:

(a) the power to operate facilities at the premises to put the information in documentary form and copy the documents so produced;

(b) the power to operate facilities at the premises to transfer the information to a disk, tape or other storage device:

(i) that is brought to the premises for the exercise of the power; or

(ii) that is at the premises and the use of which for the purpose has been agreed in writing by the occupier of the premises;

(c) the power to remove from the premises a disk, tape or other storage device to which the information has been transferred in exercise of the power under paragraph (b).

214AC Monitoring officers

*Who is a **monitoring officer**?*

(1) A ***monitoring officer*** is an officer who is authorised by the CEO under this section to enter premises and exercise monitoring powers (whether the authorisation applies generally, during a specified period or in or on specified premises).

Who may be authorised to be a monitoring officer

(2) The CEO must not authorise an officer to enter premises and exercise monitoring powers unless the CEO is satisfied that the officer is suitably qualified, because of the officer's abilities and experience, to exercise those powers.

Authorising officers to exercise monitoring powers

(3) The CEO may authorise in writing an officer to enter premises and exercise monitoring powers:
  (a) generally; or
  (b) during a specified period; or
  (c) in or on specified premises; or
  (d) during a specified period in or on specified premises.

Availability of assistance and use of force in exercising monitoring powers

(4) In entering premises and exercising monitoring powers:
  (a) a monitoring officer may obtain such assistance; and
  (b) a monitoring officer or a person assisting a monitoring officer may use such force against things;

as is necessary and reasonable in the circumstances.

Monitoring powers to be used only as authorised

(5) This Subdivision does not allow:
  (a) an officer who is authorised to enter premises and exercise monitoring powers during a specified period to enter the premises or exercise the powers at a time outside that period; or

(b) an officer who is authorised to enter, and exercise monitoring powers in or on, specified premises to enter, or to exercise the powers in or on, other premises.

214ACA Monitoring officer to notify occupier of premises of the occupier's rights and obligations

Before exercising monitoring powers in respect of premises, a monitoring officer must give to the occupier of the premises a written notice setting out the occupier's rights and obligations under this Subdivision.

214AD Notice of proposal to exercise monitoring powers

Before seeking consent under section 214AE to enter premises and exercise monitoring powers there, a monitoring officer may give to the occupier of the premises written notice stating that the officer wishes to enter the premises and exercise monitoring powers and specifying the period from the giving of the notice during which the officer wishes to exercise the powers.

Note: If the occupier had, before a notice is given under section 214AD, made to Customs a statement that was false or misleading, a voluntary notification made by the occupier after the notice is given is not a defence to a prosecution for an offence against section 243T or 243U in respect of the statement.

214AE Exercise of monitoring powers with consent

(1) A monitoring officer may enter, and exercise monitoring powers in or on, premises to the extent that it is reasonably necessary for the purpose of assessing:

(a) whether a person is complying with a Customs-related law; or

(b) whether a person's record-keeping, accounting, computing or other operating systems of any kind accurately record and generate information to enable compliance with a Customs-related law; or

(c) the correctness of information communicated by a person to Customs (whether in documentary or other form).

(2) However, a monitoring officer must not enter premises under this section unless the occupier of the premises has consented to the monitoring officer entering, and exercising monitoring powers in or on, the premises.

(3) Before obtaining such a consent, a monitoring officer must tell the occupier of the premises that he or she can refuse consent.

(4) A consent may be expressed to be limited to entry to, and the exercise of monitoring powers in or on, the premises to which the consent relates during a particular period unless the consent is withdrawn before the end of that period.

(5) A consent that is not limited as mentioned in subsection (4) has effect in relation to any entry to, and any exercise of monitoring powers in or on, the premises to which the consent relates until the consent is withdrawn.

(6) Before a monitoring officer enters premises or exercises any monitoring powers, he or she must produce his or her identity card to the occupier.

(7) A monitoring officer must leave the premises if the occupier withdraws the consent.

(8) A consent, or a withdrawal of consent, does not have effect unless the consent or withdrawal is in writing.

214AF Exercise of monitoring powers under a warrant

(1) A monitoring officer may apply to a magistrate for a warrant under this section in relation to particular premises.

(2) The magistrate must issue a warrant if satisfied, by information on oath or affirmation, that it is reasonably necessary that the monitoring officer should have access to the premises for the purpose of assessing:

(a) whether a person is complying with a Customs-related law; or

(b) whether a person's record-keeping, accounting, computing or other operating systems of any kind accurately record and generate information to enable compliance with a Customs-related law; or

(c) the correctness of information communicated by a person to Customs (whether in documentary or other form).

(3) If the magistrate requires further information about the grounds on which the issue of the warrant is applied for, he or she must not issue the warrant until the monitoring officer or someone else has given the magistrate the further information, either orally (on oath or affirmation) or by affidavit.

(4) The warrant must:

(a) state the purpose for which the warrant is issued; and

(b) identify the premises to which the warrant relates; and

(c) name the monitoring officer who is responsible for executing the warrant; and

(d) authorise any monitoring officer named in the warrant to enter the premises and exercise monitoring powers from time to time while the warrant remains in force, with such assistance, and using such force against things, as are necessary and reasonable; and

(e) state the hours during which entry under the warrant is authorised to be made; and

(f) specify the day (not more than 6 months after the day of issue of the warrant) on which the warrant ceases to have effect.

(5) A magistrate in a particular State or Territory may issue a warrant in respect of premises in another State or Territory.

214AG Warrants may be granted by telephone or other electronic means

(1) A monitoring officer may apply to a magistrate for a warrant in relation to premises by telephone, telex, fax or other electronic means (of any kind):

(a) in an urgent case; or

(b) if the delay that would occur if an application were made in person would frustrate the effective execution of the warrant.

(2) The magistrate may require communication by voice to the extent that is practicable in the circumstances.

(3) An application under this section must include all information required to be provided in an application for a warrant under section 214AF but the application may, if necessary, be made before the information is sworn.

(4) The magistrate must complete and sign the same form of warrant used under section 214AF as soon as he or she:

(a) has considered the information included in the application under this section, and the further information (if any) required by him or her; and

(b) is satisfied that:

(i) a warrant in the terms of the application should be issued urgently; or

(ii) the delay that would occur if an application were made in person would frustrate the effective execution of the warrant.

(5) If the magistrate decides to issue the warrant, the magistrate is to tell the applicant, by telephone, telex, fax or other electronic means, of the terms of the warrant and the day and time when it was signed.

(6) The applicant must then complete a form of warrant in terms substantially corresponding to those given by the magistrate, stating on the form the name of the magistrate and the day and time when the warrant was signed.

(7) The applicant must give or send to the magistrate the form of warrant completed by the applicant and, if the information referred to in subsection (3) was not sworn, that information duly sworn. The applicant must do so not later than the day after the earlier of the following days:

(a) the day of expiry of the warrant;

(b) the day on which the warrant was first executed.

(8) The magistrate is to attach to the documents provided under subsection (7) the form of warrant completed by the magistrate.

(9) If:

(a) it is material, in any proceedings, for a court to be satisfied that the exercise of a power under a warrant issued under this section was duly authorised; and

(b) the form of warrant signed by the magistrate is not produced in evidence;

the court is to assume, unless the contrary is proved, that the exercise of the power was not duly authorised.

214AH Monitoring officer may ask questions

(1) If a monitoring officer is in or on premises that he or she entered with the consent of the occupier of the premises, the officer may request the occupier to answer any questions put by the monitoring officer, but the occupier is not obliged to comply with the request.

(2) If a monitoring officer is in or on premises that he or she has entered under a warrant issued under section 214AF or 214AG, the officer may require any person on the premises to answer any questions put by the monitoring officer if the occupier of the premises, or a representative previously nominated to Customs by the occupier, is unavailable to do so or absent from the premises.

Note: Failure to answer a question put under this subsection is an offence. See section 243SA.

214AI Monitoring officer may ask for assistance

(1) If a monitoring officer is in or on premises that he or she entered with the consent of the occupier of the premises under section 214AE, the officer may request the occupier to provide reasonable assistance to the officer at any time while the officer is entitled to remain in or on the premises, but the occupier is not obliged to comply with the request.

(2) If a monitoring officer is in or on premises that he or she entered under a warrant issued under section 214AF or 214AG, the officer may require the occupier to provide reasonable assistance to the officer at any time while the officer is entitled to remain on the premises.

(3) The monitoring officer may request or require the assistance for the purpose of the exercise of monitoring powers by the officer in relation to the premises.

(4) A person must not fail to comply with a requirement made of the person under subsection (2).

Penalty: 30 penalty units.

(5) An offence against subsection (4) is an offence of strict liability.

214AJ Compensation for damage to electronic equipment

(1) This section applies if:

(a) damage is caused to equipment as a result of it being operated as mentioned in subsection 214AB(2); or

(b) the data recorded on the equipment is damaged or programs associated with its use are damaged or corrupted;

because:

(c) insufficient care was exercised in selecting the person who was to operate the equipment; or

(d) insufficient care was exercised by the person operating the equipment.

(2) The Commonwealth must pay to the owner of the equipment, or the user of the data or programs, such reasonable compensation for the damage or corruption as they agree on.

(3) However, if the owner or user and the Commonwealth fail to agree, the owner or user may institute proceedings against the Commonwealth in the Federal Court of Australia for such reasonable amount of compensation as the Court determines.

(4) In determining the amount of compensation payable, regard is to be had to whether the occupier of the premises or the occupier's employees and agents, if they were available at the time, provided any appropriate warning or guidance on the operation of the equipment.

(5) Compensation is payable out of money appropriated by the Parliament.

(6) For the purposes of subsection (1), ***damage to data*** includes damage by erasure of data or addition of other data.

214B Powers of officers for purposes of *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975*

(1) For the purposes of the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975* an authorized officer may, at all reasonable times, enter premises where there are kept any accounts, books or other records relating to goods exported to Australia or manufactured or produced, or sold, in Australia and may inspect any such accounts, books, documents or other records and make and retain copies of, or take and retain extracts from, any such accounts, books, documents or other records.

(2) Where an authorized officer proposes to enter any premises under subsection (1), he shall, if requested to do so by the occupier or person in charge of the premises, produce for inspection written evidence of the fact that he is an authorized officer and, if he fails to do so, he is not authorized to enter the premises.

(3) The occupier or person in charge of premises referred to in subsection (1) shall provide the authorized officer with all reasonable facilities and assistance for the effective exercise of his powers under subsection (1).

Penalty: $1,000.

(4) An authorized officer may, by notice signed by him, require a person whom he believes to be capable of giving information that is relevant to the operation of the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975* and relates to goods exported to Australia or manufactured or produced, or sold, in Australia to attend before him at the time and place specified in the notice and there to answer questions and produce to him such accounts, books, documents or other records in relation to goods exported to Australia or manufactured or produced, or sold, in Australia as are referred to in the notice.

(5) An authorized officer may make and retain copies of, or take and retain extracts from, any accounts, books, documents or other records produced in pursuance of subsection (4).

(6) A person is not excused from answering a question or producing any accounts, books, documents or other records when required to do so under subsection (4) on the grounds that the answer to the question, or the production of the accounts, books, documents or other records, might tend to incriminate him or make him liable to a penalty, but his answer to any such question or the production by him of any such accounts, books, documents or other records is not admissible in evidence against him in proceedings other than proceedings for an offence against this section or proceedings in respect of the falsity of any such answer.

(7) An authorized officer may examine, on oath or affirmation, a person attending before him in pursuance of subsection (4) and, for that purpose, may administer an oath or affirmation to that person.

(8) The oath or affirmation to be made by a person for the purposes of subsection (7) is an oath or affirmation that the answers he will give to questions asked him will be true.

(9) A person shall not refuse or fail:

(a) to attend before an authorized officer;

(b) to make an oath or an affirmation; or

(c) to answer a question or produce an account, book, document or other record;

when so required in pursuance of this section.

Penalty: $1,000.

(10) Subsection (9) does not apply if the person has a reasonable excuse.

Subdivision K—Miscellaneous

214BA Nature of functions of magistrate under sections 203S and 205E

(1) A function of making an order conferred on a magistrate by section 203S or 205E is conferred on the magistrate in a personal capacity and not as a court or a member of a court.

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), an order made by a magistrate under section 203S or 205E has effect only by virtue of this Act and is not taken, by implication, to be made by a court.

(3) A magistrate performing a function of, or connected with, making an order under section 203S or 205E has the same protection and immunity as if he or she were performing that function as, or as a member of, a court (being the court of which the magistrate is a member).

(4) The Governor-General may make arrangements with the Governor of a State, the Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory, the Administrator of the Northern Territory or the Administrator of Norfolk Island for the performance, by all or any of the persons who from time to time hold office as magistrates in that State or Territory, of the function of making orders under section 203S or 205E.

215 Collector may impound documents

The Collector may impound or retain any document presented in connexion with any entry or required to be produced under this Act, but the person otherwise entitled to such document shall in lieu thereof be entitled to a copy certified as correct by the Collector and such certified copy shall be received in all courts as evidence and of equal validity with the original.

217 Translations of foreign invoices

If any document in a foreign language be presented to any officer for any purpose connected with Customs business, the Collector may require to be supplied with an English translation to be made at the expense of the owner by such person as the Collector may approve or to be verified as he may require.

218 Customs samples

Samples of any goods under the control of the Customs may for any purpose deemed necessary by the Collector be taken utilized and disposed of by any officer in manner prescribed.

218A Disposal of certain abandoned goods

(1) If a Collector has reason to believe that goods found at a Customs place:

(a) are not required to be, or are not able to be, entered for home consumption; and

(b) have been abandoned by their owner;

the Collector may take steps to dispose of the goods in any manner he or she thinks appropriate.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a Collector is be taken to have reason to believe that goods found at a Customs place have been abandoned if a period prescribed for the purposes of this subsection, not exceeding 120 days, has passed since the goods were found at that place and no person has claimed ownership of the goods.

(3) If the Collector sells the goods, any expenses incurred by the Customs in collecting and housing them and ultimately arranging for their disposal may be offset against any money realised on their sale.

(4) Nothing in this provision prevents a person, at any time after the end of the prescribed period in relation to particular goods found at a Customs place, from seeking compensation for those goods in accordance with section 4AB.

(5) For the purposes of this section, the Collector must ensure that there is created and maintained a record, in writing, specifying, in respect of particular goods found at a Customs place:

(a) the date on which and place at which the goods were found; and

(b) if the goods are subsequently disposed of—the date and manner of their disposal; and

(c) if the goods are sold—the amount realised on their sale and any amount offset against that amount in accordance with subsection (3).

219 General power of Collector

In all cases not herein otherwise provided for the Collector may exercise any power exercisable by the Customs.

Division 1A—The use of listening devices in relation to narcotics offences

219A Interpretation

(1) In this Division:

chief officer, in relation to a Commonwealth law enforcement agency, means:

(a) where the agency is the National Crime Authority—the Chair of that Authority; and

(b) where the agency is the Australian Federal Police—the Commissioner of Police.

Commonwealth law enforcement agency means the National Crime Authority or the Australian Federal Police.

Judge means:

(a) a Judge of a court created by the Parliament or of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory in relation to whom a consent under subsection 219AA(1), and a nomination under subsection 219AA(2), are in force;

(b) a Judge of the Supreme Court of a State in respect of whom an appropriate arrangement in force under section 11 is applicable; or

(c) a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory who is not a Judge referred to in paragraph (a) and in respect of whom an appropriate arrangement in force under section 11 is applicable.

listening device means any instrument, device or equipment capable of being used, whether alone or in conjunction with any other instrument, device or equipment, to record or listen to spoken words.

narcotics offence means an offence punishable as provided by section 235.

nominated AAT member means a member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in respect of whom a nomination is in force under section 219AB to issue warrants under section 219B for use of listening devices.

official, in relation to a Commonwealth law enforcement agency, means:

(a) where the agency is the National Crime Authority—a member of the Authority or a member of the staff of the Authority; and

(b) where the agency is the Australian Federal Police—a member of the Australian Federal Police or another person under the authority of the Commissioner of Police.

premises includes:

(a) any structure, building, aircraft or ship, or a vehicle or other carriage; and

(b) any land (whether or not enclosed or built on); and

(c) any part of premises (including premises of a kind referred to in paragraph (a) or (b)).

prescribed offence means:

(a) a narcotics offence; or

(b) an offence (other than a narcotics offence) against a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory punishable by imprisonment for life or for a period, or maximum period, of not less than 3 years.

relevant proceeding means:

(a) a proceeding by way of prosecution for a prescribed offence;

(b) a proceeding under a law of the Commonwealth, or of a State or Territory, relating to confiscation or forfeiture of property, or the imposition of a pecuniary penalty, in connection with the commission of a prescribed offence;

(c) a proceeding for the taking of evidence in Australia for transmission to a foreign country for use in any proceeding for the surrender of a person to Australia, in so far as that first-mentioned proceeding relates to a prescribed offence; or

(d) a proceeding for the extradition of a person from New Zealand to Australia, or from a State or Territory to another State or Territory in so far as that proceeding relates to a prescribed offence.

(2) In this Division, unless the contrary intention appears:

(a) a reference to narcotics inquiries that are being made by officials of a Commonwealth law enforcement agency shall be read as a reference to:

(i) inquiries that are being made by officials of the agency in relation to a narcotics offence that has been committed or is reasonably suspected of having been committed; or

(ii) if there are circumstances reasonably giving rise to the suspicion that a narcotics offence is likely to be committed—inquiries that are being made by officials of the agency in relation to the likely commission of that offence;

(b) a reference to narcotics inquiries that have been made by officials of a Commonwealth law enforcement agency shall be read as a reference to:

(i) inquiries that have been made by officials of the agency in relation to a narcotics offence that has been committed or was reasonably suspected of having been committed; or

(ii) if there have been circumstances that reasonably gave rise to the suspicion that a narcotics offence was likely to be committed—inquiries that have been made by officials of the agency in relation to the likely commission of that offence;

(c) a reference to a proceeding under a law of the Commonwealth for the confiscation or forfeiture of property, or for the imposition of a pecuniary penalty, in connection with the commission of a prescribed offence includes a reference to:

(i) a proceeding for the condemnation or recovery of a ship or aircraft, or of goods, seized under a seizure warrant or under subsection 203B(2) or (2A) or 203C(2) under section 203 in connection with the commission of a narcotics offence;

(ii) a proceeding by way of an application for an order under subsection 243B(1); or

(iii) a proceeding by way of an application for an order or a warrant under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 1987*; and

(d) a reference to a proceeding under a law of a State or Territory for the confiscation or forfeiture of property in connection with the commission of a prescribed offence includes a reference to any proceeding under a law of that State or Territory relating to a restraint of dealing with the proceeds of crime.

219AA Certain Judges eligible to issue warrants for use of listening devices

(1) A Judge of a court created by the Parliament or of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory may, by writing, consent to be nominated by the Minister under subsection (2).

(2) The Minister may, by writing, nominate a Judge of a court referred to in subsection (1) in relation to whom a consent is in force under that subsection to be a Judge for the purposes of this Division.

219AB Nominated AAT members may issue warrants for use of listening devices

(1) The Minister may, by writing, nominate a person who holds one of the following appointments to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal to issue warrants under section 219B for use of listening devices:

(a) Deputy President;

(b) full-time senior member;

(c) part-time senior member;

(d) member.

(2) Despite subsection (1), the Minister must not nominate a person who holds an appointment as a senior member or a member of the Tribunal unless the person:

(a) is enrolled as a legal practitioner of the High Court, of another federal court or of the Supreme Court of a State or of the Australian Capital Territory; and

(b) has been so enrolled for not less than 5 years.

(3) A nomination ceases to have effect if:

(a) the nominated AAT member ceases to hold an appointment of a kind set out in subsection (1); or

(b) the Minister, by writing, withdraws the nomination.

219B Use of listening devices

Unlawful use of listening devices

(1) It is unlawful for an official of a Commonwealth law enforcement agency to use, for the purposes of narcotics inquiries that are being made by officials of the agency, a listening device for the purpose of listening to or recording words while they are being spoken by a person unless:

(a) he is the speaker of the words or is a person, or is included in a class or group of persons, by whom the speaker of the words intends, or should reasonably expect, the words to be heard;

(b) not being a person permitted to listen to or record the words under paragraph (a), he does so with the consent, express or implied, of such a person; or

(c) he does so in accordance with a warrant issued to the agency under this Division.

(2) It is unlawful for a person acting by arrangement with an official of a Commonwealth law enforcement agency to use, for the purposes of narcotics inquiries that are being made by officials of the agency, a listening device for the purpose of listening to or recording words while they are being spoken by a person unless he is the speaker of the words or is a person, or is included in a class or group of persons, by whom the speaker of the words intends, or should reasonably expect, the words to be heard.

(3) It is the duty of the chief officer of each Commonwealth law enforcement agency to take reasonable steps to ensure that subsections (1) and (2) are not contravened by officials of the agency.

(4) Notwithstanding any law of a State or Territory:

(a) an official of a Commonwealth law enforcement agency does not act unlawfully by reason only of using a listening device as referred to in subsection (1) in circumstances to which paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of that subsection is applicable; and

(b) a person acting by arrangement with an official of a Commonwealth law enforcement agency does not act unlawfully by reason only of using a listening device as referred to in subsection (2) in circumstances in which the use of that device is not declared to be unlawful by that subsection.

Member may apply for a listening device warrant

(4A) Application for the issue of a warrant to a Commonwealth law enforcement agency under this section shall be made on the agency's behalf by:

(a) where the agency is the National Crime Authority—a member of the Authority or a member of a police force who is a member of the staff of the Authority; and

(b) where the agency is the Australian Federal Police—a member of the Australian Federal Police.

Issuing listening device warrants in relation to persons

(5) Where, upon application being made to a Judge or nominated AAT member for the issue of a warrant to a Commonwealth law enforcement agency under this section authorizing the use of a listening device in relation to a particular person, the Judge or nominated AAT member is satisfied, by information on oath, that:

(a) the person has committed, or is suspected on reasonable grounds of having committed, or of being likely to commit, a narcotics offence; and

(b) the use by officials of the agency of a listening device to listen to or record words spoken by or to that person will, or

is likely to, assist officials of the agency in or in connection with:

(i) inquiries that are being made in relation to a narcotics offence that the person has committed or is reasonably suspected of having committed; or

(ii) if there are circumstances reasonably giving rise to the suspicion that the person is likely to commit a narcotics offence—inquiries that are being made in relation to the likely commission, by that person, of that offence;

the Judge or nominated AAT member may, by warrant under his hand in accordance with the prescribed form, authorize officials of the agency, subject to any conditions or restrictions that he sees fit to specify in the warrant, to use a listening device for the purpose of listening to or recording words spoken by, to or in the presence of that person, and such a warrant may authorize officials of the agency to enter any premises in which the person is, or is likely to be, for the purpose of installing, maintaining, using or recovering a listening device or a part of a listening device.

(6) A Judge or nominated AAT member may grant a warrant under subsection (5) authorizing the use of a listening device for the purpose of listening to or recording words spoken by, to or in the presence of a person anywhere in Australia.

Issuing listening device warrants in relation to premises

(7) Where, upon application being made to a Judge or nominated AAT member for the issue of a warrant to a Commonwealth law enforcement agency under this section authorizing the use of a listening device in relation to particular premises, the Judge or nominated AAT member is satisfied, by information on oath, that:

(a) there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the premises have been, or are likely to be, used in connection with the commission of a narcotics offence; and

(b) the use by officials of the agency of a listening device to listen to or record words spoken by or to persons in those premises will, or is likely to, assist officials of the agency in, or in connection with, inquiries that are being made in relation to the use, or likely use, of the premises in connection with the commission of a narcotics offence;

the Judge or nominated AAT member may, by warrant under his hand in accordance with the prescribed form, authorize officials of the agency, subject to any conditions or restrictions that he sees fit to specify in the warrant, to use a listening device for the purpose of listening to or recording words spoken by or to any person while the person is in those premises, and such a warrant may authorize officials of the agency to enter those premises for the purpose of installing, maintaining, using or recovering a listening device or a part of a listening device.

(8) A Judge or nominated AAT member may grant a warrant under subsection (7) authorizing the use of a listening device in respect of premises situated anywhere in Australia.

Issuing listening device warrants in relation to items

(8A) A person referred to in subsection (4A) may apply to a Judge or nominated AAT member to issue a warrant to a Commonwealth law enforcement agency authorising the use of a listening device in relation to a particular item.

(8B) The Judge or nominated AAT member may issue a warrant if satisfied, by information on oath, that:

(a) there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the item has been, or is likely to be, used in connection with the commission of a narcotics offence; and

(b) the use by officials of the agency of a listening device to listen to or record words spoken by or to persons in the vicinity of the item will, or is likely to, assist officials of the agency in, or in connection with, inquiries that are being made in relation to the use, or likely use, of the item in connection with the commission of a narcotics offence; and

(c) some or all of the information cannot appropriately be obtained by using a listening device authorised by a warrant under subsection (5) or (7).

(8C) The Judge or nominated AAT member may issue a warrant authorising one or more of the following:

(a) the use of a listening device by officials of the agency for the purpose of listening to or recording words spoken by or to any person while the person is in the vicinity of the item (which may be located anywhere in Australia);

(b) the entry onto premises by the officials for the purpose of:

(i) installing the listening device or a part of the listening device in or on the item;

(ii) maintaining, using or recovering the device or a part of the device.

(8D) A warrant may be subject to any conditions or restrictions that the Judge or nominated AAT member sees fit to specify in the warrant.

(8E) A warrant must be signed by the judge or nominated AAT member and in accordance with the prescribed form.

Warrants authorising entry onto premises

(9) Where a warrant under this section authorizes entry on premises the warrant shall state whether entry is authorized to be made at any time of the day or night or only during specified hours and may, if the Judge or nominated AAT member issuing the warrant thinks fit, provide that entry may be made without permission first being sought or demand first being made, and authorize measures that he is satisfied are necessary for that purpose.

When a warrant is in force

(10) A warrant under this section shall specify the period for which it is to remain in force, being a period not exceeding 6 months.

(11) Subsection (10) shall not be construed as preventing the issue of any further warrant.

Warrant does not authorise an interception

(12) Nothing in this section, or in a warrant under this section, applies to or in relation to the use of a listening device for a purpose that would, for the purposes of the *Telecommunications (Interception)*

Act 1979, constitute the interception (whether or not in contravention of subsection 7(1) of that Act) of a communication passing over a telecommunications system within the meaning of that Act.

219C Information to be given in support of application for warrant

Information furnished to a Judge or nominated AAT member for the purposes of subsection 219B(5), (7) or (8B):

(a) may be given orally or otherwise; and

(b) shall include the facts and other grounds on which the applicant considers it necessary that the warrant should be issued.

219D Exercise of powers under warrant

(1) The authority conferred by a warrant issued to a Commonwealth law enforcement agency under section 219B shall be exercised only by the chief officer of the agency or by other officials of the agency approved, for the purposes of that warrant or of warrants issued under that section, by the chief officer or by an authorised official of the agency.

(2) In subsection (1), a reference to an authorised official of a Commonwealth law enforcement agency is a reference to an official of the agency appointed by the chief officer of the agency, by writing, to be an authorised official of the agency for the purposes of this section.

219E Discontinuance of action before expiration of warrant

Where, before a warrant granted to a Commonwealth law enforcement agency under this Division ceases to be in force, the chief officer of that agency is satisfied that the grounds on which the warrant was issued have ceased to exist, he or she shall:

(a) forthwith take such steps as are necessary to ensure that action in pursuance of the warrant (other than the recovery of a listening device or a part of a listening device) is discontinued; and

(b) by instrument signed by him or her, revoke the warrant.

219F Certain information not to be disclosed

(1) A person shall not divulge or communicate to another person, or make use of or record, any information obtained by using a listening device for the purposes of narcotics inquiries that are being, or have been, made by officials of a Commonwealth law enforcement agency, being information that has come to his knowledge or into his possession by reason of his being, or having been, an official of the agency or by reason of his having entered into an arrangement with an official of the agency to use a listening device for the purpose of those inquiries, except for the purposes of those inquiries.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 3 years.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the chief officer of a Commonwealth law enforcement agency may, in accordance with the following paragraphs, personally or by another official of the agency authorised by the chief officer, communicate information obtained by using a listening device for the purposes of narcotics inquiries that are being, or have been, made by officials of the agency:

(a) where the information relates, or appears to relate, to the commission, or intended commission, of a prescribed offence—the information may be communicated, for the purpose of the investigation of the offence, to:

(i) an official of that agency; or

(ii) an official of the other Commonwealth law enforcement agency; or

(iii) an officer of the Police Force of a State or Territory; and; or

(iv) an officer of the Police Integrity Commission of New South Wales; and

(b) where the information relates, or appears to relate, to activities that constitute, or to intended activities that would constitute, activities prejudicial to security, within the meaning of the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979*—the information may be communicated to the person holding, or performing the duties of, the office of Director-General of Security under that Act.

(3) Without limiting the purposes for which a person may, in accordance with subsection (1), divulge information, a person may divulge or communicate information obtained by using a listening device for the purpose of narcotics inquiries that are being, or have been, made by officials of a Commonwealth law enforcement agency, for a purpose connected with:

(a) the making by an authority, body or person of a decision whether or not to begin a relevant proceeding; or

(b) the conduct of a relevant proceeding.

(4) Where a person is prosecuted before a Court for a prescribed offence, the Court may, in its discretion, refuse to permit information referred to in subsection (3) to be given in evidence in the proceedings if it is satisfied that it would be unfair to the accused to admit the information in evidence.

(5) In this section:

officer of the Police Integrity Commission means a person who is, for the purposes of the *Police Integrity Commission Act 1996* of New South Wales, an officer of the Police Integrity Commission of New South Wales.

219G Certain records to be destroyed

Where, by virtue of a warrant issued to a Commonwealth law enforcement agency under this Division, any record or copy has been made and the chief officer of the agency is satisfied:

(a) that the record or copy will not assist, and is not likely to assist, officials of the agency in, or in connection with narcotics inquiries that are being, or have been, made by them; and

(b) that the record or copy is not required, and is not likely to be required:

(i) in, or in connection with, a relevant proceeding; or

(ii) in, or in connection with, the exercise by officials of the agency of the powers conferred on the chief officer of the agency by subsection 219F(2);

the chief officer of the agency shall cause the record or copy to be destroyed.

219H Warrants etc. to be retained

The chief officer of a Commonwealth law enforcement agency shall cause to be retained in the records of the agency all warrants issued to the agency under section 219B, all documents furnished to a Judge or nominated AAT member in connection with the issue of those warrants, and all instruments issued under section 219E revoking warrants so issued.

219K Reports to be made to Minister concerning use of listening devices

(1) The chief officer of a Commonwealth law enforcement agency shall furnish to the Minister a copy of each warrant issued to the agency under section 219B, a copy of all documents furnished to a Judge or nominated AAT member in connection with the issue of the warrant and each instrument issued under section 219E revoking the warrant as soon as practicable after the issue or revocation of a warrant.

(2) The chief officer of a Commonwealth law enforcement agency shall give the Minister, in respect of each warrant issued to the agency under section 219B, a report in writing with respect to the use, whether the use was for the purposes of narcotics inquiries or otherwise, made by officials of the agency of information obtained by using a listening device under the warrant and the communication of any information so obtained to persons other than officials of the agency.

Division 1B—Detention and search of suspects

Subdivision A—Detention and frisk search of suspects

219L Detention for frisk search

(1) Where a detention officer suspects on reasonable grounds that a person is unlawfully carrying any prohibited goods on his or her body, an officer of Customs may, while a person is at a designated place, detain the person at the place for the purposes of being searched under this Subdivision.

(1A) If:

(a) officers have boarded a ship, aircraft or installation under section 185 or 187 for the purpose of conducting a search, or exercising any other power, under that section, in relation to that ship, aircraft or installation; and

(b) a detention officer suspects on reasonable grounds that a person who is on board the ship, aircraft or installation is unlawfully carrying prohibited goods on his or her body; and

(c) in the case where the person is on board a ship—the ship:

(i) is an Australian ship that is outside the territorial sea of a foreign country; or

(ii) is a foreign ship that is on the landward side of the outer edge of Australia's territorial sea;

the detention officer may detain the person for the purpose of being searched under this Subdivision.

(1B) If:

(a) officers have boarded a ship or aircraft under section 185 for the purpose of conducting a search, or exercising any other power, under that section, in relation to that ship or aircraft; and

(b) a detention officer suspects on reasonable grounds that a person who is on board the ship or aircraft is carrying on his or her body any weapon or thing that is capable of being used to inflict bodily injury on an officer conducting that search or exercising that other power; and

(c) in the case where the person is on board a ship—the ship:

(i) is an Australian ship that is outside the territorial sea of a foreign country; or

(ii) is a foreign ship that is on the landward side of the outer edge of Australia's territorial sea;

the detention officer may detain the person for the purpose of being searched under this Subdivision.

(1C) If:

(a) a person has boarded a Customs vessel or Commonwealth ship for a purpose connected with the conduct of a search or the exercise of any other power under section 185; and

(b) a detention officer suspects on reasonable grounds that the person is carrying on his or her body any weapon or thing that is capable or being used to inflict bodily injury on an officer conducting that search or exercising that other power;

the detention officer may detain the person for the purpose of being searched under this Subdivision.

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), (1A), (1B) or (1C), a suspicion on reasonable grounds for the purposes of that subsection includes a suspicion reasonably formed on the basis of any of the following:

(a) the person's travel itinerary, including plans in relation to places that have been visited or are intended to be visited by the person;

(b) declarations or statements made under a law of the Commonwealth by the person in the course of arriving in or departing from Australia;

(c) documents in the person's possession, including passports, visas or tickets;

(d) unusual behaviour of the person observed by or reported to an officer of Customs;

(e) the contents of or appearance of any visible item carried by the person or, if the person has baggage, of the person's baggage, whether or not carried by the person;

(f) the answers given by the person in relation to questions asked by an officer of Customs in the exercise of powers

under this Act, or the refusal or failure of the person to answer such questions;

(g) the documents produced by the person in compliance with an obligation under this Act, or the refusal or failure of the person to produce such documents.

219M Frisk search

(1) A frisk search of a person detained under section 219L is not to be carried out unless it is carried out:

(a) as soon as practicable after the detainee is detained; and

(b) by an officer of Customs who is of the same sex as the detainee.

(2) Before carrying out the frisk search of a person who is detained in a designated place that is a section 234AA place, the officer of Customs must:

(a) advise the detainee of the detainee's right to request that the search be carried out in an area of the place of detention that would, in the CEO's opinion, provide adequate personal privacy to the detainee during the search; and

(b) if the detainee so requests, take the detainee to such an area.

(3) If the detainee is detained at a designated place other than a section 234AA place, then, in the conduct of a frisk search of the detainee, the officer conducting the search must use his or her best endeavours to give the detainee as much personal privacy as the circumstances of the search allow.

(4) Before carrying out the frisk search of a person who is detained under subsection 219L(1B) or (1C), the officer of Customs must:

(a) inform the person that the person is being detained so that a search for any weapon or thing capable of being used to inflict bodily injury on an officer can be conducted; and

(b) inform the person:

(i) that the person must submit to the search; and

(ii) that if, as a result of the search, an officer of Customs finds any thing, the officer may take possession of the thing so found; and

(iii) that if the person fails to submit to the search, or, having submitted to the search, attempts to prevent an officer of Customs taking possession of any thing found as a result of the search, an officer of Customs may use reasonable force to conduct the search and to take possession of that thing.

219N Power to require the production of things

The officer of Customs carrying out a frisk search of a person detained in the circumstances referred to in subsection 219L(1) or (1A) may require the production of any thing found, as a result of that search, to be carried on the body of the detainee in order to determine whether it is, or contains, prohibited goods unlawfully carried by the detainee.

219NA Use of reasonable force, and consequent powers, in particular circumstances

(1) If a person detained in the circumstances set out in subsection 219L(1B) or (1C):

(a) refuses to submit to a frisk search by an officer of Customs under this Subdivision; or

(b) having submitted to a frisk search, attempts to prevent an officer of Customs taking possession of any thing found as a result of that search that might be used to inflict bodily injury on an officer conducting a search, or exercising any other power, under section 185;

the officer of Customs detaining the person may use reasonable force to conduct that search or to take possession of that thing, as the case requires.

(2) The officer of Customs who has taken possession of a thing under subsection (1) may retain custody of the thing for so long only as is necessary to permit the conduct of the search, or the exercise of that other power, under section 185, without risk of injury.

(3) For the avoidance of doubt, an officer of Customs may, under section 203C, or under a warrant granted under section 203 or 203M, seize any prohibited goods:

(a) that the officer would be authorised to seize under that section or that warrant; and

(b) that, in the course of carrying out a frisk search of a person, are found by the officer to be carried on the person's body;

even though the person was detained for the purposes of the search in the circumstances set out in subsection 219L(1B) or (1C).

219P Persons to whom section 219R applies

Section 219R applies to a person detained under subsection 219L(1) or (1A) if:

(a) the detainee refuses to submit to a frisk search under this Subdivision; or

(b) the detainee, having submitted to the frisk search, refuses to produce a thing that he or she is required to produce under section 219N.

Subdivision B—Detention and external search of suspects

219Q Detention for external search

(1) Where a detention officer or police officer suspects on reasonable grounds that a person is unlawfully carrying any prohibited goods on his or her body, an officer of Customs or police officer may detain the person for the purposes of being searched under this Subdivision.

(2) Where a person is so detained, an officer of Customs or police officer must, as soon as practicable, take the person to:

(a) a detention place that the officer considers suitable for the detention of the person for the purposes of this Subdivision; or

(b) a place (other than a detention place):

(i) if the person is detained by a detention officer—that, in the CEO's opinion, affords adequate personal privacy to the person; or

(ii) if the person is detained by a police officer—that, in the police officer's opinion, affords adequate personal privacy to the person.

219R External search

(1) Where:

(a) by force of section 219P, this section applies to a person detained under section 219L; or

(b) a detention officer or police officer suspects on reasonable grounds that a person detained under section 219Q is unlawfully carrying prohibited goods on his or her body;

then:

(c) if:

(i) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the detainee is not in need of protection; and

(ii) the detainee consents to be searched; and

(iii) the requirements of section 219RAA are met in respect of that consent;

an officer of Customs or police officer must, as soon as practicable, carry out an external search of the detainee; or

(d) in any other case, the detention officer or police officer must, as soon as practicable, apply to a Justice or, in the circumstances set out in subsection (1A), to an authorised officer, for an order for an external search of the detainee.

(1A) The detention officer or police officer may apply to an authorised officer only if:

(a) the detainee has waived his or her right to have the application for an order considered by a Justice; or

(b) a Justice is not reasonably available to consider such an application.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the person to whom an application is made may order that an external search of the detainee be carried out.

(3) The person must not make such an order unless he or she is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the detainee is unlawfully carrying prohibited goods.

(4) Where the person does not make such an order, he or she must order that the detainee be released immediately.

(5) If an external search of the detainee is ordered and the person making the order is satisfied that the detainee is in need of protection, the person must order that the search be carried out in the presence of:

(a) the detainee's legal guardian; or

(b) a specified person (not being an officer of Customs or a police officer) who is capable of representing the detainee's interests in relation to the search.

(6) So far as is practicable, a person mentioned in an order under subsection (5) as the person in whose presence an external search is to be carried out must be acceptable to the detainee.

(7) Subject to subsection (8), the detainee may at any time communicate with another person.

(8) An officer of Customs or police officer may stop the detainee from communicating with another person if the officer believes on reasonable grounds that such communication should be stopped in order to:

(a) safeguard the processes of law enforcement; or

(b) protect the life and safety of any person.

(9) Where:

(a) an external search of the detainee is ordered; and

(b) a detention officer or police officer still suspects on reasonable grounds that the detainee is unlawfully carrying prohibited goods;

the detention officer or police officer must ensure that an external search of the detainee is carried out as soon as practicable.

(10) The search must be carried out:

(a) by an officer of Customs or a police officer; and

(b) in accordance with the order and this section.

(11) An external search of the detainee is to be carried out by a person who is of the same sex as the detainee.

(11A) Prescribed equipment may be used in carrying out the external search if, and only if, consent to the use of the equipment in

carrying out the search has been given by the detainee and the requirements of section 219RAB are met.

Note: Section 219RAC deals with regulations prescribing equipment.

(11B) If use of the prescribed equipment involves samples from the detainee's body, the equipment may be used in the search only with samples from the outer surface of the detainee's hand.

(11C) To avoid doubt, the search may be continued without the use of the prescribed equipment if the use of the equipment produces an indication that the detainee is or may be carrying prohibited goods.

(12) While:

(a) a person is detained under section 219L and, by force of section 219P, this section applies to the person; or

(b) a person is detained under section 219Q;

a detention officer or police officer may question the person:

(c) for the purpose of carrying out an external search of the person under this section; or

(d) concerning any prohibited goods found to have been illegally carried by the person on his or her body as a result of the carrying out of an external search of the person under this section.

(13) The detention officer or police officer must not question the detainee under subsection (12) unless the detention officer or police officer has informed the detainee:

(a) that the detainee is not obliged to answer any questions asked of him or her; and

(b) that anything said by him or her may be used in evidence; and

(c) of his or her right to communicate with another person.

(14) In this section:

authorised officer means an officer of Customs who is a member of a class of officers of Customs declared by the CEO to be authorised officers in relation to particular circumstances or places.

219RAA Videotape record may be made of external search

(1) In inviting a detainee to consent to an external search, an officer of Customs must have told the detainee:

(a) that, at the discretion of the Customs, a videotape or other electronic record may be made of the external search; and

(b) that, if such a record is made, the record could be used in evidence against the detainee in a court; and

(c) that, if such a record is made, a copy of the record will be provided to the detainee; and

(d) that the invitation, and any giving of consent, was being or would be itself recorded by audiotape, videotape or other electronic means or in writing.

(2) The invitation to consent and any giving of consent must have been recorded by audiotape, videotape or other electronic means or in writing.

(3) The officer making the videotape or other electronic record must be of the same sex as the detainee.

(4) If, in the absence of consent by the detainee to an external search, an application is made for an order under subsection 219R(2) for an external search, that order may authorise the making of a videotape or other electronic record of the external search.

(5) If, in the course of carrying out an external search, an officer of Customs or a police officer finds evidence that the detainee is unlawfully carrying prohibited goods, that officer may, without the further consent of the detainee, take a photograph of the prohibited goods on the detainee.

219RAB Use of prescribed equipment for external search

(1) In inviting a detainee to consent to the use of prescribed equipment in an external search, an officer of Customs must have told the detainee:

(a) what the prescribed equipment is; and

(b) the purpose for which the prescribed equipment would be used; and

(c) that use of the prescribed equipment could produce evidence against the detainee that could be used in a court; and

(d) what known risk (if any) would be posed to the detainee's health by use of the prescribed equipment; and

(e) the procedure for the use of the prescribed equipment; and

(f) that the prescribed equipment would be used by an officer of Customs authorised to use the equipment; and

(g) that the search would be continued without the use of the prescribed equipment should use of the equipment indicate that the detainee was or might be carrying prohibited goods; and

(h) that the invitation, and any giving of consent, was being or would be recorded by audiotape, videotape or other electronic means or in writing; and

(i) that the detainee is entitled to a copy of that record.

(2) The invitation to consent and any consent must have been recorded by audiotape, videotape or other electronic means or in writing.

(3) The prescribed equipment must be operated by an authorised officer who is of the same sex as the detainee.

Note: Section 219RAD deals with authorisation of an officer to operate equipment.

219RAC Prescribing equipment for use in external searches

(1) For the purposes of subsection 219R(11A), the regulations may prescribe only equipment that can produce an indication that a person is or may be carrying prohibited goods on his or her body.

(2) Before the Governor-General makes a regulation prescribing equipment for the purposes of subsection 219R(11A), the Minister must obtain from the CEO a statement that:

(a) the equipment can safely be used to detect prohibited goods; and

(b) use of the equipment poses no risk, or minimal risk, to the health of a person whom the equipment is used to search; and

(c) a person does not require professional qualifications to operate the equipment.

(3) Before making a statement described in subsection (2), the CEO must consult the Commonwealth authorities (if any) that have expertise or responsibilities relevant to the matters addressed by the statement.

(4) If, before making a statement of the kind described in subsection (2), the CEO consults with Commonwealth authorities in accordance with subsection (3), the CEO must lay a copy of any advice received from those authorities in the course of that consultation before each House of the Parliament within 7 sitting days of that House after the day on which the statement is given to the Minister.

219RAD Authorising officers to use prescribed equipment for external search

The CEO may authorise an officer of Customs for the purposes of subsection 219RAB(3) to use prescribed equipment only if the officer has successfully completed the training specified in an approved statement describing training in the operation of the equipment.

219RAE Giving a record of invitation and consent or of order

(1) If a detainee who is invited to consent:

(a) to an external search under section 219R; or

(b) to the use of prescribed equipment in the conduct of that external search;

requests it, an officer of Customs must give the detainee, as soon as reasonably practicable:

(c) a copy of the record of the invitation; and

(d) if the detainee gave consent—a copy of the record of the detainee's consent.

(2) If an order for the external search of a detainee is made under subsection 219R(2), a copy of the order is to be given, as soon as reasonably practicable:

(a) unless paragraph (b) applies—to the detainee; or

(b) if the detainee is in need of protection—to the person in whose presence the external search is to be carried out.

219RAF Records of results of external search

(1) This section applies to any of the following produced in the course of an external search of a detainee under section 219R:

(a) a videotape or other electronic record of the external search;

(b) a photograph taken in the circumstances described in subsection 219RAA(5);

(c) any other photograph or image of the detainee's body taken using prescribed equipment the subject of a consent under section 219R;

(d) a sample from the outer surface of the detainee's hand taken using such prescribed equipment.

(2) The videotape or other electronic record of the external search, and any photograph, image or sample referred to in paragraph (1)(b), (c) or (d), must be destroyed as soon as practicable if:

(a) a period of 12 months has elapsed since the record was made, or the photograph, image or sample was produced; and

(b) relevant proceedings have not been instituted or have been discontinued.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), ***relevant proceedings*** are proceedings:

(a) against the detainee; and

(b) relating to prohibited goods; and

(c) in respect of which the record, photograph, image or sample is relevant.

(4) On application by an officer of Customs or the Director of Public Prosecutions, a magistrate may extend the period of 12 months (or that period as previously extended under this subsection) in relation to the videotape or other electronic record of the external search or to a particular photograph, image or sample, if the magistrate is satisfied that there are special reasons for doing so.

(5) The videotape or other electronic record, and any photograph, image or sample must be destroyed as soon as practicable if:

(a) the detainee is found to have committed a relevant offence but no conviction is recorded; or

(b) the detainee is acquitted of a relevant offence and:

(i) no appeal is lodged against the acquittal; or

(ii) an appeal is lodged against the acquittal and the acquittal is confirmed or the appeal is withdrawn;

unless there is pending an investigation into another relevant offence or a proceeding against the detainee for another relevant offence.

(6) For the purpose of subsection (5), an offence is a ***relevant offence*** if:

(a) it relates to prohibited goods; and

(b) the videotape or other electronic record, or the photograph, image or sample, relates to the offence.

(7) The regulations must make provision in relation to the secure storage of any videotape or other electronic record of an external search, and of any photograph, image or sample referred to in paragraph (1)(b), (c) or (d) pending its ultimate destruction.

Subdivision C—Detention and internal search of persons suspected of internally concealing substances etc.

219RA Certain Judges and Magistrates eligible to give orders under this Subdivision

(1) A Judge of the Federal Court of Australia, of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory or of the Family Court of Australia may, by writing, consent to be nominated by the Minister under subsection (2).

(2) The Minister may, by writing, nominate a Judge of a court referred to in subsection (1) in relation to whom a consent is in force under that subsection to be a Division 1B Judge.

219S Initial detention

(1) Where a detention officer or police officer suspects on reasonable grounds that a person is internally concealing a suspicious substance, an officer of Customs or police officer may detain the person for the purposes of enabling an application for an order for the detention of the person under section 219T to be made.

(2) If the person is so detained, an officer of Customs or police officer:

(a) must, as soon as practicable, take the person to the nearest detention place that the officer considers suitable for the detention of the person for the purposes of this Subdivision; and

(b) may, subject to subsections 219Z(3), (4), (5) and (6), detain the person at that place for those purposes.

219T Initial order for detention

(1) Where a person is detained under section 219S and subsection 219V(2) does not apply, the CEO or a police officer must, as soon as practicable, apply:

(a) if there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the person is in need of protection—to a Division 1B Judge; or

(b) in any other case—to a Division 1B Judge or a Division 1B Magistrate;

for an order that the detainee be detained.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the Judge or Magistrate may order that the detainee be detained under this section for a period of 48 hours from:

(a) the time at which the detention began; or

(b) the time at which the order is made;

as the Judge or Magistrate thinks fit.

(3) The Judge or Magistrate must not make such an order unless he or she is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the detainee is internally concealing a suspicious substance.

(4) Where the Judge or Magistrate does not make such an order, he or she must order that the detainee be released immediately.

(5) Where:

(a) a Judge or Magistrate orders that a detainee be detained under this section; and

(b) the Judge or Magistrate is satisfied that the detainee is in need of protection;

the Judge or Magistrate must appoint a person (not being an officer of Customs or police officer) to represent the detainee's interests in relation to this Division until the detainee is no longer in need of protection.

(6) So far as is practicable, a person so appointed must be acceptable to the detainee.

219U Renewal of order for detention

(1) Where:

(a) a person is being detained under an order under section 219T; and

(b) a detention officer or police officer decides that a further period of detention is necessary in order to determine whether the person is internally concealing a suspicious substance;

the CEO or a police officer may apply:

(c) if there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the detainee is in need of protection—to a Division 1B Judge; or

(d) in any other case—to a Division 1B Judge or a Division 1B Magistrate;

for an order that the detainee be further detained.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the Judge or Magistrate may order that the detainee be further detained under this section for a period of 48 hours from the end of the period for which the unexpired order is in force.

(3) The Judge or Magistrate must not make such an order unless he or she is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the detainee is internally concealing a suspicious substance.

(4) Where the Judge or Magistrate does not make such an order, he or she must order that, at the end of the period for which the unexpired order is in force, the detainee be released immediately.

219V Arrangement for internal search

(1) This section applies only so long as a detention officer or police officer suspects on reasonable grounds that the detainee is internally concealing a suspicious substance.

(2) If:

(a) there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the detainee is in need of protection; and

(b) the detainee signs a written consent to be internally searched;

an officer of Customs or police officer must, as soon as practicable, arrange for an internal search of the detainee.

(3) If:

(a) there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the detainee is in need of protection; and

(b) the detainee has been detained under section 219U; and

(c) the detainee has not signed a written consent to be internally searched;

the CEO or a police officer must, before the end of the period of detention under that section, apply to a Division 1B Judge for an order for an internal search of the detainee.

(4) If there are reasonable grounds to believe that the detainee is in need of protection, the CEO or a police officer must:

(a) if a person has been appointed under subsection 219T(5) or 219X(3) to represent the detainee's interests in relation to this Division and that person consents to the detainee being internally searched—as soon as practicable after the consent is given; or

(b) if paragraph (a) does not apply, and the detainee has been detained under section 219U—before the end of the period of that detention;

apply to a Division 1B Judge for an order for an internal search of the detainee.

(5) After the end of a period of detention under section 219S, 219T or 219U, the detainee may be further detained by force of this subsection:

(a) if subsection (2) applies—until the internal search is completed; or

(b) if subsection (3) or (4) applies—until an order under this section is granted.

(6) Subject to subsections (9) and (10), the Judge may order that the detainee:

(a) be internally searched, the search to start:

(i) if consent to the search has been given under paragraph (4)(a)—as soon as practicable after the order is made and no later than a time specified in the order; or

(ii) in any other case—no sooner than the end of the period of detention under section 219U, but as soon as practicable after the end of that period and no later than a time specified in the order; and

(b) be detained for so long as is reasonably necessary for the internal search to be completed.

(7) Where the Judge does not make such an order, he or she must order that the detainee be released immediately.

(8) Subject to subsections (9) and (10), on an application made by the CEO or a police officer within the time specified in an order under paragraph (6)(a), or the time as extended under this subsection, the Judge may extend that time.

(9) The Judge must not make an order under subsection (6), or grant an extension of time under subsection (8), unless he or she is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the detainee is internally concealing a suspicious substance.

(10) Subject to subsection (11), the time specified in an order under paragraph (6)(a), including that time as extended under subsection (8), must not be later than 48 hours after:

(a) if the detainee is being detained under section 219S, 219T or 219U—the end of the period of that detention; or

(b) if the detainee is being detained under subsection (5)—the time when that detention began.

(11) If the Judge is satisfied that the detainee will refuse, or has refused, to submit to an internal search in spite of an order having been made under subsection (6), the time specified in the order under paragraph (6)(a), including that time as extended under subsection (8), is to be such time as the Judge considers appropriate in order to allow an internal search to be carried out.

219W Detention under this Subdivision

(1) A person detained under this Subdivision may at any time:
  (a) consult a lawyer; or
  (b) subject to subsection (3), communicate with another person.

(2) Where a person detained under this Subdivision wishes to consult a lawyer, an officer of Customs or police officer must arrange for the person to consult a lawyer of the person's choice.

(3) An officer of Customs or police officer may stop a person so detained from communicating with another person if the officer believes on reasonable grounds that such communication should be stopped in order to:
  (a) safeguard the processes of law enforcement; or
  (b) protect the life and safety of any person.

(4) While a person is being detained under an order under this Subdivision, or has consented to an internal search under this Subdivision, a detention officer or police officer may ask the person such questions as are reasonable:
  (a) to determine whether the person is internally concealing a suspicious substance; or
  (b) concerning any such substance found to have been internally concealed by the person.

(5) The detention officer or police officer must not question the detainee under subsection (4) unless the detention officer or police officer has informed the detainee:
  (a) that the detainee is not obliged to answer any questions asked of him or her; and
  (b) that anything said by him or her may be used in evidence; and

(c) of his or her right to consult a lawyer or communicate with another person.

(6) While the person is detained under an order made under this Subdivision:

(a) subject to section 219ZG, the person is to be detained at a detention place; and

(b) the detention is to be conducted with such medical supervision as is specified in an order relating to the person's detention under this Subdivision; and

(c) the detainee, his or her representative or (where applicable) a person appointed under subsection 219T(5) or 219X(3) to represent the detainee's interests in relation to this Division may at any time apply to:

(i) if the order was made by a Judge—a Division 1B Judge; or

(ii) if the order was made by a Magistrate—a Division 1B Judge or a Division 1B Magistrate;

for the order to be revoked.

219X Detainee becoming in need of protection

(1) If:

(a) at any time while a person is being detained under this Subdivision, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the detainee has become in need of protection; and

(b) until that time, the detainee has not been treated under this Subdivision as being in need of protection;

the CEO or a police officer must, as soon as practicable, apply for an order under this section.

(2) The application is to be made:

(a) if the person is being detained under an order made by a Division 1B Judge or Division 1B Magistrate—to such a Judge or Magistrate, as the case may be; or

(b) if not—to a Division 1B Judge.

(3) The Judge or Magistrate must, if satisfied that the detainee is in need of protection, appoint a person (not being an officer of Customs or a police officer) to represent the detainee's interests in

relation to this Division until the detainee is no longer in need of protection.

(4) So far as is practicable, a person so appointed must be a person acceptable to the detainee.

219Y Applications for orders under this Subdivision

(1) A detainee must be given adequate opportunity to obtain legal advice and legal representation in relation to an application for an order under this Subdivision.

(2) An application under this Subdivision may be made orally or in writing and, subject to subsection (5), must be made in person, and on oath or affirmation, at a hearing before the relevant Judge or Magistrate.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), the detainee has the right to be present at, to make submissions to, and to be represented before, any hearing before the Judge or Magistrate.

(4) The Judge or Magistrate, to the extent that he or she thinks necessary to:

(a) safeguard the processes of law enforcement; or

(b) protect the life and safety of any person;

may:

(c) restrict the rights under subsection (3) of the detainee to hear or have access to evidence presented by or on behalf of the CEO or a police officer; or

(d) order that a witness not be required to answer a question or to produce a document.

(5) Where it is not practicable to make an application under this Subdivision in person, the application may be made by telephone or any other appropriate method of communication, and:

(a) if the Judge or Magistrate so requires—the detainee or the detainee's representative is to be given an opportunity to make submissions to the Judge or Magistrate by the same method of communication; and

(b) as soon as practicable after making the application, the CEO or a police officer must give the Judge or Magistrate a

statutory declaration setting out the facts and reasons supporting the application.

219Z Internal search

(1) An internal search is to be carried out by a medical practitioner.

(2) Where the detainee is in need of protection, the search is to be carried out in the presence of the person appointed under subsection 219T(5) or 219X(3).

(3) Subject to subsection (5), the search is to be carried out at a place that:

(a) is specified in regulations made for the purposes of this subsection; or

(b) is provided with the technical, paramedical and other services prescribed for the purposes of this subsection.

(4) If the person is not being detained at such a place, an officer of Customs or police officer must, as soon as practicable:

(a) take the person to the nearest such place that the officer considers, on reasonable grounds, to be suitable for the search; and

(b) continue the person's detention at that place.

(5) The recovery, during the search, of a substance or thing internally concealed by the detainee is to be carried out at a place that:

(a) is specified in regulations made for the purposes of this subsection; or

(b) is provided with the technical, paramedical and other services prescribed for the purposes of this subsection.

(6) If the person is not being detained at such a place, an officer of Customs or police officer must:

(a) take the person to the nearest such place that the officer considers, on reasonable grounds, to be suitable for the recovery; and

(b) continue the person's detention at that place.

Subdivision D—Detention generally

219ZA Detention officers

(1) The CEO may, by signed instrument, declare a class of officers of Customs to be detention officers for the purposes of Subdivision A.

(2) The CEO may, by signed instrument, declare a class of officers of Customs to be detention officers for the purposes of Subdivision B.

(3) The CEO may, by signed instrument, declare a class of officers of Customs to be detention officers for the purposes of Subdivision C.

219ZB Detention places

(1) A place that is:

(a) prescribed for the purposes of this subsection; or

(b) provided with amenities that satisfy standards prescribed for the purposes of this subsection;

is a detention place for the purposes of Subdivision B.

(2) A place that is:

(a) prescribed for the purposes of this subsection; or

(b) provided with amenities that satisfy standards prescribed for the purposes of this subsection;

is a detention place for the purposes of Subdivision C.

219ZC Detention under this Division

(1) An officer of Customs or police officer exercising powers under this Division in relation to a person must produce identification as such an officer when requested by the person to do so.

(2) An officer of Customs or police officer exercising powers under this Division in relation to a person must not use more force, or subject the person to greater indignity, than is reasonable and necessary.

(2A) Without otherwise limiting the application of subsection (2), the use of force in actually conducting an external search of a detainee will be regarded as reasonable and necessary:

(a) if an order has been made by a Justice under section 219R and the detainee does not submit to the search; or

(b) if an order has been made under that section by an authorised officer because a Justice was not reasonably available and the detainee does not submit to the search.

(3) While a person is being taken to a particular place under this Division (except under subsection 219ZE(3)) the person is regarded as being detained under this Division.

(4) While a person is being detained under this Division, the person is regarded as being in the custody of:

(a) if the person is being detained by an officer of Customs—the CEO; or

(b) if the person is being detained by a member of the Australian Federal Police—the Commissioner of Police; or

(c) if the person is being detained by a member of the Police Force of a State or Territory—the person who holds, in relation to that Police Force, the same office as the Commissioner of Police holds in relation to the Australian Federal Police.

219ZD Detainees not fluent in English

(1) Where an officer of Customs or police officer detaining a person under this Division has reasonable cause to believe that the person is unable, because of inadequate knowledge of the English language or for any other reason, to communicate orally with reasonable fluency in the English language, the officer must take all reasonable steps to ensure that, at all times during the person's detention when communication with or by the person is to take place, a person competent to act as an interpreter is present and acts as interpreter for the purposes of the communication.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the person detained and the person with whom he or she is communicating are able:

(a) to communicate in a language other than the English language with reasonable fluency; or

(b) to communicate satisfactorily by any other means.

219ZE Release from, or cessation of, detention

(1) In spite of any other provision of this Division, but subject to subsection (2) and section 219ZG, where a person is detained under this Division and:

(a) an order is made under this Division that the person be released; or

(b) an order for the detention of the person is revoked; or

(c) an order for the detention of the person has ended and subsection 219V (5) does not apply; or

(ca) if the detention is under Subdivision A in the circumstances referred to in subsection 219L(1) or (1A)—no detention officer suspects on reasonable grounds that the person is unlawfully carrying prohibited goods on his or her body; or

(cb) if the detention is under Subdivision A in the circumstances referred to in subsection 219L(1B) or 219L(1C)—no detention officer suspects on reasonable grounds that the person is carrying on his or her body a weapon or thing capable of being used to inflict bodily injury on an officer of Customs; or

(d) if the detention is under Subdivision B—no detention officer suspects on reasonable grounds that the person is unlawfully carrying prohibited goods on his or her body; or

(e) if the detention is under Subdivision C—no detention officer suspects on reasonable grounds that the person is internally concealing a suspicious substance; or

(f) an internal search of the person is completed;

the detention, and any search, of the person under this Division must cease immediately.

(2) Subsection (1) does not prevent a further application of this Division, or the detention of the person under any law other than this Division.

(3) If:

(a) the detainee is released at any place other than the place at which he or she was first detained; and

(b) the detainee so requests;

the detainee must immediately be returned free of charge to the place of the first detention.

Subdivision E—Medical practitioners

219ZF Conduct of internal search

(1) Subject to subsection (2), a medical practitioner may, in carrying out an internal search of a detainee under section 219Z, use any medical procedure or apparatus that the medical practitioner considers to be reasonably safe in the circumstances.

(2) The medical practitioner must not use any medical procedure involving surgical incision unless he or she considers it necessary to do so because the detainee's life is at risk.

(3) If the medical practitioner:

(a) suspects on reasonable grounds during the internal search that the detainee is internally concealing a substance or thing; and

(b) lacks sufficient expertise to recover it;

he or she must, as soon as practicable, arrange for another medical practitioner having that expertise to do so.

219ZG Medical practitioner may take action to preserve detainee's life

(1) A medical practitioner may take such measures in relation to a detainee, including removal to another place, as the medical practitioner considers necessary because the detainee's life is at risk, including measures involving surgical incision or exploration.

(2) While the detainee is being so removed to a place, and while he or she is at that place:

(a) he or she may be detained under this subsection; and

(b) time is not to be taken to run under an order made under Subdivision C.

219ZH Medical practitioner to answer questions and prepare report

(1) Subject to subsection (4), at any time during the period during which a medical practitioner is involved in doing anything under this Division, an officer of Customs or police officer may ask the medical practitioner questions relating to whether an internal search of the detainee should be carried out, the manner in which such a search is being carried out or the results of such a search, and the medical practitioner must answer those questions to the best of his or her ability.

(2) As soon as practicable after completing anything done under this Division, the medical practitioner or medical practitioners involved must give to the chief officer of the person who detained the detainee a written report under subsection (3).

(3) The report is to be in accordance with directions given by the chief officer concerned.

(4) Subsections (1), (2) and (3) are not limited by any law relating to privilege or confidentiality.

(5) A report prepared under subsection (3) and given to a chief officer under subsection (2) is, in any proceedings under this Act, *prima facie* evidence of the facts stated in the report.

(6) In this section:

chief officer means:

(a) in relation to an officer of Customs—the CEO; or

(b) in relation to a member of the Australian Federal Police—the Commissioner of Police; or

(c) in relation to a member of the Police Force of a State or Territory—the person who holds, in relation to that Police Force, the same office as the Commissioner of Police holds in relation to the Australian Federal Police.

219ZJ Proceedings against medical practitioners

Proceedings, other than proceedings concerning negligently causing injury, do not lie against a medical practitioner, or any person assisting or providing facilities to a medical practitioner, in

respect of anything done by the medical practitioner under this Division.

Division 1C—Judges and Magistrates

219ZK Nature of functions of Judge or Magistrate

(1) Where this Part confers on a Judge or Magistrate the function of issuing a warrant or giving an order, the function is so conferred on the Judge or Magistrate in a personal capacity and not as a court or a member of a court.

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a warrant or order issued or given by a Judge or Magistrate under this Part has effect only by virtue of this Act and is not to be taken by implication to be issued or given by a court.

219ZL Protection of Judge or Magistrate

(1) A Judge of the Federal Court of Australia, of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory or of the Family Court of Australia has, in performing a function of, or connected with, issuing a warrant or giving an order under this Part, the same protection and immunity as a Justice of the High Court has in relation to proceedings in the High Court.

(2) A Judge of the Supreme Court of a State, or a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory who is not a Judge referred to in subsection (1), has, in performing a function of, or connected with, issuing a warrant or giving an order under this Part, the same protection and immunity as if he or she were performing that function as that Supreme Court or as a member of that Supreme Court.

(3) A Magistrate performing a function of, or connected with, issuing a warrant or giving an order under this Part has the same protection and immunity as if he or she were performing that function as a Magistrates Court or as a member of a Magistrates Court.

(4) A nominated AAT member has, in performing a function of, or connected with, issuing a warrant under section 219B, the same protection and immunity as a Justice of the High Court has in relation to proceedings in the High Court.

(4A) No civil or criminal action is to be brought against a Justice in respect of anything done, or omitted to be done, in performing the function of, or a function connected with, making an order under section 219R.

(5) In this section:

nominated AAT member means a member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in respect of whom a nomination is in force under section 219AB to issue warrants under section 219B for use of listening devices.

Division 2—Protection to officers

220 Reasonable cause for seizure a bar to action

No person shall be liable for any seizure under this Act for which there shall have been reasonable cause, and when any claimant recovers any ship aircraft or goods seized or any proceeds thereof and at the same time reasonable cause for the seizure is found such finding shall bar all proceedings against all persons concerned in the seizing.

221 Notice of action to be given

No proceedings shall be commenced against any officer for anything done in execution of or by reason of his office until one month next after notice in writing shall have been delivered to him or left at his usual place of abode by the plaintiff his attorney or agent in which notice shall be clearly stated the cause and nature of the proceeding and the court in which the same is intended to be instituted, the name and place of abode of the plaintiff and the name and place of business of such attorney or agent unless the Supreme Court of a State, the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory or the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory of Australia has granted leave to the plaintiff to proceed without notice, which leave the Court may grant on such terms as it thinks just.

222 Defect in notice not to invalidate

No notice under the last preceding section shall be deemed invalid by reason of any defect or inaccuracy therein unless the Court is of opinion that the defect or inaccuracy would prejudice the defendant in his defence and the Court may give leave to amend such notice as it thinks just.

223 No evidence to be produced but that contained in notice

Upon any proceeding instituted in pursuance of such notice the plantiff shall not be at liberty to advance any evidence of any cause of action except such as has been distinctly stated in such notice nor shall the plaintiff be entitled to a verdict without proving on the trial that such notice has been duly served.

224 Officer may tender amends

It shall be lawful for any officer to whom notice of proceeding shall have been given at any time within one month after such notice to tender amends to the plaintiff his attorney or agent and in case such amends be not accepted to plead such tender in defence either alone or with other defences and if the amends tendered shall be found to have been sufficient no costs shall be recovered against an officer and he shall be entitled to costs if he shall have brought the amount into court when entering his defence.

225 Commencement of proceedings against officers

Every proceeding against any officer shall except as mentioned in the next section be commenced within 6 months after its cause shall have arisen and not afterwards and the venue shall be local and the defendant may plead the general issue and give any special matter in evidence.

226 Time for commencing action

(1) No proceeding whether against an officer or otherwise for anything done for the protection of the revenue in relation to any Customs Tariff or Customs Tariff alteration proposed in the Parliament shall except as mentioned in the next section be commenced before the close of the session in which such Tariff or Tariff alteration is proposed or before the expiration of 12 months after such Tariff or Tariff alteration is proposed, whichever first happens.

(2) No proceeding, whether against an officer or otherwise, for anything done for the protection of the revenue in relation to a Customs Tariff or Customs Tariff alteration that is intended to be proposed in accordance with a notice under section 273EA shall, except as provided in the next succeeding section, be commenced before:

(a) the seventh sitting day of the House of Representatives after the date of publication of the notice, or the day on which the period of 6 months from the date of publication of the notice expires, whichever is the earlier day; or

(b) where, on or before the earlier of the days referred to in the last preceding paragraph, a Customs Tariff or Customs Tariff alteration that would validate the thing so done is proposed in the Parliament—the close of the session in which the Customs Tariff or Customs Tariff alteration is so proposed, or the expiration of 12 months after the Customs Tariff or Customs Tariff alteration is so proposed, whichever first happens.

227 Security may be required

The Supreme Court of a State, the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory or the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory of Australia on the application of any person who desires to commence any proceeding mentioned in the last section against an officer may require the officer to give security to the satisfaction of the Court to abide the result of the proceeding and in default of the giving of such security may sanction the immediate commencement of the proceeding.

Part XIIA—Special provisions relating to prohibited weapons

227A Overview of Part

This Part deals with certain weapons on board a ship or an aircraft that is in Australia after arriving in Australia from a place outside Australia. The Part empowers an officer, under certain circumstances:

(a) to approve a storage place on the ship or aircraft for the purpose of safekeeping the weapon; or

(b) to take the weapon into custody;

for a period that ends when the ship or aircraft departs from Australia or otherwise ceases to be subject to this Part.

227B Definitions

In this Part:

operator means:

(a) in relation to a ship—the owner or master of the ship; and

(b) in relation to an aircraft—the owner or pilot of the aircraft.

prohibited weapon means a thing that is a firearm, firearm accessory, firearm part, firearm magazine or ammunition to which this Part applies because of section 227D.

227C Ships and aircraft to which this Part applies

(1) This Part applies to a ship if:

(a) the ship is in Australia after undertaking a voyage to Australia from a place outside Australia; and

(b) the ship is not a ship that is taken to have been imported into Australia under subsection 49A(7).

(2) This Part applies to an aircraft if:

(a) the aircraft is in Australia after undertaking a flight to Australia from a place outside Australia; and

(b) the aircraft is not an aircraft that is taken to have been imported into Australia under subsection 49A(7).

(3) This Part ceases to apply to a ship when:

(a) the ship has departed from its last port in Australia for a place outside Australia; or

(b) the ship is taken to have been imported into Australia under subsection 49A(7).

(4) This Part ceases to apply to an aircraft when:

(a) the aircraft has departed from its last airport in Australia for a place outside Australia; or

(b) the aircraft is taken to have been imported into Australia under subsection 49A(7).

(5) If:

(a) this Part ceased to apply to a ship because the ship has departed from its last port in Australia as mentioned in paragraph (3)(a); but

(b) the ship returns to Australia before completing a voyage to a place outside Australia;

then, subject to paragraph (1)(b) and subsection (3), this Part applies to the ship after it has so returned as if it has just undertaken a voyage to Australia from a place outside Australia.

(6) If:

(a) this Part ceased to apply to an aircraft because the aircraft has departed from its last airport in Australia as mentioned in paragraph (4)(a); but

(b) the aircraft returns to Australia before completing a flight to a place outside Australia;

then, subject to paragraph (2)(b) and subsection (4), this Part applies to the aircraft after it has been so returned as if it has just undertaken a flight to Australia from a place outside Australia.

227D Weapons to which this Part applies

This Part applies to any thing that is a firearm, firearm accessory, firearm part, firearm magazine or ammunition if:

(a) it is on board a ship or an aircraft to which this Part applies; and

(b) it falls within column 2 of an item in Part 2 of Schedule 6 to Regulation 4F of the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations; and

(c) it does not meet the requirements that apply to that thing as specified in column 3 of that item in that Part of that Schedule; and

(d) it is, or should have been, specified in a report given by the operator under section 64AA as part of the stores, or personal effects of the crew, of the ship or aircraft.

227E Approved storage for prohibited weapons

(1) An officer may, in writing, approve a place on board a ship or an aircraft to which this Part applies as a place in which a prohibited weapon on board that ship or aircraft must be stored while this Part applies to the ship or aircraft.

(2) An officer must not give the approval unless the officer is satisfied that:

(a) only the operator concerned may access the place; and

(b) the place is otherwise sufficiently secure for the purposes of preventing persons from removing the weapon from the place.

Example: If a safe on board a ship is sought to be approved under subsection (1), the approval may not be given if a person other than the operator of the ship holds a key to the safe.

(3) An officer may place a fastening, or a lock, mark or seal on an approved place for the purposes of preventing persons from accessing that place.

(4) If an approval under subsection (1) is not revoked at an earlier time, it continues to be in force until this Part ceases to apply to the ship or aircraft concerned.

(5) While an approval under subsection (1) is in force in relation to a prohibited weapon, a person must not:

(a) interfere in any way with any fastening, lock, mark or seal placed on the approved place by an officer; or

(b) remove the weapon from the approved place.

Penalty: 45 penalty units.

(6) An offence against subsection (5) is an offence of strict liability.

(7) Subsection (5) does not apply if the person has the written permission of an officer for the interference or removal.

227F Officer may take custody of weapons

(1) If:

(a) this Part applies to a prohibited weapon on board a ship or aircraft; and

(b) no approval under section 227E is in force in relation to a place on board that ship or aircraft as the place for storing that weapon;

an officer must take custody of that weapon.

(2) Within 48 hours after taking custody of the weapon, an officer must give a written notice to the operator of the ship or aircraft under this section.

(3) The notice must be in an approved form.

(4) Without limiting subsection (3), the notice must identify the prohibited weapon concerned.

(5) The CEO must ensure that a weapon taken into custody under this section is:

(a) securely stored while it is in custody under this section; and

(b) returned to the operator of the ship or aircraft concerned:

(i) if subparagraph (ii) does not apply—when the ship is at its last port of call in Australia, or when the aircraft is at its last airport of call in Australia, and after a Certificate of Clearance referred to in section 118 has been granted in relation to the departure of that ship from that port, or the departure of the aircraft from that airport (as the case requires); or

(ii) when this Part ceases to apply to the ship or aircraft because it is taken to have been imported into Australia under subsection 49A(7).

(6) To avoid doubt, subsection (5) does not affect the power of an officer to seize or otherwise deal with the weapon under this Act (including provisions in this Act relating to prohibited goods) when this Part ceases to apply to the ship or aircraft concerned.

(7) After a weapon is returned to the operator under subsection (5) and before the ship or aircraft leaves Australia, the operator concerned must comply with any conditions specified by the CEO in relation to the storage of that weapon.

227G Compensation for damage etc. to weapons

(1) If:

(a) an activity undertaken by or on behalf of Customs in relation to a prohibited weapon taken into custody under this Part causes the loss or destruction of, or damage to, that weapon; and

(b) the loss, destruction or damage occurred wholly or partly as a result of:

(i) insufficient care being exercised in selecting the persons to undertake the activity; or

(ii) insufficient care being exercised by the person undertaking that activity;

compensation for the loss, destruction or damage is payable to the owner of the weapon concerned.

(2) Compensation is payable out of money appropriated by the Parliament for the purpose.

Part XIII—Penal Provisions

Division 1—Forfeitures

228 Forfeited ships and aircraft

(1) The following ships, boats and aircraft shall be forfeited to the Crown:

(1) Any ship or aircraft used in smuggling, or knowingly used in the unlawful importation, exportation, or conveyance of any prohibited imports or prohibited exports.

(2) Any ship the master of which has refused to permit his or her ship to be boarded following a request properly made of him or her under subsection 184A(2) or (3).

(3) Any aircraft failing to land at an airport or landing field for boarding upon its pilot being properly requested under section 184D to land the aircraft.

(4) Any ship or aircraft from which goods are thrown overboard staved or destroyed to prevent seizure by the Customs.

(5) Any ship or aircraft found within any port or airport with cargo on board and afterwards found light or in ballast or with the cargo deficient and the master or pilot of which is unable to lawfully account for the difference.

(6) Any ship or aircraft which on being boarded is found to be constructed, adapted, altered or fitted in any manner for the purpose of concealing goods.

228A Forfeited resources installations

Any overseas resources installation that becomes attached to the Australian seabed without the permission of the CEO given under subsection 5A(2) shall be forfeited to the Crown.

228B Forfeited sea installations

Any overseas sea installation that becomes installed in a coastal area without the permission of the CEO given under subsection 5B(2) shall be forfeited to the Crown.

229 Forfeited goods [*see* Note 6]

(1) The following goods shall be forfeited to the Crown:

(a) All goods (not being objects forfeited, or liable to forfeiture, under the *Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act 1986*) which are smuggled, or unlawfully imported, exported, or conveyed.

(b) All prohibited imports.

(ba) All goods the importation of which has been prohibited unless a licence or permission containing conditions or requirements has been granted and those conditions or requirements have not been complied with.

(bb) Any goods sold under section 206 or sold or otherwise disposed of under section 208D subject to a condition that has not been complied with.

(c) All goods imported or exported in any ship boat or aircraft in which goods are prohibited to be imported or exported.

(d) All dutiable goods found on any ship boat or aircraft being unlawfully in any place.

(e) All goods found on any ship or aircraft after arrival in any port or airport and not being specified or referred to in the cargo report made under section 64AB and not being baggage belonging to the crew or passengers and not being satisfactorily accounted for.

(f) All goods in respect of which bulk is unlawfully broken.

(g) All goods subject to the control of the Customs that are moved, altered or interfered with except as authorized by this Act.

(h) All goods which by this Act are required to be moved or dealt with in any way and which shall not be moved or dealt with accordingly.

(j) Any carriage or animal used in smuggling or in the unlawful importation, exportation, or conveyance of any goods.

(m) All goods not being passengers' baggage found on any ship or aircraft after clearance and not specified or referred to in the Outward Manifest and not accounted for to the satisfaction of the Collector.

(n) All prohibited exports put on any ship boat or aircraft for export or brought to any wharf or place for the purpose of export.

(o) All dutiable goods concealed in any manner.

(p) Any package having concealed therein goods not enumerated in the entry or being so packed as to deceive the officer.

(q) All dutiable goods found in the possession or in the baggage of any person who has got out of, landed from or gone on board any ship boat or aircraft and who has denied that he has any dutiable goods in his possession, or who when questioned by an officer has not fully disclosed that such goods are in his possession or baggage.

(qa) If unaccompanied personal or household effects of a person are imported into Australia—all dutiable goods that are found among those effects, where the person has denied that there are any dutiable goods among the effects, or after having been questioned by an officer has not fully disclosed that there are such goods among the effects.

(r) All goods offered for sale on the pretence that the same are prohibited or smuggled goods.

(1A) In spite of subsection (1), goods are not forfeited to the Crown merely because they are imported or exported in contravention of the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989*.

(2) Notwithstanding section 228, this section applies in relation to ships, boats and aircraft as well as other goods.

(3) In spite of subsection (1), goods are not forfeited to the Crown merely because they are imported or exported in contravention of the *Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989*.

229A Proceeds of drug trafficking liable to forfeiture

(1) In this section, unless the contrary intention appears:

cheque includes a bill, promissory note or other security for money.

goods includes cheques, but does not include moneys in the form of cash.

moneys means moneys in the form of cash.

(2) This section applies to:

(a) moneys or goods in the possession or under the control of a person, being moneys or goods that came into his possession or under his control by reason of:

(i) his selling or otherwise dealing in, or his agreeing to sell or otherwise deal in, narcotic goods imported into Australia in contravention of this Act;

(ii) his importing, or his agreeing to import, narcotic goods into Australia in contravention of this Act;

(iii) his exporting, or his agreeing to export, narcotic goods from Australia in contravention of this Act;

(iv) his keeping or having kept, or his agreeing to keep, in his possession narcotic goods imported into Australia in contravention of this Act;

(v) his conspiring with another person or other persons to import any narcotic goods into Australia in contravention of this Act or to export any narcotic goods from Australia in contravention of this Act; or

(vi) his aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring, or being in any way knowingly concerned in, the sale of, or other dealing in, narcotic goods imported into Australia in contravention of this Act, the importation of narcotic goods into Australia in contravention of this Act, the exportation of narcotic goods from Australia in contravention of this Act or the keeping in the possession of any person of narcotic goods imported into Australia in contravention of this Act;

(b) moneys in the possession or under the control of a person that were paid to him for the sale of goods that were, immediately before the sale, goods to which this section applied; and

(c) goods in the possession or under the control of a person that were purchased or otherwise acquired by him with or out of moneys to which this section applied.

(3) Where a person who obtained possession or control of a cheque, or was paid moneys by a cheque, in any of the circumstances set out in paragraph (2)(a) or (b) receives, in respect of the cheque, moneys in the form of cash, the moneys so received shall, for the purposes of subsection (2), be deemed to be moneys that came into his possession or under his control, or were paid to him, in the circumstances in which he obtained possession or control of the cheque, or was paid the moneys by the cheque.

(4) Where a person who purchases or otherwise acquires goods pays the whole or substantially the whole of the amount paid by him for the goods by means of a cheque that came into his possession or under his control as set out in paragraph (2)(a), the goods shall, for the purposes of subsection (2), be deemed to have come into his possession or under his control in the circumstances in which the cheque came into his possession or under his control.

(5) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(c), goods shall not be taken to have been purchased with or out of moneys to which this section applied unless the whole, or substantially the whole, of the moneys paid for the goods were moneys to which this section applied.

(6) For the purposes of section 203, moneys or goods to which this section applies shall be deemed to be forfeited goods and, upon moneys or goods to which this section applies being seized under a seizure warrant, they shall, for the purposes of sections 204 to 208E (inclusive) and Part XIV, be deemed to be forfeited goods, and those provisions apply accordingly.

(7) Where, in any proceedings for the condemnation or recovery of moneys or goods to which this section applies and which have been seized under a seizure warrant, the Court is satisfied that the relevant narcotic goods are goods reasonably suspected of having been imported into Australia in contravention of this Act, the Court shall, for the purposes of the proceedings, treat the narcotic goods as narcotic goods which have been imported into Australia in contravention of this Act unless it is established to the satisfaction of the Court that the narcotic goods were not imported into Australia or were not imported into Australia in contravention of this Act.

(8) Without limiting any powers that are conferred on a Court by the provisions of this Act specified in subsection (6) and notwithstanding any other provision of this Act:

(a) where moneys or goods in the possession or under the control of a person are seized under a seizure warrant, a Court in which proceedings are brought for the condemnation or recovery of the moneys or goods shall, if it is satisfied that the moneys or goods were, at the time when they were so seized, owned by another person who, when he became the owner of the moneys or goods, did not know, and had no reason to suspect, that the moneys or goods had come into the possession or under the control of the first-mentioned person in circumstances referred to in subsection (2), direct that the moneys or goods be delivered to that other person; and

(b) where moneys or goods in the possession or under the control of the licensee of a warehouse are seized under a seizure warrant, a Court in which proceedings are brought for the condemnation or recovery of the moneys or goods shall direct that the moneys or goods be delivered to the licensee if it is satisfied that:

(i) the moneys came into the possession or under the control of the licensee by reason of his storing in the warehouse narcotic goods imported into Australia in contravention of this Act or by reason of his selling goods that were acquired by him with or out of any such moneys; or

(ii) the goods were purchased or otherwise acquired by him out of moneys that so came into his possession or under his control;

as the case may be, and is also satisfied that the licensee did not know that the goods stored in the warehouse were narcotic goods or that they had been imported into Australia in contravention of this Act.

230 Forfeited packages and goods

The forfeiture of any goods shall extend to the forfeiture of the packages in which the goods are contained and the forfeiture of

any package under section 229 shall extend to all goods packed or contained in the package.

Division 2—Penalties

231 Assembly for unlawful purposes

(1) All persons to the number of 2 or more assembled with the intention of:

(a) importing prohibited imports; or

(b) smuggling; or

(c) preventing the seizure, or rescuing after seizure, of any prohibited imports or smuggled goods;

shall be guilty of an offence punishable upon conviction:

(d) if the offence is committed in relation to goods that are not narcotic goods—by imprisonment for a period not exceeding 2 years; or

(e) if the offence is committed in relation to goods that are narcotic goods—as provided by section 235.

(2) This section, in so far as it relates to prohibited imports, shall apply to all prohibited imports that are narcotic goods.

(3) An offence against this section to which paragraph (1)(d) applies is punishable upon summary conviction.

232A Rescuing goods and assaulting officers

Whoever:

(a) rescues any goods which have been seized, or, before or at or after seizure, staves, breaks or destroys any goods or documents relating thereto with the intention of preventing the seizure thereof or the securing of the same or the proof of any offence; or

(b) assaults, resists, molests, obstructs or endeavours to intimidate any person assisting an officer in the execution of the officer's duty;

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, upon summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding $500 or to imprisonment for any period not exceeding 2 years.

233 Smuggling and unlawful importation and exportation

(1) A person shall not:

(a) smuggle any goods; or

(b) import any prohibited imports; or

(c) export any prohibited exports; or

(d) unlawfully convey or have in his possession any smuggled goods or prohibited imports or prohibited exports.

(1AA) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence punishable upon conviction:

(a) in the case of an offence against paragraph (1)(a) or an offence against paragraph (1)(d) in relation to smuggled goods—as provided by subsection 233AB(1); or

(b) in any other case—as provided by subsection 233AB(2).

(1AB) Subsection (1AA) is an offence of strict liability, to the extent that it relates to paragraphs (1)(b), (c) and (d).

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(2) It shall not be lawful for any person to convey or have in his possession without reasonable excuse (proof whereof shall lie upon him) any smuggled goods or prohibited imports.

(3) It shall not be lawful for any person to convey or have in his possession any prohibited exports with intent to export them or knowing that they are intended to be unlawfully exported.

(3A) A Customs officer who, in the course of duty, possesses or conveys, or facilitates the conveyance of, prohibited imports, prohibited exports or smuggled goods is not criminally responsible for an offence against a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory relating to the possession, conveyance or facilitation of the conveyance of such goods.

(3B) A person who:

(a) possesses or conveys, or facilitates the conveyance of, prohibited imports, prohibited exports or smuggled goods; and

(b) in doing so is acting in accordance with written instructions referring to this section issued by a Customs officer acting in the course of duty;

is not criminally responsible for an offence against a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory relating to the possession, conveyance or facilitation of the conveyance of such goods.

(4) Merchandise on board a ship or aircraft calling at any port or airport in Australia, but intended for and consigned to some port or airport or place outside Australia, shall not be deemed to be unlawfully imported into Australia if the goods are specified on the ship's or aircraft's manifest and are not transhipped or landed in Australia or are transhipped or landed by authority.

(5) This section does not apply to, or in relation to, narcotic goods.

(6) The Minister must lay before each House of the Parliament, not later than the first sitting day of that House after 1 October each year, a report about any conduct by Customs officers that, apart from subsection (3A), would constitute an offence against a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory relating to the possession or conveyance, or facilitation of the conveyance, of prohibited imports, prohibited exports or smuggled goods.

233A Master not to use or allow use of ship for smuggling etc.—goods that are not narcotic goods

(1) The master of a ship or the pilot of an aircraft shall not intentionally use his ship or aircraft, or intentionally suffer her to be used, in smuggling, or in the importation of any goods in contravention of this Act, or in the exportation or conveyance of any goods in contravention of this Act.

(1A) Subsection (1) does not apply if the goods smuggled, imported, exported or conveyed are narcotic goods.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence punishable upon conviction:

(b) in the case of an offence committed in relation to the smuggling of goods—as provided by subsection 233AB(1); or

(c) in any other case—as provided by subsection 233AB(2).

233AB Penalties for offences against sections 233 and 233A

(1) Where an offence is punishable as provided by this subsection, the penalty applicable to the offence is:

(a) where the Court can determine the amount of the duty that would have been payable on the smuggled goods to which the offence relates if those goods had been entered for home consumption on:

(i) where the date on which the offence was committed is known to the Court—that date; or

(ii) where that date is not known to the Court—the date on which the prosecution for the offence was instituted;

a penalty not exceeding 5 times the amount of that duty; or

(b) where the Court cannot determine the amount of that duty, a penalty not exceeding $100,000.

(2) Where an offence is punishable as provided by this subsection, the penalty applicable to the offence is:

(a) where the Court can determine the value of the goods to which the offence relates, a penalty not exceeding:

(i) 3 times the value of those goods; or

(ii) $100,000;

whichever is the greater; or

(b) where the Court cannot determine the value of those goods—a penalty not exceeding $100,000.

233AC Master not to use or allow use of ship for smuggling etc.—narcotic goods

(1) The master of a ship or the pilot of an aircraft must not intentionally use his or her ship or aircraft, or intentionally suffer it to be used:

(a) in smuggling; or

(b) in the importation of any goods in contravention of this Act; or

(c) in the exportation or conveyance of any goods in contravention of this Act;

if the relevant goods are narcotic goods.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence punishable upon conviction as provided by section 235.

233B Special provisions with respect to narcotic goods

(1) Any person who:

(a) without any reasonable excuse (proof whereof shall lie upon him) has in his possession, on board any ship or aircraft, any prohibited imports to which this section applies; or

(aa) without reasonable excuse (proof whereof shall lie upon the person) brings into Australia any prohibited imports to which this section applies;

(b) imports into Australia any prohibited imports to which this section applies or exports from Australia any prohibited exports to which this section applies; or

(c) without reasonable excuse (proof whereof shall lie upon him) has in his possession any prohibited imports to which this section applies which have been imported into Australia in contravention of this Act; or

(caa) without reasonable excuse (proof whereof shall lie upon him) conveys any prohibited imports to which this section applies which have been imported into Australia in contravention of this Act; or

(ca) without reasonable excuse (proof whereof shall lie upon him) has in his possession any prohibited imports to which this section applies which are reasonably suspected of having been imported into Australia in contravention of this Act; or

(e) fails to disclose to an officer on demand any knowledge in his possession or power concerning the importation or intended importation, or bringing or intended bringing, into Australia of any prohibited imports to which this section applies or the exportation or intended exportation from Australia of any prohibited exports to which this section applies;

shall be guilty of an offence.

(1AA) For the purposes of an offence against paragraph (1)(a), absolute liability applies to the physical element of circumstance of the

offence, that the relevant possession is on board any ship or aircraft.

Note: For ***absolute liability***, see section 6.2 of the *Criminal Code*.

(1AB) For the purposes of an offence against paragraph (1)(c) or (caa), absolute liability applies to the physical element of circumstance of the offence, that the prohibited imports have been imported into Australia in contravention of this Act.

Note: For ***absolute liability***, see section 6.2 of the *Criminal Code*.

(1AC) For the purposes of an offence against paragraph (1)(ca), absolute liability applies to the physical element of circumstance of the offence, that the prohibited imports are reasonably suspected of having been imported into Australia in contravention of this Act.

Note: For ***absolute liability***, see section 6.2 of the *Criminal Code*.

(1A) On the prosecution of a person for an offence against subsection (1), being an offence to which paragraph (c) of that subsection applies, it is a defence if the person proves that he or she did not know that the goods in his or her possession had been imported into Australia in contravention of this Act.

(1B) On the prosecution of a person for an offence against subsection (1), being an offence to which paragraph (ca) of that subsection applies, it is a defence if the person proves that the goods were not imported into Australia or were not imported into Australia in contravention of this Act.

(1C) Any defence for which provision is made under either of the last 2 preceding subsections in relation to an offence does not limit any defence otherwise available to the person charged.

(2) The prohibited imports to which this section applies are prohibited imports that are narcotic goods and the prohibited exports to which this section applies are prohibited exports that are narcotic goods.

(3) A person who is guilty of an offence against subsection (1) of this section is punishable upon conviction as provided by section 235.

(4) This section shall not prevent any person from being proceeded against for an offence against any other section of this Act, but he

shall not be liable to be punished twice in respect of any one offence.

233BAA Special offence relating to tier 1 goods

(1) Subject to subsection (3), the regulations may provide that:

(a) specified performance enhancing drugs; and

(b) specified non-narcotic drugs; and

(c) other specified goods;

constitute tier 1 goods.

(2) The regulations must not specify an item for the purposes of subsection (1) unless:

(a) its importation is prohibited, either absolutely or on condition, by the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations; or

(b) its exportation is prohibited, either absolutely or on condition, by the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations.

(3) If the regulations made for the purposes of subsection (1) prescribe a quantity of a drug specified for those purposes to be the critical quantity, the specified drug does not constitute tier 1 goods unless it is of a quantity that exceeds the critical quantity.

(4) A person is guilty of an offence against this subsection if:

(a) the person intentionally imported goods; and

(b) the goods were tier 1 goods and the person was reckless as to that fact; and

(c) their importation:

(i) was prohibited under this Act absolutely; or

(ii) was prohibited under this Act unless the approval of a particular person had been obtained and, at the time of the importation, that approval had not been obtained.

Maximum penalty: A fine not exceeding $100,000 or imprisonment for 5 years, or both.

(4A) Subject to subsection (4B), absolute liability applies to paragraph (4)(c).

Note: For ***absolute liability***, see section 6.2 of the *Criminal Code*.

(4B) For the purposes of an offence against subsection (4), strict liability applies to the physical element of circumstance of the offence, that an approval referred to in subparagraph (4)(c)(ii) had not been obtained at the time of the importation.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(5) A person is guilty of an offence against this subsection if:

(a) the person intentionally exported goods; and

(b) the goods were tier 1 goods and the person was reckless as to that fact; and

(c) their exportation:

(i) was prohibited under this Act absolutely; or

(ii) was prohibited under this Act unless the approval of a particular person had been obtained and, at the time of the exportation, that approval had not been obtained.

Maximum penalty: A fine not exceeding $100,000 or imprisonment for 5 years, or both.

(5A) Subject to subsection (5B), absolute liability applies to paragraph (5)(c).

Note: For ***absolute liability***, see section 6.2 of the *Criminal Code*.

(5B) For the purposes of an offence against subsection (5), strict liability applies to the physical element of circumstance of the offence, that an approval referred to in subparagraph (5)(c)(ii) had not been obtained at the time of the exportation.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(6) A person convicted or acquitted of an offence against subsection (4) or (5) in respect of particular conduct is not liable to any proceeding under section 233 in respect of that conduct.

233BAB Special offence relating to tier 2 goods

(1) The regulations may provide that:

(a) specified firearms, munitions and military warfare items of any kind including combat vests and body armour; and

(b) specified knives, daggers and other like goods; and

(c) specified chemical compounds; and

(d) specified anti-personnel sprays and gases; and
(e) specified fissionable or radioactive substances; and
(f) specified human body tissue; and
(g) specified human body fluids; and
(h) items of child pornography or of child abuse material; and
(i) counterfeit credit, debit and charge cards; and
(j) other specified goods;

constitute tier 2 goods.

(2) The regulations must not specify an item for the purposes of subsection (1) unless:
(a) its importation is prohibited, either absolutely or on condition, by the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations; or
(b) its exportation is prohibited, either absolutely or on condition, by the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1) an item is to be taken to be an item of child pornography if it is a document or other goods:
(a) that depicts a person:
(i) who is, or who appears to be, under 16 years of age; and
(ii) who is involved in a sexual pose or in sexual activity, whether or not in the presence of other persons; and
(b) that is likely to cause offence to a reasonable adult.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (1), an item is taken to be an item of child abuse material if it is a document or other goods:
(a) that depicts a person:
(i) who is, or who appears to be, under 16 years of age; and
(ii) who is a victim of torture, cruelty or physical abuse; and
(b) that is likely to cause offence to a reasonable adult.

(5) A person is guilty of an offence against this subsection if:
(a) the person intentionally imported goods; and
(b) the goods were tier 2 goods and the person was reckless as to that fact; and
(c) their importation:
(i) was prohibited under this Act absolutely; or

(ii) was prohibited under this Act unless the approval of a particular person had been obtained and, at the time of the importation, that approval had not been obtained.

Maximum penalty: A fine not exceeding $250,000 or imprisonment for 10 years, or both.

(5A) Subject to subsection (5B), absolute liability applies to paragraph (5)(c).

Note: For ***absolute liability***, see section 6.2 of the *Criminal Code*.

(5B) For the purposes of an offence against subsection (5), strict liability applies to the physical element of circumstance of the offence, that an approval referred to in subparagraph (5)(c)(ii) had not been obtained at the time of the importation.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(6) A person is guilty of an offence against this subsection if:

(a) the person intentionally exported goods; and

(b) the goods were tier 2 goods and the person was reckless as to that fact; and

(c) their exportation:

(i) was prohibited under this Act absolutely; or

(ii) was prohibited under this Act unless the approval of a particular person had been obtained and, at the time of the exportation, that approval had not been obtained.

Maximum penalty: A fine not exceeding $250,000 or imprisonment for 10 years, or both.

(6A) Subject to subsection (6B), absolute liability applies to paragraph (6)(c).

Note: For ***absolute liability***, see section 6.2 of the *Criminal Code*.

(6B) For the purposes of an offence against subsection (6), strict liability applies to the physical element of circumstance of the offence, that an approval referred to in subparagraph (6)(c)(ii) had not been obtained at the time of the exportation.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(7) A person convicted or acquitted of an offence against subsection (5) or (6) in respect of particular conduct is not liable to proceedings under section 233 in respect of that conduct.

233BAC Evidence relating to approval for import or export

(1) In proceedings for an offence against subsection 233BAA(4) or (5) or 233BAB(5) or (6), a certificate of an authorised officer to the effect that the person charged with the offence had not obtained, as at the time of the import or export of the goods in respect of which the offence is alleged to have been committed, approval for the import or export is admissible as prima facie evidence that that approval had not been so obtained.

(2) For the purposes of this section, a document purporting to be a certificate referred to in subsection (1) is, unless the contrary is established, to be taken to be such a certificate and to have been duly given.

(3) A certificate is not to be admitted in evidence under subsection (1) in proceedings for an offence unless the person charged with the offence or a solicitor who has appeared for the person in those proceedings has, at least 14 days before the certificate is sought to be so admitted, been given a copy of the certificate, together with reasonable notice of the intention to produce the certificate as evidence in the proceedings.

233BA Evidence of Analyst

(1) The CEO may appoint a person to be an analyst for the purposes of this Act.

(2) Subject to subsection (4), in any proceedings for an offence against section 233B or 233BAA, or in any proceedings for an offence against section 233BAB in so far as that section relates to specified anti-personnel sprays or gases, radioactive substances, human body tissue or human body fluid, a certificate of an analyst in an approved form stating, in respect of a substance in relation to which the offence is alleged to have been committed:

(a) that the analyst signing the certificate is appointed under subsection (1); and

(b) when and from whom the substance was received; and

(c) what, if any, labels or other means of identifying the substance accompanied it when it was received; and

(d) what container or containers the substance was contained in when it was received; and

(e) a description, and the weight, of the substance received; and

(f) when the substance, or a portion of it, was analysed; and

(g) a description of the method of analysis; and

(h) the results of the analysis; and

(j) how the substance was dealt with after handling by the analyst, including details of:

(i) the quantity retained; and

(ii) the name of the person, if any, to whom any retained quantity was given; and

(iii) measures taken to secure any retained quantity;

is admissible as *prima facie* evidence of the matters in the certificate and of the correctness of the result of the analysis.

(3) For the purposes of this section, a document purporting to be a certificate referred to in subsection (2) shall, unless the contrary is established, be deemed to be such a certificate and to have been duly given.

(4) A certificate shall not be admitted in evidence under subsection (2) in proceedings for an offence unless the person charged with the offence or a solicitor who has appeared for the person in those proceedings has, at least 14 days before the certificate is sought to be so admitted, been given a copy of the certificate together with reasonable notice of the intention to produce the certificate as evidence in the proceedings.

(5) Subject to subsection (6), where, under subsection (2), a certificate of an analyst is admitted in evidence in a proceeding for an offence, the person charged with the offence may require the analyst to be called as a witness for the prosecution and the analyst may be cross-examined as if he or she had given evidence of the matters stated in the certificate.

(6) Subsection (5) does not entitle a person to require an analyst to be called as a witness for the prosecution unless:

(a) the prosecutor has been given at least 4 days notice of the person's intention to require the analyst to be so called; or

(b) the Court, by order, allows the person to require the analyst to be so called.

234 Customs offences [*see* Note 5]

(1) A person shall not:

(a) Evade payment of any duty which is payable;

(b) Obtain any drawback, refund, rebate (other than diesel fuel rebate) or remission which is not payable;

(d) either:

(i) intentionally make a statement to an officer, reckless as to the fact that the statement is false or misleading in a material particular; or

(ii) intentionally omit from a statement made to an officer any matter or thing, reckless as to the fact that without the matter or thing the statement is misleading in a material particular;

(h) Sell or offer for sale, any goods upon the pretence that such goods are prohibited imports or smuggled goods.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence punishable upon conviction:

(a) in the case of an offence against paragraph (1)(a), by:

(i) where the Court can determine the amount of the duty on goods the payment of which would have been evaded by the commission of the offence if the goods had been entered for home consumption on:

(A) where the date on which the offence was committed is known to the Court—that date; or

(B) where that date is not known to the Court—the date on which prosecution for the offence was instituted;

a penalty not exceeding 5 times the amount of that duty and not less than 2 times that amount; or

(ii) where the Court cannot determine the amount of that duty, a penalty not exceeding $50,000;

(b) in the case of an offence against paragraph (1)(b), by a penalty not exceeding 5 times the amount of drawback, refund, rebate or remission that was obtained by the commission of the offence and not less than 2 times that amount;

(ba) in the case of an offence against paragraph (1)(c), by a penalty not exceeding 3 times the amount of diesel fuel rebate that was obtained or retained in the commission of the offence;

(c) subject to subsections (3) and (4), in the case of an offence against paragraph (1)(d), by a penalty not exceeding 100 penalty units; or

(d) in the case of an offence against paragraph (1)(h), by a penalty not exceeding 10 penalty units.

(2A) Where an export entry, a submanifest, an outward manifest or a withdrawal of such an entry, submanifest or manifest is taken, under subsection 119D(3), to have been communicated to Customs, then, for the purposes of paragraph (1)(d), the part of the communication constituting the transmission to Customs is treated as a statement made to the CEO.

(2B) Where an import entry, a withdrawal of such an entry, or a return for the purposes of subsection 69(5), 70(7) or 77D(5) is taken, under section 71L, to have been communicated to Customs, then, for the purposes of paragraph (1) (d), the part of the communication constituting the transmission to Customs is treated as a statement made to the CEO.

(2BA) If an application for a refund, rebate or remission of duty is taken, under regulations made for the purposes of subsection 163(1AB), to have been communicated to Customs, then, for the purposes of paragraph (1)(d), the part of the communication constituting the transmission to Customs is treated as a statement made to the CEO.

(2BB) An application communicated by computer under section 162AA to Customs is taken for the purposes of paragraph (1)(d) to be a statement to the CEO.

(2C) Nothing in subsection (2A), (2B), (2BA) or (2BB) is to be taken to affect the operation of any of the provisions of section 183.

(3) Where a person is convicted of an offence against paragraph (1)(d) in relation to a statement made, or an omission from a statement made, in respect of the amount of duty payable on particular goods, a Court may, in relation to that offence, impose a penalty not exceeding the sum of $5,000 and twice the amount of the duty payable on those goods.

(4) If a person is convicted of an offence against paragraph (1)(d) in relation to a statement made, or an omission from a statement made, in respect of an amount of diesel fuel rebate applied for under section 164, a court may, in relation to that offence, impose a penalty not exceeding the sum of $5,000 and twice the amount by which the rebate applied for exceeds the rebate to which the person would have been entitled had the person not made the false or misleading statement, or the omission, to which the offence relates.

(4A) A person is guilty of an offence if the person intentionally enters designated fuel for home consumption as clean fuel, reckless as to the fact that it is designated fuel.

Penalty: 10 times the amount of customs duty that would have been applicable to the fuel if it had been fuel of a kind classified to subheading 2710.00.29 of Schedule 3 to the Customs Tariff or 500 penalty units, whichever is the greater.

(5) A person is guilty of an offence if the person intentionally enters clean fuel for home consumption as designated fuel, reckless as to the fact that it is clean fuel.

Penalty: 10 times the amount of customs duty that would have been applicable to the fuel if it had been fuel of a kind classified to subheading 2710.00.29 of Schedule 3 to the Customs Tariff or 500 penalty units, whichever is the greater.

(6) A person is guilty of an offence if the person enters designated fuel for home consumption as clean fuel.

Penalty: 2 times the amount of customs duty that would have been applicable to the fuel if it had been fuel of a kind classified to subheading 2710.00.29 of Schedule 3 to the

Customs Tariff or 100 penalty units, whichever is the greater.

(6A) Subsection (6) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(7) A person is guilty of an offence if the person enters clean fuel for home consumption as designated fuel.

Penalty: 2 times the amount of customs duty that would have been applicable to the fuel if it had been fuel of a kind classified to subheading 2710.00.29 of Schedule 3 to the Customs Tariff or 100 penalty units, whichever is the greater.

(7A) Subsection (7) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(8) For the purposes of subsections (4) to (7), fuel is ***entered for home consumption*** when:

(a) the entry of the fuel (other than fuel to which paragraph (b) or (c) applies) for home consumption under section 71A of this Act is communicated to Customs within the meaning of this Act; or

(b) the fuel is delivered into home consumption in accordance with a permission granted under section 69 of this Act; or

(c) the fuel is taken into home consumption in accordance with a permission granted under section 77D of this Act.

234AA Places set aside for purposes of Act [*see* Note 6]

(1) Where a place is to be used by officers:

(a) for questioning, for the purposes of this Act or of any other law of the Commonwealth, passengers disembarking from or embarking on a ship or aircraft;

(b) for examining, for such purposes, the personal baggage of such passengers; or

(c) as a holding place for such passengers;

a Collector, or a person authorized by a Collector to do so, may cause signs to be displayed at or near the place that identify the

place and state that entry into it by unauthorized persons is prohibited by this Act.

(2) Where a sign is displayed in relation to a place under subsection (1), a Collector, or a person authorized by a Collector to do so, may cause signs to be displayed at or near the place that identify the place and state that the use of cameras or sound recorders at the place by unauthorized persons is prohibited by this Act.

234A Unauthorised entry to places and on ships, aircraft or wharves

[*see* Note 6]

(1) A person, other than a passenger disembarking from, or embarking on, a ship or aircraft, shall not:

(a) enter into, or be in, a place in relation to which a sign is displayed under subsection 234AA(1); or

(b) enter on or be in or on:

(i) a ship;

(ii) an aircraft;

(iii) the wharf at which, or the part of a wharf adjacent to which, a ship is berthed;

at a time when goods being the personal baggage of passengers disembarking from, or embarking on that ship or aircraft are being examined, for the purposes of this Act, at or in the vicinity of the ship, aircraft, wharf or part of a wharf.

Penalty: $1,000.

(1A) Subsection (1) does not apply if the person:

(a) enters into or is in the place, by authority; or

(b) enters on or is in or on, the ship, aircraft, wharf or the part of a wharf, by authority.

(2) Subsection (1) does not prohibit a person:

(a) who has, or is a member of an authority which has, the management or control of a wharf or wharves or an airport or airports; or

(b) who is employed in connexion with the management or control of a wharf or wharves or an airport or airports;

from entering on, or being in or on, a place, ship, aircraft, wharf or part of a wharf for the purposes of that management or control.

(3) In any proceedings for the prosecution of a person for an offence against subsection (1), evidence that a sign stating that entry into a place is prohibited by this Act was displayed at or near that place is *prima facie* evidence that the sign was so displayed in accordance with subsection 234AA(1).

234AB Unauthorised use of cameras and sound recorders [*see* Note 6]

(1) An officer may direct a person, including a passenger disembarking from, or embarking on, a ship or aircraft:

(a) not to operate a camera, or use an appliance to record or transmit sound, at a place in relation to which a sign is displayed under subsection 234AA(2); or

(b) not to operate a camera, or use an appliance to record or transmit sound, at a place (being a place that is part of a ship, of an aircraft or of a wharf) at a time when the personal baggage of passengers disembarking from, or embarking on, a ship or aircraft, is being examined, for the purposes of this Act, at or in the vicinity of that place.

(2) Where an officer gives to a person a direction under subsection (1), the officer shall inform that person that failure to comply with that direction is an offence under this Act.

(3) A person shall not fail to comply with a direction given to that person by an officer in accordance with subsection (1).

Penalty: $1,000.

(3A) Subsection (3) does not apply if the person has a reasonable excuse.

(3B) Subsection (3) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(4) In any proceedings for the prosecution of a person for an offence against subsection (3), evidence that a sign stating that the use of a

camera or a sound recorder at a place is prohibited by this Act was displayed at or near that place is *prima facie* evidence that the sign was so displayed in accordance with subsection 234AA(2).

(5) In this section, ***camera*** includes any device for making or transmitting, or designed for use in the making or transmission of, images of objects.

(6) For the purposes of this section, a person shall be taken to use an appliance to transmit sound at a place if, and only if, the person uses the appliance to transmit sound, other than sound coming from the appliance, from the place to another place.

234ABA [Not in operation—*see* Note 6]

234AC Security of identifying codes and PIN numbers [*see* Note 5]

(1) A registered EXIT user must:

(a) take all reasonable steps, in accordance with the applicable EXIT agreement, to safeguard the security of the identifying code allocated to the user; and

(b) notify Customs, at the earliest available opportunity, if the user is aware that the identifying code is, or is likely to be known to any person other than a person to whom the user has made the code available in circumstances contemplated under the applicable EXIT agreement.

(2) A registered COMPILE user must:

(a) take all reasonable steps, in accordance with the applicable COMPILE user agreement, to safeguard the security of the PIN number or PIN numbers allocated to the user; and

(b) notify Customs, at the earliest available opportunity, if the user is aware that a PIN number allocated to the user is, or is likely to be, known to any person other than the person to whom the user has made the number available in circumstances contemplated under the applicable COMPILE user agreement.

(3) A registered user of a cargo automation system must:

(a) take all reasonable steps, in accordance with the user agreement applicable to that cargo automation system, to safeguard the security of the identifying code allocated to the user; and

(b) notify Customs, at the earliest available opportunity, if the user is aware that the identifying code allocated to the user is, or is likely to be, known to any person other than an employee of the user.

Penalty: $5,000.

235 Penalties for offences in relation to narcotic goods

(1) The penalty for an offence against subsection 50(7) or subsection 112(2BC) is a fine not exceeding $2,000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 2 years, or both.

(2) Subject to subsections (3) and (7), where:

(a) a person commits an offence against subsection 231(1), section 233AC or subsection 233B(1); and

(b) the offence is an offence that is punishable as provided by this section;

the penalty applicable to the offence is:

(c) where the Court is satisfied:

(i) that the narcotic goods in relation to which the offence was committed:

(A) are a narcotic substance in respect of which there is a commercial quantity applicable; and

(B) consist of a quantity of that substance that is not less than that commercial quantity; or

(ii) that the narcotic goods in relation to which the offence was committed consist of a quantity of a narcotic substance that is not less than the trafficable quantity applicable to that substance and also that, on a previous occasion, a court has:

(A) convicted the person of another offence, being an offence against a provision referred to in paragraph (a) that involved other narcotic goods which consisted of a quantity of a narcotic substance not less than the trafficable

quantity that was applicable to that substance when the offence was committed; or

(B) found, without recording a conviction, that the person had committed another such offence;

a fine not exceeding $750,000 or imprisonment for life, or both or for such period as the Court thinks appropriate;

(d) where the Court is satisfied that the narcotic goods in relation to which the offence was committed consist of a quantity of a narcotic substance that is not less than the trafficable quantity applicable to the substance but is not satisfied as provided in paragraph (c):

(i) if the narcotic substance is a narcotic substance other than cannabis—a fine not exceeding $500,000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 25 years, or both; or

(ii) if the narcotic substance is cannabis—a fine not exceeding $250,000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or both; or

(e) in any other case—a fine not exceeding $2,000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 2 years, or both.

(3) Where:

(a) the Court is satisfied that the narcotic goods in relation to which an offence referred to in subsection (2) was committed consist of a quantity of a narcotic substance that is not less than the trafficable quantity applicable to that substance, but is not satisfied as provided in paragraph (c) of that subsection in relation to those narcotic goods; and

(b) the Court is also satisfied that the offence was not committed by the person charged for any purposes related to the sale of, or other commercial dealing in, those narcotic goods;

notwithstanding paragraph (d) of that subsection, the penalty punishable for the offence is the penalty specified in paragraph (e) of that subsection.

(4) An offence referred to in subsection (1) or (2) may be prosecuted summarily or upon indictment or, where the law of the State or Territory in which the proceedings are brought makes provision for an offender who pleads guilty to a charge to be dealt with by

the Court otherwise than on indictment, the Court may deal with an offender in accordance with that law.

(5) Nothing in subsection (4) renders an offender liable to be punished more than once for the same offence.

(6) Where proceedings for an offence referred to in subsection (1) or (2) are brought in a court of summary jurisdiction, the court may commit the defendant for trial or to be otherwise dealt with in accordance with law or, if the court is satisfied that it is proper to do so and the defendant and the prosecutor consent to it doing so, may determine the proceedings summarily.

(7) Where a court of summary jurisdiction determines proceedings summarily in accordance with subsection (6), it shall not impose a fine exceeding $2,000 or sentence the defendant to imprisonment for a period exceeding 2 years, but may impose both a fine and a period of imprisonment in respect of the offence.

(8) For the purposes of subsections (2) and (3), the narcotic substance of which narcotic goods in relation to which an offence has been committed consist is the narcotic substance that is specified in the relevant information, complaint, declaration, claim or indictment as the narcotic substance of which those goods consist.

236 Aiders and abettors

For the purposes of a Customs prosecution (within the meaning of section 244), whoever aids abets counsels or procures or by act or omission is in any way directly or indirectly concerned in the commission of any offence against this Act shall be deemed to have committed such offence and shall be punishable accordingly.

237 Attempts

For the purposes of a Customs prosecution (within the meaning of section 244), any attempt to commit an offence against this Act shall be an offence against this Act punishable as if the offence had been committed.

239 Penalties in addition to forfeitures

All penalties shall be in addition to any forfeiture.

240 Commercial documents to be kept [*see* Note 5]

(1) A person who is the owner of goods imported into Australia shall keep all the relevant commercial documents relating to the goods that came into that person's possession or control before, or come into that person's possession or control on or after, the entry of those goods for any purpose, being documents that are necessary to enable a Collector to enable a Collector to satisfy himself or herself of the correctness of the particulars shown in the entry until:

(a) if the goods are not ultimately entered for home consumption—the goods cease to be subject to the control of Customs; and

(b) if the goods are entered, or ultimately entered, for home consumption—the expiration of the period of 5 years after the goods are so entered.

Penalty: 30 penalty units.

(1AA) A person who is the owner of goods imported into Australia must keep all the relevant commercial documents relating to the goods:

(a) that come into the person's possession or control before, or come into the person's possession or control on or after, a return is given to Customs under section 69, 70 or 77D in relation to those goods; and

(b) that are necessary to enable a Collector to satisfy himself or herself of the correctness of the particulars shown in the return;

until the end of the period of 5 years after the giving of the return.

Penalty: 30 penalty units.

(1A) A person who is the owner of goods exported from Australia must keep all the relevant commercial documents relating to the goods that:

(a) come into the person's possession or control at any time; and

(b) are necessary to enable a Collector to satisfy himself or herself as to the correctness of information communicated by, or on behalf of, the person to Customs (whether in documentary or other form);

for the period of 5 years after the time when the goods were exported from Australia.

Penalty: 30 penalty units.

(1B) A person who, in Australia:

(a) causes goods to be imported into, or exported from, Australia; or

(b) receives goods that have been imported into, or are to be exported from, Australia;

must keep all the relevant commercial documents that come into the person's possession or control at any time and relate to the goods concerned or to their carriage to or from Australia, being documents that are necessary to enable a Collector to satisfy himself or herself:

(c) whether the person is complying with a Customs-related law; or

(d) as to the correctness of information communicated by, or on behalf of, the person to Customs (whether in documentary or other form);

for the period of 5 years from the time when the goods were imported into, or exported from, Australia.

Penalty: 30 penalty units.

(2) Where, in accordance with the requirement of any law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory or with ordinary commercial practice a document that would, but for this subsection, be required to be kept in accordance with subsection (1), (1AA), (1A) or (1B), is required by that law or practice to be surrendered to another person, this section shall be taken to be complied with if, at all times after the document is so surrendered and during the period that the document would have been required to be kept, a true copy of the document, certified in accordance with subsection (3), is kept in its stead.

(3) Where a person is required to surrender a commercial document referred to in subsection (1), (1AA), (1A) or (1B) to another person for a reason set out in subsection (2), the first-mentioned person may make a true copy of the document and, if the first-mentioned person does so, and attaches to the copy a certificate, signed by the first-mentioned person:

(a) to the effect:

(i) that the copy is a true copy of the original document; and

(ii) that the original document has been surrendered to that other person for that reason; and

(b) providing particulars of the reason referred to in subparagraph (a)(ii);

the certified copy shall be treated by the CEO or a Collector, and shall be admissible in all courts, as if it were the original document.

(4) A person who is required by this section to keep a commercial document relating to particular goods may keep the document at any place (which may be a place outside Australia) and, subject to subsection (5), may keep the document in any form or store it in any manner.

(5) A person referred to in subsection (4) must:

(a) keep the document in such a manner as will enable a Collector readily to ascertain whether the goods have been properly described for the purpose of importation or exportation, as the case requires, and, in the case of goods entered for home consumption, properly valued or rated for duty; and

(b) if the document is in a language other than the English language—keep the document in such a way that a translation of the document into the English language can readily be made; or

(c) if the document is a record of information kept by a mechanical, electronic or other device—keep the record in such a way that a document setting out in the English language the information recorded or stored can be readily produced.

Penalty: 30 penalty units.

(6) An authorised officer may, by written notice given to a person who is required under this section to keep a commercial document, require the person to inform the officer within a reasonable period, and in a manner specified in the notice, of the whereabouts of the document.

(6A) If:

(a) a notice is given to a person under subsection (6); and

(b) the person fails to comply with the notice;

the person commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 30 penalty units.

(6B) A person who is required to keep a commercial document must not alter or deface the document.

Penalty: 30 penalty units.

(6C) A document is not taken to be altered or defaced for the purposes of subsection (6B) merely because a notation or marking is made on it in accordance with ordinary commercial practice.

(7) This section shall not require the keeping of any commercial documents:

(a) by a company that has gone into liquidation and that has been dissolved;

(b) by a class of persons that is declared by the regulations to be a class to which this section does not apply; or

(c) of a kind declared by the regulations to be commercial documents to which this section does not apply.

240AA Authorised officer may require person to produce commercial documents

(1) An authorised officer may, by written notice given to a person who is required under section 240 to keep a commercial document, require the person to produce, either at the business premises in Australia of the person or at a place in Australia specified in the notice, and within a period specified in the notice, for inspection by an authorised officer:

(a) if the document is in writing—the document; or

(b) if the document is a record of information kept by a mechanical, electronic or other device—the information.

Note 1: A person who keeps a record of information by means of a mechanical, electronic or other device must comply with a requirement made under subsection (1) by producing the information in a document setting out the information in a form the authorised officer can understand. See section 25A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Note 2: Failure to produce a commercial document following a requirement made under subsection (1) is an offence. See section 243SB.

(2) The period that may be specified in a notice given under subsection (1) must not be less than 14 days after the notice is given.

240AB Verifying communications to Customs

(1) This section applies to a person who makes a communication (however described) to Customs under this Act.

(2) The purpose of this section is to help officers of Customs to verify the content of communications made to Customs.

(3) The person must keep, in accordance with this section, for the period of one year after the communication is made, a record that verifies the contents of the communication.

Penalty: 30 penalty units

(4) A person who is required by this section to keep a record may keep the record at any place (which may be a place outside Australia) and, subject to subsection (5), may keep the record in any form or store it in any manner.

(5) A person referred to in subsection (4) must:

(a) if the record is in a language other than the English language—keep the record in such a way that a translation of the record into the English language can readily be made; or

(b) if the record is kept by a mechanical, electronic or other device—keep the record in such a way that a document setting out in the English language the information recorded or stored can be readily produced.

(6) An authorised officer may, by written notice given to a person who is required under this section to keep a record, require the person to inform the officer within a reasonable period, and in a manner specified in the notice, of the whereabouts of the record.

(7) If:

(a) a notice is given to a person under subsection (6); and

(b) the person fails to comply with the notice;

the person commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 30 penalty units.

240AC Authorised officer may require person to produce record

(1) An authorised officer may, by written notice given to a person who is required under section 240AB to keep a record, require the person to produce, either at the business premises in Australia of the person or at a place in Australia specified in the notice, and within a period specified in the notice, for inspection by an authorised officer:

(a) if the record is in writing—the record; or

(b) if the record is kept by a mechanical, electronic or other device—the information contained in the record.

Note 1: A person who keeps a record of information by means of a mechanical, electronic or other device must comply with a requirement made under subsection (1) by producing the information in a document setting out the information in a form the authorised officer can understand. See section 25A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Note 2: Failure to produce a record following a requirement made under subsection (1) is an offence. See section 243SB.

(2) The period that may be specified in a notice given under subsection (1) must not be less than 14 days after the notice is given.

240A Rebate documents to be kept

(1) A person (the ***applicant***) who makes a diesel fuel rebate application in respect of particular diesel fuel (***application fuel***) must maintain, or create and maintain, diesel fuel records in relation to:

(a) the application fuel; and

(b) any fuel that has been or is stored with the application fuel;

until the end of the retention period in relation to those records worked out under subsection (2A).

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the diesel fuel records in relation to application fuel, or fuel that has been or is stored with that particular application fuel, are records of:

(a) particulars of the purchase of that fuel; and

(b) if the fuel is stored by the person who purchased it pending its use—particulars of the place at which, and of the facility in which, the fuel is or was stored; and

(c) if the fuel has been used:

(i) the place at which, or the vessel, vehicle or machine in which, the fuel was so used; and

(ii) when the fuel was so used; and

(iii) the actual nature of the use; and

(d) if the fuel has been sold or otherwise disposed of by the person who purchased it—particulars of that sale or other disposal; and

(e) if the fuel has been lost for a reason that is known to the person who purchased it—particulars of that loss; and

(f) if the application fuel is stated to be a portion only of fuel purchased—particulars of the basis on which the apportionment is made; and

(g) such other records as the regulations prescribe.

(2A) For the purpose of this section, the retention period for diesel fuel records is:

(a) in so far as the records relate to application fuel—5 years from the making of the application in respect of that fuel; and

(b) in so far as the records relate to fuel that is not application fuel but that has been or is stored with application fuel—5 years from the making of the application in respect of that application fuel.

(2B) If diesel fuel purchased for a purpose for which diesel fuel rebate is payable is stored with other diesel fuel purchased for such a purpose so that particular fuel loses its identity, then, to the extent

that fuel purchased for such a purpose is no longer so stored, it is presumed to have been drawn off in the order of its purchase.

(2C) If diesel fuel purchased for a purpose for which diesel fuel rebate is payable (***rebateable fuel***) is stored with other diesel fuel purchased for any other purpose (***non-rebateable fuel***) so that both kinds of fuel lose their particular identity:

(a) rebateable fuel, to the extent that it is no longer stored, is presumed to have been drawn off in the order of its purchase; and

(b) non-rebateable fuel, to the extent that it is no longer stored, is presumed to have been drawn off in the order of its purchase.

(3) If:

(a) an applicant is required, under subsection (1), to keep a record; and

(b) the applicant is required by any law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory, or in accordance with ordinary commercial practice to give the record to another person;

the requirements of this section are taken to be complied with if, after surrendering the record and for the period that the record would have been required to be kept, the applicant keeps, instead of the record, a true copy certified in accordance with subsection (4).

(4) If an applicant is required to surrender a record for a reason set out in subsection (3):

(a) the applicant may make a true copy of the record; and

(b) the copy must be treated by the Commissioner, and is admissible in all courts, as if it were the original record.

(8) This section does not require the keeping of any records:

(a) by a company that has gone into liquidation and that has been dissolved; or

(b) by a class of persons that is declared by the regulations to be a class to which this section does not apply; or

(c) of a kind declared by the regulations to be records to which this section does not apply.

241 Customs records of computer transmissions admissible in evidence [*see* Note 5]

(1) Customs must keep a record of all transmissions made to or by it:

(a) under the COMPILE computer system relating to an import entry or a withdrawal of such an entry; or

(b) under the EXIT computer system relating to an export entry, a submanifest, a manifest or a withdrawal of such an entry, submanifest or manifest;

for a period of 5 years after the transmission is communicated to, or by, Customs.

(2) In any proceedings under this Act, the record retained by Customs under this section:

(a) is admissible in evidence; and

(b) is *prima facie* evidence:

(i) if it purports to be a record of a transmission made to Customs—that the person whose PIN number or identifying code was used for the purpose of the transmission made the statements contained in the transmission; and

(ii) if it purports to be a record of a transmission made by Customs—that Customs made the statements contained in the transmission.

Division 3—Recovery of pecuniary penalties for dealings in narcotic goods

243A Interpretation

(1) In this Division, unless the contrary intention appears:

benefit includes service or advantage.

cheque includes a bill, promissory note or other security for money.

Court means the Federal Court of Australia.

dealing, in relation to property of a person, includes:

(a) if a debt is owed to that person—making a payment to any person in reduction of the amount of the debt;

(b) removing the property from Australia; and

(c) receiving or making a gift of the property.

effective control, in relation to property, or an interest in property, has the meaning given by section 243AB.

interest, in relation to property, means:

(a) a legal or equitable estate or interest in the property; or

(b) a right, power or privilege in connection with the property;

whether present or future and whether vested or contingent.

moneys means moneys in the form of cash.

Official Trustee means the Official Trustee in Bankruptcy.

pecuniary penalty means a pecuniary penalty referred to in section 243B.

penalty amount, in relation to an order under section 243B against a person, means the amount that the person is liable to pay the Commonwealth under the order.

petition means a petition under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*.

police officer means:

(a) a member or special member of the Australian Federal Police; or

(b) a member of the police force of a State or Territory.

property means real or personal property of every description, whether situated in Australia or elsewhere and whether tangible or intangible and includes an interest in any such real or personal property.

restraining order means an order made under paragraph 243E(2)(c).

trustee in bankruptcy means:

(a) in relation to a bankruptcy—the trustee of the estate of the bankrupt;

(b) in relation to a composition or scheme of arrangement under Division 6 of Part IV of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*—the trustee of the composition or scheme of arrangement;

(c) in relation to a deed of assignment, a deed of arrangement or a composition under Part X of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*—the trustee of the deed or the composition; or

(d) in relation to the estate of a deceased person in respect of which an order has been made under Part XI of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*—the trustee of the estate.

(2) Where a person who has obtained possession or control of a cheque, or was paid moneys by a cheque, in any of the circumstances set out in subsection (3), receives, in respect of the cheque, moneys in the form of cash, the moneys so received shall, for the purposes of this Division, be deemed to be moneys that came into his possession or under his control, or were paid to him, in the circumstances in which he obtained possession or control of the cheque, or was paid the moneys by the cheque.

(3) For the purposes of this Division, a person shall be taken to engage in a prescribed narcotics dealing if:

(a) he sells or otherwise deals in, or agrees to sell or otherwise deal in, narcotic goods imported into Australia in contravention of this Act;

(b) he imports, or agrees to import, narcotic goods into Australia in contravention of this Act;

(c) he exports, or agrees to export, narcotic goods from Australia in contravention of this Act;

(d) he keeps, or agrees to keep, in his possession narcotic goods imported into Australia in contravention of this Act;

(e) he conspires with another person or other persons to import any narcotic goods into Australia, or to export any narcotic goods from Australia, in contravention of this Act; or

(f) he aids, abets, counsels or procures, or is in any way knowingly concerned in, the sale of, or other dealing in, narcotic goods imported into Australia in contravention of this Act, the importation of narcotic goods into Australia, or the exportation of narcotic goods from Australia, in contravention of this Act, or the keeping in the possession of any person of narcotic goods imported into Australia in contravention of this Act.

(4) A reference in this Division to a benefit derived by a person includes a reference to:

(a) a benefit derived, directly or indirectly, by the person; and

(b) a benefit derived, directly or indirectly, by another person at the request or direction of the first person.

(4A) A reference in this Division to the property of a person includes a reference to property in respect of which the person has a beneficial interest.

(5) Where, upon application being made to the Court under subsection 243E(1) and supported by an affidavit made by a police officer or an officer of Customs stating that he believes that any property is the property of a person, the Court makes a restraining order against that property, for the purposes of this Division, the property shall, while that order applies to the property, be deemed to be the property of that person.

(6) A reference in this Division to a proceeding for the recovery of a pecuniary penalty shall be read as a reference to a proceeding instituted under section 243B for an order under subsection (1) of that section.

243AB Effective control of property

(1) Property, or an interest in property, may be subject to the effective control of a person within the meaning of this Division whether or not the person has:

(a) a legal or equitable estate or interest in the property; or

(b) a right, power or privilege in connection with the property.

(2) Without limiting the generality of any other provision of this Division, in determining:

(a) whether or not property, or an interest in property, is subject to the effective control of a person; or

(b) whether or not there are reasonable grounds to believe that property, or an interest in property, is subject to the effective control of a person;

regard may be had to:

(c) shareholdings in, debentures over or directorships of a company that has an interest (whether direct or indirect) in the property;

(d) a trust that has a relationship to the property; and

(e) family, domestic and business relationships between persons having an interest in the property, or in companies of the kind referred to in paragraph (c) or trusts of the kind referred to in paragraph (d), and other persons.

243B Pecuniary penalties

(1) Subject to subsection (7), the Minister, the Commissioner of Police, the CEO or the Director of Public Prosecutions may institute a proceeding in the Court, on behalf of the Commonwealth, for an order that a person pay a pecuniary penalty to the Commonwealth in respect of:

(a) a particular prescribed narcotics dealing engaged in by him; or

(b) prescribed narcotics dealings engaged in by him during a particular period.

(2) If, in a proceeding instituted under subsection (1), the Court is satisfied that the person in relation to whom the order is sought:

(a) has engaged in a particular prescribed narcotics dealing; or

(b) has, during a particular period, engaged in prescribed narcotics dealings;

the Court shall assess, in accordance with section 243C, the value of the benefits derived by the person by reason of his having engaged in that dealing, or in prescribed narcotics dealings during that period, as the case may be, and order the person to pay to the Commonwealth a pecuniary penalty equal to the value as so assessed.

(3) The Court may order a person to pay a pecuniary penalty under subsection (2) in relation to a particular prescribed narcotics dealing, or prescribed narcotics dealings during a particular period, whether or not the person has been convicted of an offence, or proceedings have been instituted in respect of any offence, committed in relation to that dealing or any of those dealings and whether or not any moneys or other goods have been seized under section 229A in relation to that dealing or any of those dealings.

(4) An amount payable by a person to the Commonwealth in accordance with an order made under subsection (2) shall, for all purposes, be deemed to be a civil debt due by the person to the Commonwealth.

(5) An order made by the Court under subsection (2) may be enforced as if it were an order made by the Court in civil proceedings instituted by the Commonwealth against the person to recover a debt due by the person to the Commonwealth.

(6) This section applies to and in relation to moneys that come, or other property that comes, into the possession or under the control of a person either within or outside Australia, and to benefits that are provided for a person either within or outside Australia.

(7) A proceeding under subsection (1) may be commenced:

(a) if the proceeding relates to a particular prescribed narcotics dealing engaged in by a person after the commencement of this section—within 6 years after that dealing took place; or

(b) if the proceeding relates to prescribed narcotics dealings during a particular period, being a period that commenced after the commencement of this section—within 6 years after the end of that period.

243C Assessment of pecuniary penalty

(1) In this section, a reference to the defendant in relation to a proceeding under section 243B shall be read as a reference to a person against whom an order is sought in that proceeding.

(2) In a proceeding under section 243B, the value of the benefits derived by the defendant by reason of his having engaged in a particular prescribed narcotics dealing, or in prescribed narcotics dealings during a particular period shall be assessed by the Court having regard to the evidence before the Court concerning all or any of the following matters:

(a) the moneys, or the value of the property other than moneys, that came into the possession or under the control of:

(i) the defendant; or

(ii) another person at the request or by the direction of the defendant;

by reason of the defendant's having engaged in that dealing or in prescribed narcotics dealings during that period;

(b) the value of any benefit, other than a benefit of the kind referred to in paragraph (a) that was provided for:

(i) the defendant; or

(ii) another person at the request or by the direction of the defendant;

by reason of the defendant's having engaged in that dealing or in prescribed narcotics dealings during that period;

(c) in the case of a prescribed narcotics dealing that consisted of selling or otherwise dealing in narcotic goods—the market value, at the time of the dealing, of similar or substantially similar narcotic goods;

(d) in the case of a prescribed narcotics dealing that consisted of the doing of any act or thing other than selling or otherwise dealing in narcotic goods—the amount that was, or the range of amounts that were, at the time the dealing occurred, ordinarily paid for the doing of a similar or substantially similar act or thing;

(e) the value of the defendant's property before, during and after he engaged in that dealing, or before, during and after that period, as the case may be; and

(f) the defendant's income and expenditure before, during and after he or she engaged in that dealing, or before, during and after that period, as the case may be.

(3) Where evidence is given in a proceeding under section 243B that the value of the defendant's property during or after the defendant engaged in a particular prescribed narcotics dealing, or during, or after the end of, a particular period during which he engaged in prescribed narcotics dealings, exceeded the value of the defendant's property before he engaged in that dealing, or before the commencement of that period, then, for the purposes of subsection (2) of that section, the Court shall, subject to subsection (4), treat the value of benefits derived by the defendant by reasons of his having engaged in that dealing or in prescribed narcotics dealings during that period as being not less than the amount of the greatest excess.

(4) Where, after evidence has been given in a proceeding under section 243B that the value of the defendant's property during or after the defendant engaged in a particular prescribed narcotics dealing, or during, or after the end of, a particular period, exceeded the value of the defendant's property before he engaged in that dealing, or before the commencement of that period, the defendant satisfies the Court that the whole or a part of the excess was due to certain causes, being causes unrelated to his having engaged in that prescribed narcotics dealing, or in prescribed narcotics dealings during that period, as the case may be:

(a) if the defendant so satisfies the Court in respect of the whole of the excess—subsection (3) does not apply to the excess; or

(b) if the defendant so satisfies the Court in respect of a part of the excess—subsection (3) applies to and in relation to the excess as if it were reduced by the amount of that part.

(5) In a proceeding under section 243B, a police officer or an officer of Customs who is experienced in the investigation of narcotics offences may testify:

(a) with respect to the amount that, to the best of his information, knowledge and belief, was the market value of narcotic goods at a particular time or during a particular period; or

(b) with respect to the amount, or the range of amounts, that, to the best of his information, knowledge and belief, was the amount, or range of amounts, ordinarily paid at a particular time or during a particular period for the doing of an act or thing (not being the selling or other dealing in narcotic goods) comprising a prescribed narcotics dealing;

notwithstanding any rule of law or practice relating to hearsay evidence, and his testimony is *prima facie* evidence of the matters testified to.

(6) In calculating, for the purposes of a proceeding under section 243B, the value of benefits derived by the defendant by reason of his having engaged in a particular prescribed narcotics dealing, or in prescribed narcotics dealings during a particular period, any expenses or outgoings of the defendant in connection with that dealing, or those dealings, shall be disregarded.

(7) The Court, in quantifying the value of a benefit for the purposes of this section, may treat as the value of the benefit the value that the benefit would have had if derived at the time when the valuation is being made and, without limiting this, may have regard to any decline in the purchasing power of money between the time when the benefit was derived and the time when the valuation is being made.

(8) For the purposes of this section, where property of a person vests in a trustee in bankruptcy, the property shall be taken to continue to be the property of the person.

243CA Court may lift corporate veil etc.

(1) Where the Court is assessing the value of benefits derived by a person (in this section called ***the defendant***) because of engaging in a particular prescribed narcotics dealing, or in prescribed narcotics dealings during a particular period, the Court may treat as property of the defendant any property that, in the opinion of the Court, is subject to the effective control of the defendant.

(2) Where the Court makes, or has made, an order (in this section called ***a pecuniary penalty order***) that the defendant pay a pecuniary penalty under section 243B, the Court may:

(a) on application by the Minister, the Commissioner of Police, the CEO or the Director of Public Prosecutions; and

(b) if the Court is of the opinion that particular property is subject to the effective control of the defendant;

make an order declaring that the whole, or a specified part, of that property is available to satisfy the pecuniary penalty order.

(3) Where the Court declares that property is available to satisfy a pecuniary penalty order:

(a) the order may be enforced against the property as if it were the defendant's; and

(b) a restraining order may be made in respect of the property as if it were the defendant's property.

(4) Where the Minister, the Commissioner of Police, the CEO or the Director of Public Prosecutions makes an application for an order under subsection (2) that property is available to satisfy a pecuniary penalty order against the defendant:

(a) the person (in this paragraph called ***the applicant***) who makes the application shall give written notice of the application to the defendant and to any person who the applicant has reason to believe may have an interest in the property; and

(b) the defendant and any person who claims an interest in the property may appear and adduce evidence at the hearing of the application.

243D Presumption of illegality of importation

Where, in a proceeding under section 243B against a person, the Court is satisfied that the narcotic goods in relation to which the person is alleged to have engaged in a prescribed narcotics dealing or in prescribed narcotics dealings are goods reasonably suspected of having been imported into Australia in contravention of this Act, the Court shall, for the purposes of the proceeding, treat the narcotic goods as narcotic goods which have been imported into Australia in contravention of this Act unless it is established to the satisfaction of the Court that the narcotic goods were not imported into Australia or were not imported into Australia in contravention of this Act.

243E Court may make restraining order against property

(1) Where the Minister, the Commissioner of Police, the CEO or the Director of Public Prosecutions has instituted a proceeding under section 243B for an order that a person (in this section referred to as the ***defendant***) pay a pecuniary penalty in relation to a particular prescribed narcotics dealing, or in relation to prescribed narcotics dealings during a particular period, the Minister, the Commissioner of Police, the CEO or the Director of Public Prosecutions may make application to the Court, *ex parte*, for an order under paragraph (2)(c) against one or more of the following:

(a) specified property of the defendant;

(b) all the property of the defendant (including property acquired after the making of the order);

(d) all the property of the defendant (including property acquired after the making of the order) other than specified property;

(e) specified property of a person other than the defendant.

(1A) The application under subsection (1) may be made:

(a) where the Court makes the order under section 243B—at any time before the liability of the defendant in respect of the pecuniary penalty has been discharged; or

(b) in any other case—at any time before the proceeding under section 243B is finally disposed of.

(2) Where:

(a) an application under subsection (1) is supported by:

(i) an affidavit of a police officer or an officer of Customs stating that he believes that:

(A) the defendant has engaged in the prescribed narcotics dealing to which the proceeding under section 243B relates, or in prescribed narcotics dealings during the period to which that proceeding relates; and

(B) benefits were derived by the defendant by reason of the defendant's having engaged in that prescribed narcotics dealing, or in prescribed narcotics dealings during that period, as the case may be;

and setting out the grounds on which he holds those beliefs; and

(ii) if the application seeks an order against specified property of the defendant—an affidavit of a police officer or an officer of Customs stating that he or she believes that the property is the property of the defendant and setting out the grounds on which he or she holds that belief; and

(b) the Court considers that, having regard to the matters contained in that affidavit or those affidavits, there are reasonable grounds for holding those beliefs;

the Court:

(c) shall, subject to subsection (2A), make an order:

(i) directing that the property, or such part of the property as is specified in the order, is not to be disposed of, or otherwise dealt with, by any person, except in such manner and in such circumstances (if any) as are specified in the order; and

(ii) if the Court is satisfied that the circumstances so require—direct the Official Trustee to take custody and control of the property, or such part of the property as is specified in the order; and

(d) may, subject to subsection (3), include in the order such provision (if any) in relation to the operation of the order as the Court thinks fit.

(2A) Where an application under subsection (1) seeks an order under paragraph (2)(c) against specified property of a person other than the defendant, the Court shall not make the order unless:

(a) the application is supported by an affidavit of a police officer or an officer of Customs stating that the officer believes that the property is subject to the effective control of the defendant; and

(b) the Court considers that, having regard to the matters contained in that affidavit, there are reasonable grounds for holding that belief.

(3) Paragraph (2)(d) does not authorize the Court to include in the order a provision postponing the operation of the order.

(4) Without limiting the power of the Court under paragraph (2)(d), the order against property:

(a) may set out conditions subject to which the order is to apply to all of that property, or to a specified part of that property;

(b) may make provision for a review of the operation of the order by the Court; and

(c) may make provision for meeting the reasonable living and business expenses of the defendant out of that property, or out of a specified part of that property.

(4A) The Court shall not make provision of the kind referred to in paragraph (4)(c) unless it is satisfied that the defendant cannot meet the expenses concerned out of property that is not subject to the order.

(5) The Court may refuse to make the order if the Commonwealth refuses or fails to give to the Court such undertakings as the Court deems appropriate with respect to the payment of damages or costs, or both, in relation to the making and operation of the order.

(6) For the purposes of an application under subsection (1), the Minister, the Commissioner of Police, the CEO or the Director of Public Prosecutions may, on behalf of the Commonwealth, give to the Court such undertakings with respect to the payment of damages or costs, or both, as are required by the Court.

(7) Notwithstanding anything contained in the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*, moneys that have come into the possession, or under the control, of the Official Trustee in accordance with an order made under subsection (2) shall not be paid into the Common Investment Fund established in pursuance of section 20B of that Act.

(8) Where the Official Trustee is given a direction under subparagraph (2)(c)(ii) in relation to property, the Official Trustee may do anything that is reasonably necessary for the purpose of

preserving the property including, without limiting the generality of this:

(a) becoming a party to any civil proceedings affecting the property;

(b) ensuring that the property is insured;

(c) if the property consists, wholly or partly, of securities or investments—realising or otherwise dealing with the securities or investments; and

(d) if the property consists, wholly or partly, of a business:

(i) employing, or terminating the employment of, persons in the business; and

(ii) doing any other thing that is necessary or convenient for carrying on the business on a sound commercial basis.

(9) Where the Official Trustee is given a direction under subparagraph (2)(c)(ii) in relation to shares in a company, the Official Trustee is entitled:

(a) to exercise the rights attaching to the shares as if it were the registered holder of the shares; and

(b) to do so to the exclusion of the registered holder.

(10) Neither paragraph (8)(c) nor subsection (9) limits the generality of the other.

(11) In proceedings dealing with an application for an order under paragraph (2)(c), a witness shall not be required to answer a question or to produce a document if the Court is satisfied that the answering of the question or the production of the document may prejudice the investigation of, or the prosecution of a person for, an offence.

243F Court may make further orders

(1AA) In this section:

defendant has the same meaning as in section 243E.

(1) Where the Court makes, or has made, a restraining order (in this section called the ***original order***) against property of a person (in this section called the ***owner***), the Court may, at the time it makes

the original order or at any subsequent time, make such orders in relation to that property as the Court considers just and, without limiting the power so conferred on the Court, the Court may, at any time or from time to time, make an order:

(a) varying the original order in respect of the property to which it relates or any provision included in the original order by virtue of paragraph 243E(2)(d);

(b) regulating the manner in which the Official Trustee may exercise its powers or perform its duties under the original order;

(c) determining any question relating to the property to which the original order relates, including any question relating to the liabilities of the owner, and the exercise of the powers, or the performance of the duties, of the Official Trustee, with respect to the property to which the original order relates;

(d) directing:

(i) the owner; or

(ii) if the owner is not the defendant—the defendant; or

(iii) if the owner or the defendant is a body corporate—a director of the body corporate specified by the Court;

to give to the Minister, the Commissioner of Police, the CEO, the Director of Public Prosecutions or the Official Trustee, within a period specified in the order, a statement verified by the oath of the person making the statement, setting out such particulars of the property, or dealings with the property, of the owner or defendant as the Court thinks proper;

(e) for the examination on oath before the Court or Registrar of the Court of any person, including:

(i) the owner; or

(ii) the defendant;

about the affairs (including the nature and location of any property) of:

(iii) anyone else who is either the owner or the defendant, or both; and

(iv) if the person to be examined is either the owner or defendant, or both—that person;

(ea) directing the owner or another person to do any act or thing necessary or convenient to be done to enable the Official Trustee to take custody and control of the property in accordance with the original order; or

(f) with respect to the carrying out of any undertaking with respect to the payment of damages or costs given by the Commonwealth in connection with the making of the original order.

(2) An application for an order under subsection (1) may be made:

(a) by the Official Trustee;

(b) by the Minister, the Commissioner of Police, the CEO or the Director of Public Prosecutions;

(c) by the owner; or

(d) with the leave of the Court, by any other person.

(2A) Where:

(a) the Court made the original order against the property in reliance on the engaging by a person (in this subsection called the ***defendant***) in a prescribed narcotics dealing or prescribed narcotics dealings during a particular period; and

(b) another person having an interest in the property applies to the Court for a variation of the order to exclude the interest from the order;

the Court shall grant the application if satisfied that the interest is not subject to the effective control of the defendant.

(3) Where:

(a) a person is examined before the Court, or the Registrar of the Court, under an order made under subsection (1); or

(b) an order made under subsection (1) directs a person to furnish a statement to the Minister, the Commissioner of Police, the CEO, the Director of Public Prosecutions or the Official Trustee;

the person is not excused from:

(c) answering a question when required to do so by the Court, or by the Registrar of the Court; or

(d) furnishing the statement, or setting out particulars in the statement;

as the case may be, on the ground that the answer to the question, or the statement or particulars, might tend to incriminate the person or make the person liable to a forfeiture or penalty.

(3A) Where a person:

(a) is examined before the Court, or the Registrar of the Court; or

(b) furnishes a statement to the Minister, the Commissioner of Police, the CEO, the Director of Public Prosecutions or the Official Trustee;

under an order made under subsection (1), then:

(c) a statement or disclosure made by the person in answer to a question put in the course of the examination; or

(d) the statement so furnished;

as the case may be, and any information, document or thing obtained as a direct or indirect consequence of the statement or disclosure referred to in paragraph (c), or of the statement referred to in paragraph (d), is not admissible against the person in any civil or criminal proceeding except:

(e) a proceeding for giving false testimony in the course of the examination, or in respect of the falsity of the statement, as the case may be; or

(f) a proceeding for the recovery of a pecuniary penalty, for the purpose only of facilitating the assessment of the amount of the pecuniary penalty.

(4) In this section, unless the contrary intention appears:

(a) references to the original order shall be read as including references to the original order as varied under this section; and

(b) references to the Registrar of the Court shall be read as including references to a Deputy Registrar of the Court, a District Registrar of the Court and a Deputy District Registrar of the Court.

(5) In proceedings dealing with an application for an order under subsection (1), a witness is not required to answer a question or to produce a document if the Court is satisfied that the answering of

the question or the production of the document may prejudice the investigation of, or the prosecution of a person for, an offence.

243G Official Trustee to discharge pecuniary penalty

(1) Where:

(a) the Court makes an order under section 243B that a person pay a pecuniary penalty in relation to a particular prescribed narcotics dealing or in relation to prescribed narcotics dealings during a particular period; and

(b) at the time when the order is made, property is subject to a restraining order made, in reliance on the prescribed narcotics dealing or prescribed narcotics dealings, against:

(i) property of the person; or

(ii) property of another person in relation to which an order under subsection 243CA(2) is made;

the Court may include in the order under section 243B a direction to the Official Trustee to pay the Commonwealth, in accordance with this section, an amount equal to the penalty amount out of that property.

(2) Where:

(a) the Court makes an order under section 243B for a person to pay a pecuniary penalty in relation to a prescribed narcotics dealing or prescribed narcotics dealings during a particular period; and

(b) a restraining order is subsequently made against:

(i) property of the person; or

(ii) property of another person in relation to which an order under subsection 243CA(2) is made;

in reliance on the prescribed narcotics dealing or prescribed narcotics dealings;

the Court may include in the restraining order a direction to the Official Trustee to pay the Commonwealth, in accordance with this section, an amount equal to the penalty amount out of that property.

(2A) If:

(a) the Court has made an order under section 243B that a person pay a pecuniary penalty in relation to a prescribed narcotics dealing or prescribed narcotics dealings during a particular period; and

(b) a restraining order is in force against:

(i) property of the person; or

(ii) property of another person in relation to which an order under subsection 243CA(2) is in force;

the Court may, on application by the Minister, the Commissioner of Police, the CEO or the Director of Public Prosecutions, direct the Official Trustee to pay the Commonwealth, in accordance with this section, an amount equal to the penalty amount out of the property.

(3) For the purposes of enabling the Official Trustee to comply with a direction given by the Court under subsection (1), (2) or (2A), the Court may, in the order in which the direction is given or by a subsequent order:

(a) direct the Official Trustee to sell or otherwise dispose of such of the property that is subject to the restraining order as the Court specifies; and

(b) appoint an officer of the Court or any other person to execute any deed or instrument in the name of a person who owns or has an estate, interest or right in the property and to do any act or thing necessary to give validity and operation to the deed or instrument.

(4) The execution of the deed or instrument by the person appointed by an order under subsection (3) has the same force and validity as if the deed or instrument had been executed by the person who owned or had the estate, interest or right in the property.

(5) Where the Official Trustee is given a direction under subsection (1), (2) or (2A) in relation to property, the Official Trustee shall not:

(a) if the property is money—apply the money in accordance with subsection (6) until the end of the appeal period; and

(b) if the property is not money—sell or otherwise dispose of the property until the end of the appeal period.

(6) Where the Official Trustee is given a direction under subsection (1), (2) or (2A) in relation to property, the Official Trustee shall, as soon as practicable after the end of the appeal period:

(a) if the property is money:

(i) apply the money in payment of the costs, charges, expenses and remuneration, of the kind referred to in subsection 243P(1), incurred or payable in connection with the restraining order and payable to the Official Trustee under the regulations; and

(ii) subject to subsection (7), pay the remainder of the money to the Confiscated Assets Reserve as required by section 34B of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 1987*; and

(b) if the property is not money:

(i) sell or otherwise dispose of the property;

(ii) apply the proceeds of the sale or disposition in payment of the costs, charges, expenses and remuneration of the kind referred to in subsection 243P(1), incurred or payable in connection with the restraining order or the sale or disposition and payable to the Official Trustee under the regulations; and

(iii) subject to subsection (7), pay the remainder of those proceeds to the Confiscated Assets Reserve as required by section 34B of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 1987.*

(7) Where the money or proceeds to which subparagraph (6)(a)(ii) or (b)(iii) applies exceeds the penalty amount, the Official Trustee shall:

(a) pay to the Confiscated Assets Reserve as required by section 34B of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 1987* an amount equal to the penalty amount; and

(b) pay the balance to the person whose property was subject to the restraining order.

(8) Where the Official Trustee pays, in accordance with a direction under this section, money to the Trust Fund as required by section 34B of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 1987* in satisfaction of a person's liability under an order under section 243B, the person's liability under the order shall, to the extent of the payment be deemed to be discharged.

(9) Where:

(a) a restraining order is made against property in reliance on a particular prescribed narcotics dealing engaged in by the person or prescribed narcotics dealings engaged in by the person during a particular period; and

(b) before or after the restraining order is made, an order under section 243B has been or is made against the person in reliance on the prescribed narcotics dealing or prescribed narcotics dealings;

the appeal period in respect of the property is the period ending:

(c) if the period provided for the lodging of an appeal against the making of the order under section 243B has ended without such an appeal having been lodged—at the end of that period; or

(d) if an appeal against the making of the order under section 243B has been lodged—when the appeal lapses or is finally determined.

243H Revocation of order under section 243E

(1) Where, after a restraining order has been made in relation to a proceeding for the recovery of a pecuniary penalty:

(a) no pecuniary penalty is imposed upon the determination of that proceeding;

(b) the pecuniary penalty imposed upon the determination of that proceeding is paid; or

(c) the Court is satisfied that it is, in all the circumstances, proper to do so;

the Court may, upon application being made to it by a person authorized to make an application under section 243F, revoke that order.

(2) The revocation of a restraining order that was made in relation to a proceeding for the recovery of a pecuniary penalty does not prevent the Court from making a further restraining order in relation to that proceeding.

(3) Without limiting the powers of the Court to make an order under subsection (1), the Court may revoke a restraining order upon the applicant:

(a) giving security satisfactory to the Court for the payment of any pecuniary penalty that may be imposed on him in the relevant proceeding; or

(b) giving undertakings satisfactory to the Court concerning the property of the applicant.

(4) Where the Court revokes or has revoked a restraining order, the Court may make such order or orders as it deems proper for or in relation to the discharge of the Official Trustee concerned from all liability in respect of the exercise by it of the powers conferred on it, and the performance by it of the duties imposed on it, under this Division in respect of the property of the person to whom the restraining order related.

243J Pecuniary penalty a charge on property

(1) Where the Court makes, in relation to a proceeding (in this section referred to as the ***relevant proceeding***) for the recovery of a pecuniary penalty from a person, a restraining order against property, upon the making of the order, there is created, by force of this section, a charge, on all the property to which the order relates, to secure the payment to the Commonwealth of any pecuniary penalty that the person may be ordered to pay in the relevant proceeding.

(2) Where a charge is created by subsection (1) on any property of a person upon the making of a restraining order, the charge ceases to have effect in respect of the property:

(a) upon the order ceasing to apply to the property by reason of the variation or revocation of the order;

(b) upon the determination of the relevant proceeding by way of the refusal of the Court to make an order for the payment of a pecuniary penalty by the person;

(c) upon payment by the person of any pecuniary penalty that he has been ordered to pay in the relevant proceeding;

(d) upon the person becoming a bankrupt;

(e) upon the sale or other disposition of the property:

(i) in pursuance of a direction of the Court under section 243G; or

(ii) by the owner of the property with the consent of the Court or of the Official Trustee; or

(f) upon the sale of the property to a *bona fide* purchaser for value who, at the time of purchase, has no notice of the charge;

whichever first occurs.

(3) The charge created on property by subsection (1):

(a) is subject to every charge or encumbrance to which the property was subject immediately before the order was made;

(b) has priority over all other encumbrances whatsoever; and

(c) subject to subsection (2), is not affected by any change of ownership of the property.

(4) Where a charge is created by subsection (1) on property of a particular kind and the provisions of any law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory provide for the registration of title to, or charges over, property of that kind, the Official Trustee or the person who applied for the restraining order against that property may cause the charge so created to be registered under the provisions of that law and, if the Official Trustee or the person who applied for the restraining order, as the case may be, does so, a person who purchases or otherwise acquires the property after the registration of the charge shall, for the purposes of subsection (2), be deemed to have notice of the charge.

243K Contravention of restraining orders

(1) A person who intentionally contravenes a restraining order by disposing of, or otherwise dealing with, property that is subject to the restraining order is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 5 years.

(2) Where:

(a) a restraining order is made against property;

(b) the property is disposed of, or otherwise dealt with, in contravention of the restraining order; and

(c) the disposition or dealing was either not for sufficient consideration or not in favour of a person who acted in good faith;

the Minister, the Commissioner of Police, the CEO or the Director of Public Prosecutions may apply to the Court for an order that the disposition or dealing be set aside.

(3) Where an application is made under subsection (2) in relation to a disposition or dealing, the Court may make an order:

(a) setting the disposition or dealing aside as from the day on which it took place; or

(b) setting the disposition or dealing aside as from the day of the order under this subsection and declaring the respective rights of any persons who acquired interests in the property on or after the day on which the disposition or dealing took place and before the day of the order under this subsection.

243L Sale of property before bankruptcy

(1) Where:

(a) the Commonwealth has, within 6 months before the presentation of a petition, or after the presentation of a petition, against a person, received moneys from the Official Trustee or an Official Receiver in pursuance of a direction under section 243G in relation to the liability of the person to pay a pecuniary penalty; and

(b) the person subsequently becomes a bankrupt on, or by virtue of the presentation of, the petition;

the Commonwealth shall pay to the trustee in the bankruptcy an amount equal to the amount paid to the Commonwealth in accordance with the direction, less the taxed costs of the Minister, the Commissioner of Police, the CEO or the Director of Public Prosecutions in respect of the making of the direction under section 243G.

(2) Where the Commonwealth has paid to the trustee in bankruptcy an amount in accordance with subsection (1), the Commonwealth

may prove in the bankruptcy for its debt as an unsecured creditor as if the order under section 243G had not been made.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*, a person who purchases in good faith, property of a person who, after the purchase, becomes a bankrupt, under a sale of the property in pursuance of a direction given under section 243G acquires a good title to it as against the trustee in the bankruptcy.

243M Duties of the Official Trustee after receiving notice of presentation of creditor's petition etc.

(1) Where, after the Official Trustee has been directed under subsection 243G(1) or (2) to pay an amount to the Commonwealth in relation to the liability of a person to pay a pecuniary penalty, notice in writing of the presentation of a creditor's petition against the person is given to the Official Trustee, the Official Trustee:

(a) shall refrain from taking action to sell property of the person in pursuance of any direction to do so contained in an order under that section; and

(b) shall not pay any moneys in pursuance of the direction to do so contained in the first-mentioned order;

until the petition has been dealt with by a bankruptcy court or has lapsed.

(2) Where, after the Official Trustee has been directed under subsection 243G(1) or (2) to pay an amount to the Commonwealth in relation to the liability of a person to pay a pecuniary penalty, notice in writing of the reference to a bankruptcy court of a debtor's petition against the person is given to the Official Trustee, the Official Trustee:

(a) shall refrain from taking action to sell property of the person in pursuance of any direction to do so contained in an order under that section; and

(b) shall not pay any moneys in pursuance of the direction to do so contained in the first-mentioned order;

until a bankruptcy court has dealt with the petition.

(3) Where a person who is liable to pay a pecuniary penalty becomes a bankrupt (whether on a creditor's petition or otherwise), any property of the person in the possession, or under the control, of

the Official Trustee in accordance with an order made under this Division shall be deemed to be in the possession, or under the control, of the Official Trustee as, or on behalf of, the trustee of the estate of the bankrupt, and not otherwise.

(4) In this section, ***bankruptcy court*** means a court having jurisdiction in bankruptcy under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*.

243N Protection of Official Trustee from personal liability in certain cases

(1) Where:

(a) the Court has made a restraining order directing the Official Trustee to take custody and control of property of a person;

(b) the Official Trustee has taken custody and control of any property in the possession, or on the premises, of the person without notice of any claim by another person in respect of that property; and

(c) the person did not, at the date of the order, have any beneficial interest in the property referred to in paragraph (b);

the Official Trustee is not personally liable for any loss or damage arising from its having taken custody and control of the property sustained by a person claiming the property or an interest in the property, or for the cost of proceedings taken to establish a claim to the property or to an interest in the property, unless the court in which the claim is made is of the opinion that the Official Trustee has been guilty of negligence in respect of the taking of custody and control of the property.

(2) Where the Official Trustee has, in accordance with a restraining order, taken custody and control of property of a person specified in the order, the Official Trustee is not personally liable for any loss or damage arising from its having taken custody and control of the property (being loss or damage sustained by some other person claiming the property or an interest in the property), or for the cost of proceedings taken to establish a claim to the property, or to an interest in the property, unless the court in which the claim is made is of the opinion that the Official Trustee has been guilty of negligence in respect of the taking of custody and control of the property.

(3) The Official Trustee is not personally liable for any rates, land tax or municipal or other statutory charges imposed by or under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory upon or in respect of property of which it has been directed by a restraining order to take custody and control, being rates, land tax or municipal or other statutory charges that fall due on or after the date of that order, except to the extent, if any, of the rents and profits received by the Official Trustee in respect of that property on or after the date of that order.

(4) Where the Official Trustee who has been directed by a restraining order to take custody and control of a business carried on by a person carries on that business, the Official Trustee is not personally liable for any payment in respect of long service leave for which the person was liable or for any payment in respect of long service leave to which a person employed by the Official Trustee in its capacity of manager of the business, or the legal personal representative of such a person, becomes entitled after the date of that order.

243NA Indemnification of Official Trustee

(1) The Commonwealth is by force of this subsection liable to indemnify the Official Trustee against any personal liability (including any personal liability as to costs) incurred by it for any act done, or omitted to be done, by it in the exercise, or purported exercise, of its powers and duties under this Division.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) affects:

(a) any right that the Official Trustee has, apart from that subsection, to be indemnified in respect of any personal liability referred to in that subsection; or

(b) any other indemnity given to the Official Trustee in respect of any such personal liability.

(3) Where the Commonwealth makes a payment in accordance with the indemnity referred to in subsection (1), the Commonwealth has the same right of reimbursement in respect of the payment (including reimbursement under another indemnity given to the Official Trustee) as the Official Trustee would have if the Official Trustee had made the payment.

243NB Indemnification of Official Receivers etc.

(1) The Commonwealth shall indemnify a person to whom this subsection applies against any liability incurred by the person:

(a) for any act done negligently, or negligently omitted to be done, by the person in the performance of the person's duties in relation to this Division; or

(b) for any act done by the person in good faith in the purported performance of the person's duties in relation to this Division.

(2) Subsection (1) applies to:

(a) persons who are Official Receivers under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*;

(b) persons who perform any of the duties of such an Official Receiver in relation to this Division; or

(c) persons who assist such an Official Receiver in the performance of the Official Receiver's duties in relation to this Division.

243P Costs etc. payable to Official Trustee

(1) The regulations may make provision for or in relation to:

(a) the costs, charges and expenses incurred in connection with; and

(b) the Official Trustee's remuneration in respect of;

the performance or exercise by the Official Trustee of functions, duties or powers under this Division.

(2) An amount equal to each amount of remuneration that the Official Trustee receives under the regulations shall be paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(3) Where there are no regulations in relation to a matter referred to in subsection (1):

(a) the regulations referred to in section 55 of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 1987* shall apply, so far as they are applicable, and with appropriate changes, in relation to the matter; and

(b) a reference in this Division (other than in this subsection) to regulations in relation to the matter shall be taken to be a

reference to the regulations referred to in section 55 of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 1987*.

243Q Notices

(1) Subject to subsection (2), where the Court makes a restraining order, or an order under section 243CA or 243F, against a person's property, the person who applied for the order (in this section called the ***applicant***) shall give the person written notice of the order.

(2) Where:

(a) the Court makes a restraining order against a person's property; and

(b) the Court is satisfied that it would be in the public interest to delay giving notice of the order to the person;

the Court may order that giving the person notice of the order be delayed for such period as is specified in the order under this subsection and the applicant shall give the person notice of the restraining order as soon as practicable after the end of the period specified.

243R Reduction of pecuniary penalty

(1) Where, before the Court makes an order directing a person to pay a pecuniary penalty in respect of a particular prescribed narcotics dealing engaged in by him, or of prescribed narcotics dealings engaged in by him during a particular period, any property of the person to which section 229A applied by reason of that prescribed narcotics dealing, or of a prescribed narcotics dealing during that period, had been seized as forfeited goods:

(a) if, before the imposition of the penalty, the property had been condemned or was deemed to have been condemned—the penalty shall be deemed to be reduced by an amount equal to the value of the property at the time when it was seized;

(b) if, after the imposition of the penalty and before the penalty is paid, the property is condemned or is deemed to be condemned or the person consents to the forfeiture of the property—the liability of the person in respect of the penalty

shall be deemed to be reduced by an amount equal to the value of the property at the time when it was seized; and

(c) if the penalty is paid before the property is condemned or is to be deemed to be condemned—the Commonwealth is liable to pay to the person an amount equal to the value of the property at the date of its seizure.

(2) After a pecuniary penalty is imposed on a person in respect of a particular prescribed narcotics dealing engaged in by the person, or of prescribed narcotics dealings engaged in by him during a particular period, property of the person to which section 229A applies by virtue of that dealing, or of such a dealing during that period, shall not be seized as forfeited goods.

(3) The Court may make an order, in respect of property to which section 229A applies, being property that has been seized as forfeited goods, determining the value, at the time when it was seized, of that property for the purposes of this section.

243S Jurisdiction of the Court

Jurisdiction is conferred on the Court to hear and determine applications under this Division.

Division 4—Provisions relating to certain strict liability offences

243SA Failure to answer questions

A person must not fail to answer a question that an officer, pursuant to a power conferred on the officer by this Act, requires the person to answer.

Penalty: 30 penalty units.

243SB Failure to produce documents or records

A person must not fail to produce a document or record that an officer, pursuant to a power conferred on the officer by this Act other than a power conferred by section 71DA, 71DL, 114A or 118, requires the person to produce.

Penalty: 30 penalty units.

243SC Preservation of the privilege against self-incrimination

(1) Subject to subsection (2), a person who would, apart from this subsection, be required to:

(a) answer a question under section 243SA; or

(b) produce a document or record under section 243SB;

need not comply with the requirement if so complying would:

(c) tend to incriminate the person; or

(d) result in further attempts to obtain evidence that would tend to incriminate the person.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply, and the person must comply with the requirement, if the person has waived his or her rights under that subsection.

243T False or misleading statements resulting in loss of duty

(1) If:

(a) a person:

(i) makes to an officer a statement (other than a statement in a cargo report or an outturn report), in respect of particular goods, that is false or misleading in a material particular; or

(ii) omits from a statement (other than a statement in a cargo report or an outturn report), in respect of particular goods, made to an officer any matter or thing without which the statement is false or misleading in a material particular; and

(b) any of the following applies:

(i) the amount of duty properly payable on the goods exceeds the amount of duty that would have been payable if the amount of duty were determined on the basis that the statement was not false or misleading;

(ii) a refund of duty on the goods was paid that would not have been payable, or that exceeded the amount of the refund of duty that would have been payable, if the amount of the refund were determined on the basis that the statement was not false or misleading;

(iii) a drawback of duty on the goods was paid that would not have been payable, or that exceeded the amount of the drawback of duty that would have been payable, if the amount of the drawback were determined on the basis that the statement was not false or misleading;

the owner of the goods (not being a person who is to be treated as the owner of the goods because that person is an agent of the owner) commits an offence.

(2) An offence against subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

(3) The penalty for a conviction for an offence against subsection (1) is an amount not exceeding:

(a) if subparagraph (1)(b)(i) applies—the amount of the excess; or

(b) if subparagraph (1)(b)(ii) applies—the refund that would not have been payable, or the amount of the excess, as the case may be; or

(c) if subparagraph (1)(b)(iii) applies—the drawback that would not have been payable, or the amount of the excess, as the case may be.

(4) Subsection (1) does not apply to a statement made by a person to an officer if:

(a) the person gives notice in writing to the officer, or to another officer doing duty in relation to the matter to which the statement relates, stating that the statement is false or misleading in a material particular or is false or misleading because of the omission of a matter or thing; and

(b) no notice under section 214AD was given to the person after the statement was made and before the notice under paragraph (a) of this subsection was given.

(5) Subsection (1) does not apply to a statement made by a person to an officer if:

(a) the statement specifies that the person is uncertain about information included in the statement, and considers that, as a result of including that information, the statement might be false or misleading in a material particular; and

(b) the statement identifies the information whose inclusion might make the statement false or misleading in a material particular; and

(c) the statement sets out the reasons why the person is uncertain about the identified information.

(6) Subsection (1) does not apply to a statement made by a person to an officer if:

(a) the statement specifies that the person is uncertain whether, as a result of omitting information from the statement, the statement might be false or misleading in a material particular; and

(b) the statement identifies the omission of information that might make the statement false or misleading in a material particular; and

(c) the statement sets out the reasons for the person's uncertainty about the effect of omitting the information.

243U False or misleading statements not resulting in loss of duty

(1) A person commits an offence if:

(a) the person:

(i) makes to an officer a statement (other than a statement in a cargo report or an outturn report) that is false or misleading in a material particular; or

(ii) omits from a statement (other than a statement in a cargo report or an outturn report) made to an officer any matter or thing without which the statement is false or misleading in a material particular; and

(b) none of the following applies:

(i) the amount of duty properly payable on particular goods exceeds the amount of duty that would have been payable if the amount of duty were determined on the basis that the statement was not false or misleading;

(ii) a refund of duty on particular goods was paid that would not have been payable, or that exceeded the amount of the refund of duty that would have been payable, if the amount of the refund were determined on the basis that the statement was not false or misleading;

(iii) a drawback of duty on particular goods was paid that would not have been payable, or that exceeded the amount of the drawback of duty that would have been payable, if the amount of the drawback were determined on the basis that the statement was not false or misleading.

(2) An offence against subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

(3) The penalty for a conviction for an offence against subsection (1) is an amount not exceeding 50 penalty units for each statement that is found by the court to be false or misleading.

(4) Subsection (1) does not apply to a statement made by a person to an officer if:

(a) the person gives notice in writing to the officer, or to another officer doing duty in relation to the matter to which the statement relates, stating that the statement is false or misleading in a material particular or is false or misleading because of the omission of a matter or thing; and

(b) no notice under section 214AD was given to the person after the statement was made and before the notice under paragraph (a) of this subsection was given.

(5) In this section:

statement does not include:

(a) a statement made under Part XVA or XVB; or

(b) a statement that a person who is or was a passenger on, or a member of the crew of, a ship or aircraft made in relation to his or her accompanied personal or household effects that were carried on the ship or aircraft.

243V False or misleading statements in cargo reports or outturn reports

(1) A person commits an offence if the person:

(a) makes to an officer a statement, in a cargo report or an outturn report, that is false or misleading in a material particular; or

(b) omits from a statement, in a cargo report or an outturn report, made to an officer any matter or thing without which the statement is false or misleading in a material particular.

(2) An offence against subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

(3) The penalty for a conviction for an offence against subsection (1) is an amount not exceeding 50 penalty units.

243W Electronic communications to Customs to be treated as statements to CEO

For the purposes of this Division, any electronic communication to Customs is taken to be a statement made to the CEO.

Division 5—Penalties in lieu of prosecution for certain offences

243X Application of Division

(1) This Division applies to an offence against, or an offence for a contravention of, subsection 33(2), (3) or (6), 64(13), 64AA(10), 64AAB(7), 64AAC(6), 64AB(10), 64ABAA(9), 71G(1), 74(6), 99(3), 102A(4), 113(1), 114B(7), 114E(1), 114F(2), 115(1), 116(2), 117AA(1), (2), (3) or (4), 117A(1), 118(1), 119(3), 243T(1), 243U(1) or 243V(1).

(2) A reference in subsection (1) to a subsection of a section of this Act is a reference to:

(a) the subsection as inserted or substituted by the *Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Act 2001*; or

(b) if the subsection so inserted or substituted is amended or replaced by a later Act—the subsection as so amended or replaced.

243XA Guidelines for serving infringement notices

(1) The CEO must develop written guidelines in respect of the administration of this Division to which he or she must have regard when exercising powers under this Division.

(2) The guidelines are a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 46A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

243Y When an infringement notice can be served

(1) If the CEO has reasonable grounds to believe that a person has committed an offence, the CEO may cause an infringement notice to be served on the person in accordance with this Division.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), an infringement notice does not have any effect unless it is served within one year after the day on which the offence is alleged to have been committed.

(3) An infringement notice for an offence against subsection 243T(1) or 243U(1) that was detected as a result of the exercise of monitoring powers does not have any effect unless it is served within:

(a) 4 years after the day on which the false or misleading statement was made; or

(b) one year after the day on which the offence was detected;

whichever period ends first.

243Z Matters to be included in an infringement notice

(1) An infringement notice must:

(a) state the name of the person on whom it is to be served; and

(b) state that it is being served on behalf of the CEO; and

(c) state:

(i) the nature of the alleged offence; and

(ii) the time (if known) and date on which, and the place at which, the offence is alleged to have been committed; and

(iii) the maximum penalty that a court could impose for the alleged offence; and

(d) if the alleged offence is an offence against section 243T and there is still any unpaid duty or any unrepaid refund or drawback of duty—state that the obligation to pay the duty or repay the refund or drawback continues despite the service of the infringement notice; and

(e) specify a penalty that is payable under the notice in respect of the alleged offence; and

(f) state that, if the person on whom the notice is served:

(i) does not wish the matter to be dealt with by a court; and

(ii) in the case of an alleged offence against section 243T—has paid any unpaid duty or any unrepaid refund or drawback of duty within the period of 28 days after the date of service of the notice;

the person may pay to the CEO, within the period of 28 days after the date of service of the notice, the amount of the penalty specified in the notice; and

(g) state that the person may make written representations to the CEO seeking the withdrawal of the notice.

Note: The CEO has power to extend periods stated in notices given under paragraph (1)(f) (see section 243ZE).

(2) If:

(a) an infringement notice is served on a person in accordance with this Division in respect of an alleged offence for a contravention of subsection 243T(1) in respect of goods; and

(b) the person applies under subsection 273GA(2) for review of the decision as to the amount of duty payable on the goods;

the period beginning on the making of the application and ending on the final determination of the amount of duty by a tribunal, or by a court on appeal from a tribunal, is not to be taken into account in working out the period of 28 days referred to in paragraph (1)(f).

(3) An infringement notice may contain any other matters that the CEO considers necessary.

(4) The penalty to be specified in an infringement notice under paragraph (1)(e) is:

(a) if the infringement notice is given in respect of an alleged offence under subsection 243U(1)—the lesser of the following amounts:

(i) 10 penalty units;

(ii) 1/2 penalty unit for each material particular that is alleged to be false or misleading or each matter or thing that is alleged to have been omitted, as the case may be; or

(b) otherwise—one-fifth of the maximum amount of the penalty that a court could impose for the offence.

243ZA Withdrawal of infringement notice

(1) A person on whom an infringement notice has been served may make written representations to the CEO seeking the withdrawal of the notice.

(2) The CEO may withdraw an infringement notice served on a person (whether or not the person has made representations seeking the

withdrawal) by causing written notice of the withdrawal to be served on the person within the period within which the penalty specified in the infringement notice is required to be paid.

(3) The matters to which the CEO may have regard in deciding whether or not to withdraw an infringement notice include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) whether the person has previously been convicted of an offence for a contravention of this Act;

(b) the circumstances in which the offence specified in the notice is alleged to have been committed;

(c) whether the person has previously been served with an infringement notice in respect of which the person paid the penalty specified in the notice;

(d) any written representations made by the person.

(4) If:

(a) the person pays the penalty specified in the infringement notice within the period within which the penalty is required to be paid; and

(b) the notice is withdrawn after the person pays the penalty;

the CEO must refund to the person, out of money appropriated by the Parliament, an amount equal to the amount paid.

243ZB What happens if unpaid duty or unrepaid refund or drawback and penalty are paid

(1) This section applies if:

(a) an infringement notice is served on a person; and

(b) the person pays the penalty specified in the notice before the end of the period referred to in paragraph 243Z(1)(f); and

(c) where the alleged offence is an offence against section 243T—the person pays any unpaid duty, or any unrepaid refund or drawback, before the end of that period; and

(d) the infringement notice is not withdrawn.

(2) Any liability of the person for the offence specified in the notice is taken to be discharged.

(3) Further proceedings cannot be taken against the person for the offence.

(4) The person is not regarded as having been convicted of the offence.

243ZC More than one infringement notice may not be served for the same offence

This Division does not permit the service of more than one infringement notice on a person for the same offence.

243ZD Infringement notice not required to be served

This Division does not:

(a) require an infringement notice to be served on a person in relation to an offence; or

(b) affect the liability of a person to be prosecuted for an offence if:

(i) an infringement notice is not served on the person in relation to the offence; or

(ii) an infringement notice served on the person in relation to the offence has been withdrawn; or

(c) affect the liability of a person to be prosecuted for an offence if the person does not comply with an infringement notice served on the person in relation to the offence; or

(d) limit the amount of the penalty that may be imposed by a court on a person convicted of an offence.

243ZE CEO may extend period for payment of penalty

(1) The CEO may, by writing, extend, in relation to a particular person, the period referred to in paragraph 243Z(1)(f).

(2) The power of the CEO under subsection (1) to extend the period may be exercised before or after the end of the period.

(3) If the CEO extends a period under subsection (1), a reference in this Division, or in a notice or other instrument under this Division, to the period is taken, in relation to the person, to be a reference to the period as so extended.

Part XIV—Customs prosecutions

244 Meaning of *Customs prosecution*

Customs prosecutions are proceedings by the Customs:

(a) for the recovery of penalties under this Act, other than:

(i) pecuniary penalties referred to in section 243B; or

(ii) pecuniary penalties for contraventions relating to diesel fuel rebate provisions; or

(b) for the condemnation of ships, aircraft or goods seized as forfeited.

245 Institution of prosecutions

(1) Customs prosecutions may be instituted by the CEO in the name of the office of the CEO by action, information or other appropriate proceeding:

(a) in the Supreme Court of a State;

(b) in the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory;

(c) in the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory;

(d) in a County Court or District Court of a State;

(e) in a Local Court, being a Local Court of full jurisdiction, of South Australia or of the Northern Territory; or

(f) in a court of summary jurisdiction of a State, of the Australian Capital Territory or of the Northern Territory.

(2) Where a Customs prosecution for a pecuniary penalty that, but for this section, would exceed $40,000 is instituted in a Court referred to in paragraph (1)(d) or (e), the amount of that penalty that exceeds $40,000 shall be taken to have been abandoned.

(4) Where a Customs prosecution for a pecuniary penalty that, but for this subsection, would exceed $20,000 is instituted in a court referred to in paragraph (1)(f), the amount of that penalty that exceeds $20,000 shall be taken to have been abandoned.

247 Prosecutions in accordance with practice rules

Every Customs prosecution in a court referred to in subsection 245(1) may be commenced prosecuted and proceeded with in accordance with any rules of practice (if any) established by the Court for Crown suits in revenue matters or in accordance with the usual practice and procedure of the Court in civil cases or in accordance with the directions of the Court or a Judge.

248 State Court practice

Subject to the provisions of this Act the provisions of the law relating to summary proceedings in force in the State or Territory where the proceedings are instituted shall apply to all Customs prosecutions before a Court of summary jurisdiction in a State or Territory, and an appeal shall lie from any conviction order for condemnation or order of dismissal to the Court and in the manner provided by the law of the State or Territory where such conviction or order is made for appeals from convictions or orders of dismissal, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the law of the State or Territory, an appeal shall lie from an order of dismissal to any court to which and in the manner in which an appeal lies from a conviction.

249 Commencement of prosecutions

Customs prosecutions may be instituted at any time within 5 years after the cause thereof.

250 Information to be valid if in words of Act

All informations summonses other originating processes convictions condemnations and warrants shall suffice if the offence or forfeiture is set forth as nearly as may be in the words of this Act.

250A Property in goods subject to control of Customs

Where in any proceedings on behalf of the Customs in relation to any goods subject to the control of the Customs it is necessary to

allege any property in the goods, the goods may be alleged to be the property of the Collector without mentioning his name.

251 No objection for informality

No objection shall be taken or allowed to any information, summons or other originating process for any alleged defect therein in substance or in form or for any variance between such information, summons or other originating process and the evidence adduced at the hearing in support thereof, and the Court shall at all times make any amendment necessary to determine the real question in dispute or which may appear desirable, and if any such defect or variance shall appear to the Court to be such that the defendant has been thereby deceived or misled it shall be lawful for the Court upon such terms as it may think just to adjourn the hearing of the case to some future day.

252 Conviction not to be quashed

No conviction warrant of commitment or condemnation order or other proceeding matter or thing done or transacted in relation to the execution or carrying out of any Customs Act shall be held void quashed or set aside by reason of any defect therein or want of form and no party shall be entitled to be discharged out of custody on account of such defect.

253 Protection to witnesses

No witness on behalf of the Minister, CEO or Collector in any Customs prosecution shall be compelled to disclose the fact that he received any information or the nature thereof or the name of the person who gave such information, and no officer appearing as a witness shall be compelled to produce any reports made or received by him confidentially in his official capacity or containing confidential information.

254 Defendant competent witness

(1) In every Customs prosecution the defendant shall be competent to give evidence.

(2) In every Customs prosecution except for an indictable offence or for an offence directly punishable by imprisonment the defendant shall be compellable to give evidence.

255 Averment of prosecutor sufficient

(1) In any Customs prosecution the averment of the prosecutor or plaintiff contained in the information, complaint, declaration or claim shall be *prima facie* evidence of the matter or matters averred.

(2) This section shall apply to any matters so averred although:

(a) evidence in support or rebuttal of the matter averred or of any other matter is given by witnesses; or

(b) the matter averred is a mixed question of law and fact, but in that case the averment shall be *prima facie* evidence of the fact only.

(3) Any evidence given by witnesses in support or rebuttal of a matter so averred shall be considered on its merits and the credibility and probative value of such evidence shall be neither increased nor diminished by reason of this section.

(4) The foregoing provisions of this section shall not apply to:

(a) an averment of the intent of the defendant; or

(b) proceedings for an indictable offence or an offence directly punishable by imprisonment.

(5) This section shall not lessen or affect any onus of proof otherwise falling on the defendant.

256 Proof of proclamation etc.

The production of the *Gazette* containing any proclamation gazette notice or regulation appearing to have been issued or made under this Act or the production of any document certified by the CEO or the Regional Director for a State or Territory to be a true copy of, or extract from any such proclamation, gazette notice, or regulation issued or made under this Act shall be *prima facie* evidence of the issue or making of such proclamation, gazette notice, or regulation, and that the same is in force.

257 Conduct by directors, servants or agents

(1) Where, in a Customs prosecution in respect of any conduct engaged in by a body corporate, it is necessary to establish the state of mind of the body corporate, it is sufficient to show that a director, servant or agent of the body corporate, being a director, servant or agent by whom the conduct was engaged in within the scope of his or her actual or apparent authority, had that state of mind.

(2) Any conduct engaged in on behalf of a body corporate:

(a) by a director, servant or agent of the body corporate within the scope of his or her actual or apparent authority; or

(b) by any other person at the direction or with the consent or agreement (whether express or implied) of a director, servant or agent of the body corporate, where the giving of such direction, consent or agreement is within the scope of the actual or apparent authority of the director, servant or agent;

shall be deemed, for the purposes of this Act, to have been engaged in also by the body corporate.

(3) Where, in a Customs prosecution in respect of any conduct engaged in by a person other than a body corporate, it is necessary to establish the state of mind of the person, it is sufficient to show that a servant or agent of the person, being a servant or agent by whom the conduct was engaged in within the scope of his or her actual or apparent authority, had that state of mind.

(4) Any conduct engaged in on behalf of a person other than a body corporate:

(a) by a servant or agent of the person within the scope of the actual or apparent authority of the servant or agent; or

(b) by any other person at the direction or with the consent or agreement (whether express or implied) of a servant or agent of the first-mentioned person, where the giving of such direction, consent or agreement is within the scope of the actual or apparent authority of the servant or agent;

shall be deemed, for the purposes of this Act, to have been engaged in also by the first-mentioned person.

(5) A reference in this section to the state of mind of a person includes a reference to the knowledge, intention, opinion, belief or purpose of the person and the person's reasons for his or her intention, opinion, belief or purpose.

259 Collector may levy on goods in his possession

When any pecuniary penalty adjudged against any person is unpaid the Collector may levy the same by sale of any goods belonging to such person which may then or thereafter be subject to the control of the Customs.

261 Imprisonment not to release penalty

No person shall be twice imprisoned upon the same conviction but the suffering of imprisonment for non-payment of a penalty shall not release the penalty or affect the right of the Customs to collect the amount in any manner provided by this Act other than by imprisonment of the person convicted.

263 Parties may recover costs

In a Customs prosecution, whether commenced before or after the commencement of this section, a court may award costs against a party, and, where an amount of costs is awarded against a party other than the prosecutor, section 259 and any provision of a law of a State or Territory that, by virtue of an Act other than this Act, applies in relation to the recovery of pecuniary penalties under this Act apply in relation to the recovery of the amount of costs so awarded as if it were a pecuniary penalty adjudged to be paid by the party under this Act.

264 Application of penalties

(1) All penalties and forfeitures recovered under any Customs Act shall be applied to such purposes and in such proportions as the CEO may direct.

(2) This section does not apply to:

(a) penalties recovered in proceedings under subsection 243B(1);

(b) penalties recovered in proceedings instituted by a member of the Australian Federal Police; or

(c) forfeitures of narcotic-related goods.

Part XV—Tenders for rights to enter goods for home consumption at concessional rates

265 Interpretation

(1) In this Part:

determined, in relation to a quantity or a value, means determined in accordance with a tender.

item of a Customs Tariff and ***proposed item of a Customs Tariff*** have the same respective meanings as in Part XVI.

particular goods includes goods included in a particular class or kind of goods.

scheme means a scheme formulated by the Minister under section 266.

266 Tender schemes

(1) The Minister may, by instrument in writing, formulate a scheme for calling, and dealing with, tenders for the right to enter for home consumption during a period, or each of a number of periods, a determined quantity of particular goods, or particular goods of a determined value, at concessional rates of duty.

(2) A call for tenders that relates to determined quantities of particular goods shall include a statement that, for the purposes of the application of the *Customs Undertakings (Penalties) Act 1981* and the *Customs Securities (Penalties) Act 1981* in relation to the particular goods the subject of the call, the value of the goods is to be calculated by reference to a value set out in the statement as the value of an appropriate unit of the goods.

(3) In determining the value of an appropriate unit of particular goods to be set out in a statement referred to in subsection (2), the Minister shall have regard to the average value of the corresponding unit in relation to goods of the same kind that were imported into Australia and entered for home consumption during

the financial year that ended on the 30 June immediately preceding the date on which the call for tenders is made.

(4) A call for tenders shall include a statement that, for the purposes of the application of the *Customs Undertakings (Penalties) Act 1981* and the *Customs Securities (Penalties) Act 1981* in relation to the particular goods the subject of the call, the prescribed percentage of the value of the goods is to be the percentage set out in the statement.

267 Undertakings relating to tenders

(1) Where, in accordance with a call for tenders made under a scheme, a person furnishes a tender for the right to enter for home consumption during a period, or each of a number of periods, a quantity to be determined in accordance with that tender of particular goods, or particular goods of a value to be determined in accordance with that tender, at rates of duty to be determined in accordance with that tender, that tender shall not be considered unless it is accompanied by an undertaking in writing by that person, in terms satisfactory to the CEO, that, if that tender is accepted and:

(a) the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* is so altered or proposed to be so altered that rates of duty determined in accordance with that tender are set out in items, or proposed items, of a Customs Tariff that are expressed to apply to goods as prescribed by by-law; and

(b) the CEO makes a determination under section 273 by virtue of which those items or proposed items apply to the quantity determined in accordance with that tender of those goods, or the quantity of those goods having the value determined in accordance with that tender, to be entered for home consumption by that person during that period, or each of those periods, as the case may be;

the person will, during that period, or each of those periods, as the case may be, enter for home consumption under:

(c) any of those items, or proposed items; or

(d) any appropriate item, or proposed item, of a Customs Tariff that is not expressed to apply to goods as prescribed by by-law;

that quantity of those goods, or the quantity of those goods having that value.

(2) An undertaking referred to in subsection (1) that relates to a determined quantity of goods shall include a statement acknowledging that, for the purposes of the application of the *Customs Undertakings (Penalties) Act 1981* and the *Customs Securities (Penalties) Act 1981* in relation to the goods to which the undertaking relates, the value of those goods is to be calculated by reference to the value per unit of those goods as set out in the statement, being the value per unit set out in the statement included, in accordance with subsection 266(2), in the relevant call for tenders.

(3) An undertaking referred to in subsection (1) shall include a statement acknowledging that, for the purposes of the application of the *Customs Undertakings (Penalties) Act 1981* and the *Customs Securities (Penalties) Act 1981* in relation to the goods to which the undertaking relates, the prescribed percentage of the value of the goods is to be the percentage set out in the statement, being the percentage set out in the statement included, in accordance with subsection 266(4), in the relevant call for tenders.

(4) In this section, a reference to the relevant call for tenders in relation to an undertaking, shall be read as a reference to the call for tenders in accordance with which the tender to which the undertaking relates was furnished.

268 Transfers of rights to enter goods for home consumption at concessional rates of duty

(1) A scheme may provide for the transfer, with the approval of the CEO, from one person to another of a right to enter for home consumption during a period, or each of a number of periods, a specified quantity of particular goods, or particular goods of a specified value, at concessional rates of duty.

(2) The CEO shall not give an approval to a transfer under a scheme of a right to enter for home consumption a specified quantity of

particular goods, or particular goods of a specified value, unless the transferee:

(a) gives an undertaking, in writing, in terms satisfactory to the CEO, that, if by virtue of a determination under section 273 the items, or proposed items, of a Customs Tariff to which the undertaking given by the transferor in relation to the goods related were to apply to goods entered for home consumption by the transferee in the exercise of the right, the transferee will, in the exercise of that right, enter for home consumption those goods, or the quantity of those goods having that value, under any of those items or proposed items or under any appropriate item, or proposed item, of a Customs Tariff that is not expressed to apply to goods as prescribed by by-law; and

(b) if so required by a Collector, gives a security for payment of any penalty in connection with the undertaking that the transferee may become liable to pay to the Commonwealth under the *Customs Undertakings (Penalties) Act 1981*.

(3) An undertaking referred to in subsection (2) that relates to a specified quantity of goods shall include a statement acknowledging that, for the purposes of the application of the *Customs Undertakings (Penalties) Act 1981* in relation to the goods to which the undertaking relates, the value of those goods is to be calculated by reference to the value per unit of those goods as set out in the statement, being a value per unit that was set out in the corresponding statement in the undertaking given by the transferor in relation to those goods.

(4) An undertaking referred to in subsection (2) shall include a statement acknowledging that, for the purposes of the application of the *Customs Undertakings (Penalties) Act 1981* in relation to the goods to which the undertaking relates, the prescribed percentage of the value of the goods is to be the percentage set out in the statement, being the percentage set out in the corresponding statement in the undertaking given by the transferor in relation to those goods.

269 Revocation or variation of undertaking

A person who has given an undertaking in accordance with section 267 or 268 may, with the approval of the CEO, revoke or vary that undertaking.

269A Recovery of penalties

A penalty payable by a person under the *Customs Undertakings (Penalties) Act 1981* or the *Customs Securities (Penalties) Act 1981* is a debt due to the Commonwealth, and the Commonwealth may recover the amount of the penalty by action in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Part XVA—Tariff concession orders

Division 1—Preliminary

269B Interpretation

(1) In this Part, unless the contrary intention appears:

capital equipment means goods, which if imported into Australia, would be goods to which Chapters 84, 85, 86, 87, 89 or 90 of Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* would apply.

Customs Tariff Act 1995 includes that Act as proposed to be altered by a Customs Tariff alteration proposed, or intended to be proposed, in the Parliament.

gazettal day, in relation to a TCO application, means:

(a) unless paragraph (b) applies—the day on which the CEO publishes a notice in respect of the application in the *Gazette* under subsection 269K(1); or

(b) if, in accordance with section 269N, the CEO publishes a notice in respect of the application in the *Gazette* under subsection 269K(1) in substitution for an earlier notice—the day on which the CEO publishes that substituted notice.

goods produced in Australia has the meaning given by section 269D.

last day for submission means:

(a) in relation to an original TCO application:

(i) so far as concerns a person invited by the CEO under section 269M to lodge a submission in respect of the TCO application—the day fixed in the notice inviting that submission; and

(ii) so far as concerns any other person—the day occurring 50 days after the gazettal day; and

(b) in relation to an amended TCO application:

(i) so far as concerns a person invited under paragraph 269L(4B)(a) to lodge a further submission in

respect of the amended TCO application—the day occurring 14 days after the notification containing that invitation; and

(ii) so far as concerns any other person—the day occurring 14 days after publication of a notice under paragraph 269L(4B)(b) inviting submissions in relation to the amended application.

lodged, in relation to a TCO application, includes taken to be lodged because of the operation of section 269J.

ordinary course of business has the meaning given by section 269E.

prescribed item means an item in Schedule 4 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* that is expressed to apply to goods that a TCO declares are goods to which the item applies.

repair, in relation to goods, includes renovate.

substitutable goods, in respect of goods the subject of a TCO application or of a TCO, means goods produced in Australia that are put, or are capable of being put, to a use that corresponds with a use (including a design use) to which the goods the subject of the application or of the TCO can be put.

TCO means a tariff concession order made under section 269P or 269Q or taken to be made under section 269P or 269Q because of the operation of section 269SC.

TCO application means:

(a) an application for a TCO under section 269F; or

(b) an application for a TCO under section 269F as amended under section 269L; or

(c) a proposal for the issue of a TCO that is to be taken under section 269J to be a TCO application.

(2) Despite the definition of ***days*** in section 4, Sundays and public holidays are counted as days for the purpose of computing a period for the purposes of this Part but nothing in this subsection derogates from the operation of section 36 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

(3) In determining whether goods produced in Australia are put, or are capable of being put, to a use corresponding to a use to which goods the subject of a TCO, or of an application for a TCO, can be put, it is irrelevant whether or not the first-mentioned goods compete with the second-mentioned goods in any market.

269C Interpretation—core criteria

For the purposes of this Part, a TCO application is taken to meet the core criteria if, on the day on which the application was lodged, no substitutable goods were produced in Australia in the ordinary course of business.

269D Interpretation—goods produced in Australia

(1) For the purposes of this Part, goods, other than unmanufactured raw products, are taken to be produced in Australia if:

(a) the goods are wholly or partly manufactured in Australia; and

(b) not less than ¼ of the factory or works costs of the goods is represented by the sum of:

(i) the value of Australian labour; and

(ii) the value of Australian materials; and

(iii) the factory overhead expenses incurred in Australia in respect of the goods.

(2) For the purposes of this Part, goods are to be taken to have been partly manufactured in Australia if at least one substantial process in the manufacture of the goods was carried out in Australia.

(3) Without limiting the meaning of the expression ***substantial process in the manufacture of the goods***, any of the following operations or any combination of those operations does not constitute such a process:

(a) operations to preserve goods during transportation or storage;

(b) operations to improve the packing or labelling or marketable quality of goods;

(c) operations to prepare goods for shipment;

(d) simple assembly operations;

(e) operations to mix goods where the resulting product does not have different properties from those of the goods that have been mixed.

(4) For the purposes of this section, the CEO may, by instrument in writing published in the *Gazette*:

(a) direct that the factory or works cost of goods is to be determined in a specified manner; and

(b) direct that the value of Australian labour, the value of Australian materials or the factory overhead expenses incurred in Australia in respect of goods is to be determined in a specified manner;

and those directions have effect accordingly.

(5) The provisions of sections 48 (other than paragraphs (1)(a) and (b) and subsection (2)), 48A, 48B, 49A and 50 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* apply in relation to directions given under subsection (4) as if:

(a) references in those provisions to regulations were references to directions; and

(b) references in those provisions to the repeal of a regulation were references to the revocation of a direction.

269E Interpretation—the ordinary course of business

(1) For the purposes of this Part, other than section 269Q, goods (other than made-to-order capital equipment) that are substitutable goods in relation to goods the subject of a TCO application are taken to be produced in Australia in the ordinary course of business if:

(a) they have been produced in Australia in the 2 years before the application was lodged; or

(b) they have been produced, and are held in stock, in Australia; or

(c) they are produced in Australia on an intermittent basis and have been so produced in the 5 years before the application was lodged;

and a producer in Australia is prepared to accept an order to supply them.

(2) For the purposes of this Part, goods that:

(a) are substitutable goods in relation to goods the subject of a TCO application; and

(b) are made-to-order capital equipment;

are taken to be produced in Australia in the ordinary course of business if:

(c) a producer in Australia:

(i) has made goods requiring the same labour skills, technology and design expertise as the substitutable goods in the 2 years before the application was lodged; and

(ii) could produce the substitutable goods with existing facilities; and

(d) the producer is prepared to accept an order to supply the substitutable goods.

(3) In this section:

made-to-order capital equipment means a particular item of capital equipment:

(a) that is made in Australia on a one-off basis to meet a specific order rather than being the subject of regular or intermittent production; and

(b) that is not produced in quantities indicative of a production run.

Division 2—Making and processing TCO applications

269F Making a TCO application

(1) A person may apply to the CEO for a tariff concession order in respect of goods.

(2) An application must:
  (a) be in writing; and
  (b) be in an approved form; and
  (c) contain such information as the form requires; and
  (d) be signed in the manner indicated in the form.

(3) Without limiting the generality of paragraph (2)(c), a TCO application must contain:
  (a) a full description of the goods to which the application relates; and
  (b) a statement of the tariff classification that, in the opinion of the applicant, applies to the goods; and
  (c) if the applicant is not proposing to make use of the TCO to import the goods to which the application relates into Australia on the applicant's own behalf—the identity of the importer for whom the applicant is acting; and
  (d) particulars of all the inquiries made by the applicant (including inquiries made of prescribed organisations) to assist in establishing that there were reasonable grounds for believing that, on the day on which the application was lodged, there were no producers in Australia of substitutable goods.

(4) A TCO application may be lodged with Customs:
  (a) by leaving it at a place that has been allocated for lodgement of TCO applications at Customs House in Canberra; or
  (b) by posting it by prepaid post to a postal address specified in the approved form; or

(c) by sending it by electronic facsimile to a facsimile number specified in the approved form;

and the application is taken to have been lodged when the application, or a facsimile of the application, is first received by an officer of Customs.

(5) The day on which an application is taken to have been lodged must be recorded on the application.

269FA The applicant's obligation

It is the responsibility of an applicant for a TCO to establish, to the satisfaction of the CEO, that, on the basis of:

(a) all information that the applicant has, or can reasonably be expected to have; and

(b) all inquiries that the applicant has made, or can reasonably be expected to make;

there are reasonable grounds for asserting that the application meets the core criteria.

269G Withdrawing a TCO application

(1) A person who has lodged a TCO application under section 269F may withdraw the application at any time before a decision is made under section 269P or 269Q in relation to that application.

(2) A withdrawal of a TCO application:

(a) must be in writing; and

(b) must be lodged with the CEO in the same manner, and is taken to be lodged on the same day, as is specified in relation to a TCO application; and

(c) must have the day of its lodgement recorded.

(3) If a notice informing of the lodgement of a TCO application is published in the *Gazette* before that application is withdrawn, the CEO must publish in the *Gazette*, as soon as practicable after the withdrawal is lodged, a notice:

(a) stating that the TCO application has been withdrawn; and

(b) describing the goods to which the TCO application related; and

(c) specifying the *Gazette* number and date of the previous notice relating to the TCO application; and

(d) specifying the date of withdrawal of the TCO application.

269H Screening the application

(1) Not later than 28 days after a TCO application is lodged, the CEO must:

(a) if he or she is satisfied:

(i) that the application complies with section 269F; and

(ii) that, having regard to the information disclosed in the application and to the particulars of the inquiries made by the applicant, there are reasonable grounds for believing that the applicant has discharged the responsibility referred to in section 269FA; and

(b) if he or she is not aware of any producer in Australia of substitutable goods;

by notice in writing given to the applicant, inform the applicant that the application is accepted as a valid application; and

(c) if he or she is not so satisfied; or

(d) if he or she is aware of such a producer;

by notice in writing given to the applicant, inform the applicant that the application is rejected and of the reasons for the rejection.

(2) If the CEO has not, within that period, accepted or rejected the application, this Part has effect as if the CEO had, immediately before the end of that period, informed the applicant, by notice in writing, that the application is accepted as a valid application.

269HA CEO may reject a TCO application in relation to goods referred to in section 269SJ

(1) If, at any time during the period starting from the receipt of a TCO application and ending with the making of a TCO, the CEO becomes satisfied that the goods to which the application relates are goods in respect of which, under subsection 269SJ(1), the CEO is prevented from making a TCO, the CEO must:

(a) reject the application; and

(b) by notice in writing given to the applicant, inform the applicant that the application is rejected and of the reason for the rejection.

(2) If, at any time after the publication of a notice in the *Gazette* under subsection 269K(1), the CEO rejects the application to which the notice relates under subsection (1), the CEO must, as soon as practicable after rejecting the application, publish a notice in the *Gazette* stating that the application has been rejected and giving the reason for the rejection.

269J Applications taken to be lodged in certain circumstances

(1) If the CEO decides that it is desirable to consider making a TCO despite the absence of a TCO application, the CEO may declare, in writing, that he or she has so decided.

(2) A declaration under subsection (1) must include a proposal for the issue of the TCO in respect of the goods referred to in the declaration.

(3) If the CEO makes a declaration under this section, this Part has effect as if:

(a) the proposal contained in the declaration were a TCO application lodged under section 269F on the day on which the declaration is made; and

(b) the application had been accepted under section 269H as a valid application on that day.

269K Processing a valid application

(1) As soon as practicable after accepting a TCO application as a valid application, the CEO must publish a notice in the *Gazette*:

(a) stating that the application has been lodged; and

(aa) identifying the applicant; and

(ab) if the applicant is not proposing to make use of the TCO to import the goods to which the application relates into Australia on the applicant's own behalf—identifying the importer for whom the applicant is acting; and

(b) providing a description of the goods to which the application relates including a reference to the Customs tariff

classification that, in the opinion of the CEO, applies to the goods; and

(c) inviting any persons who consider that there are reasons why the TCO should not be made to lodge a submission with the CEO not later than 50 days after the gazettal day.

(2) A submission must:

(a) be in writing; and

(b) be in an approved form; and

(c) contain such information as the form requires; and

(d) be signed in the manner indicated in the form.

(3) A submission:

(a) must be lodged with the CEO in the same manner, and is taken to be lodged on the same day, as is specified in relation to a TCO application; and

(b) must have the day of its lodgement recorded.

(4) If a person lodges a submission later than 50 days after the gazettal day in respect of a TCO application without being invited by the CEO to do so under section 269M, the CEO must not take the submission into account in determining whether to make a TCO.

269L Amendment of TCO applications

(1) If a person lodges a submission in respect of a TCO application within 50 days after the gazettal day, the CEO must, within 14 days after the end of that 50 day period, give the applicant for the TCO a notice in writing setting out:

(a) the name and address of each person who has lodged a submission within that period; and

(b) a short statement of the grounds on which each submission is based.

(2) The applicant may, within 28 days of receiving a notice under subsection (1) and having regard to the grounds on which each submission was made, notify the CEO, in writing, that he or she proposes to amend the application by altering the description of the goods the subject of the application, and set out in that notice the proposed amendment.

(3) The applicant must not, under subsection (2), propose an amendment of an application:

(a) that would cause the goods to which the application relates to be covered by a different Customs tariff classification to the one notified by the CEO in the *Gazette* under section 296K; or

(b) that would do otherwise than narrow the description of the goods as set out in the application.

(4) As soon as practicable after, but not more than 7 days after, a proposed amendment of a TCO application was notified to the CEO, the CEO must consider the proposed amendment and:

(a) if the CEO is satisfied that the proposed amendment does not contravene subsection (3)—the CEO must inform the applicant that he or she is so satisfied and that subsection (4B) applies accordingly; or

(b) if the CEO is not so satisfied—the CEO must inform the applicant that he or she is not so satisfied and of the reasons for not being so satisfied.

(4A) If the CEO is not satisfied that a proposed amendment of a TCO does not contravene subsection (3), the CEO must continue to consider the application as it was originally made.

(4B) If the CEO is satisfied that the proposed amendment does not contravene the requirements of subsection (3), the CEO must, within 14 days after becoming so satisfied:

(a) notify the proposed amendment to each person who lodged a submission referred to in subsection (1) and, subject to the operation of subsections (5) and (6), invite that person, if he or she considers there are reasons not dealt with in the original submission why the TCO as proposed to be amended should not be made, to lodge a further submission within 14 days after being so notified; and

(b) publish a notice in the *Gazette* setting out the amended description in relation to the application and inviting persons who consider that there are reasons why the TCO as proposed to be amended should not be made to lodge a submission with the CEO no later than 14 days after the publication of that notice.

(4C) The notification and subsequent publication of an amendment of a TCO application does not affect the gazettal day in relation to the application or any time limits calculated by reference to that gazettal day.

(5) If a person who lodged a submission referred to in subsection (1) notifies the CEO, in writing, within 14 days after being notified of a proposed amendment, that he or she no longer objects to the TCO application, the submission is taken to have been withdrawn.

(6) If a person who lodged a submission referred to in subsection (1) does not so notify the CEO, he or she is taken to wish to proceed with the submission as if it were a submission made in respect of the amended application.

269M Customs may invite submissions or seek other information, documents or material

(1) If the CEO considers that, in relation to a particular TCO application, a person may have reason to oppose the making of the TCO to which the application relates, he or she may, by notice in writing, invite the person to lodge a written submission with the CEO within a period specified in the notice ending not later than 150 days after the gazettal day.

(2) A submission must:
  (a) be in writing; and
  (b) be in an approved form; and
  (c) contain such information as the form requires; and
  (d) be signed in the manner indicated in the form.

(3) A submission:
  (a) must be lodged with the CEO in the same manner, and is taken to be lodged on the same day, as is specified in relation to a TCO application; and
  (b) must have the day of its lodgement recorded.

(4) If the CEO considers that, in relation to a particular TCO application, any person (including the applicant or a person who has lodged a submission with the CEO) may be able to supply information or produce a document or material relevant to the

consideration of the application, the CEO may, by notice in writing, request the supply of the information in writing or the production of the document or material within a period specified in the notice and ending not later than 150 days after the gazettal day.

(5) If a person refuses or fails to lodge a submission under subsection (1) or to supply information or produce a document or material under subsection (4) within the period allowed but subsequently lodges that submission, supplies the information or produces the document or material, the CEO must not take that submission, information, document or material into account in determining whether to make a TCO.

(6) At any time during the period of 150 days starting on the gazettal day, the CEO may, for the purpose of dealing with a TCO application, and despite section 16 of the *Customs Administration Act 1985*, give a copy of all, or of a part, of the application to a prescribed organisation with a view to obtaining the advice of the organisation in relation to the question whether there are producers in Australia of substitutable goods.

269N Reprocessing of TCO applications

(1) If, after gazettal day in respect of a TCO application but before a decision is made on the application, the CEO is satisfied that:

(a) because of an amendment of a Customs Tariff; or

(b) having regard to a decision of a court or of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal; or

(c) having regard to written advice on the matter given by an officer of Customs;

the tariff classification that was stated in the notice published in the *Gazette* under section 269K to apply to the goods the subject of the application has not, with effect from the gazettal day or a later day, applied to the goods, the CEO must take action to reprocess the application.

(2) If the CEO is satisfied that, in publishing a notice in the *Gazette* under section 269K in relation to a TCO application, there has been a transcription error in the description of the goods the subject of the application including the tariff classification that is

stated to apply to the goods, the CEO must take action to reprocess the application.

(3) Where the CEO is required to take action under subsection (1) or (2), he or she must, as soon as practicable after becoming so required, notify:

(a) the applicant; and

(b) all persons from whom submissions in relation to the application have been received; and

(c) all persons from whom submissions in relation to the application have been sought;

that, for the reasons specified in subsection (1) or (2), it is necessary to reprocess the application and that a new notice of the application will be published in the *Gazette* for that purpose.

(4) As soon as practicable after giving a notice under subsection (3), the CEO must publish in the *Gazette* a new notice under subsection 269K(1) in relation to the TCO application in substitution for the notice previously published.

(5) A person who had lodged a submission in relation to the original notice published under section 269K in respect of a TCO application may notify the CEO in writing, not later than 50 days after the day of publication of the substituted notice under that section, that he or she wishes to proceed with the submission, or wishes to proceed with it subject to stated modifications, as if it had been provided in response to the substituted notice and, where the CEO is so notified, the submission is to be treated as if it had been so provided on the day of that notification.

(6) If a TCO is made in respect of a TCO application that is reprocessed in accordance with this section, the day on which the TCO is to be taken to come into force is unaffected by the decision to reprocess that application.

Division 3—Making and operation of TCOs

269P The making of a standard TCO

(1) If a TCO application in respect of goods, other than goods sent out of Australia for repair, has been accepted as a valid application under section 269H, the CEO must decide, not later than 150 days after the gazettal day, whether or not he or she is satisfied, having regard to:

(a) the application; and

(b) all submissions lodged with the CEO before the last day for submissions; and

(c) all information supplied and documents and material produced to the CEO in accordance with a notice under subsection 269M(4); and

(d) any inquiries made by the CEO;

that the application meets the core criteria.

(2) If the CEO fails to make a decision under subsection (1) in respect of a TCO application within 150 days after the gazettal day, the CEO is taken, for the purposes of subsection (1), at the end of that period, to have made a decision that he or she is not satisfied that the application meets the core criteria.

(3) If the CEO is satisfied that the application meets the core criteria, he or she must make a written order declaring that the goods the subject of the TCO application are goods to which a prescribed item specified in the order applies.

(4) The TCO must include:

(a) a description of the goods the subject of the order including a reference to the Customs tariff classification that, in the opinion of the CEO, applies to the goods; and

(b) a statement of the day on which the TCO is to be taken to have come into force; and

(c) if subsection 269SA(1) applies in relation to the TCO—a statement of the day on which it ceases to be in force.

269Q The making of a TCO for goods requiring repair

(1) If a TCO application in respect of goods sent out of Australia for repair has been accepted as a valid application under section 269H, the CEO must decide, not later than 150 days after the gazettal day, whether or not he or she is satisfied, having regard to:

(a) the application; and

(b) all submissions lodged with the CEO before the last day for submissions; and

(c) all information supplied and documents and material produced to the CEO in accordance with a notice under subsection 269M(4);

that there is no one in Australia capable of repairing those goods in the ordinary course of business.

(2) If the CEO fails to make a decision under subsection (1) in respect of a TCO application within 150 days after the gazettal day, the CEO is taken, for the purposes of subsection (1), at the end of that period, to have made a decision that he or she is not satisfied of the matters referred to in that subsection in relation to the application.

(3) If the CEO is satisfied of the matters referred to in subsection (1) in relation to the application, he or she must make a written order declaring that the goods the subject of the TCO application are goods to which a prescribed item specified in the order applies.

(4) The TCO must include:

(a) a description of the goods the subject of the order including a reference to the Customs tariff classification that, in the opinion of the CEO, applies to the goods; and

(b) a statement of the day on which the TCO is to be taken to have come into force.

(5) For the purposes of this section, a person is taken to be capable of repairing goods in the ordinary course of business if, in the ordinary course of business, the person is prepared to accept orders to repair those goods.

269R Notification of TCO decisions

(1) As soon as practicable after the CEO makes a decision under subsection 269P(1) or 269Q(1), the CEO must:

(a) by notice in writing, inform the applicant of the decision; and

(b) by notice published in the *Gazette*, inform all other interested persons of the decision.

(2) If the decision has led to the making of a TCO, the notice given to the applicant and published in the *Gazette* must include full particulars of the TCO.

(3) A failure to comply with subsection (1) or (2) does not affect the validity of the TCO concerned.

269S Operation of TCOs

(1) Subject to the operation of subsection 269SA(2), a TCO is to be taken to have come into force on:

(a) unless paragraph (b) applies—the day on which the application for the TCO was lodged; or

(b) if there was more than one application for the TCO—the day on which the earliest application for the TCO was lodged.

(2) Subject to section 269SG, a TCO applies in relation to the goods the subject of the TCO that were or are first entered for home consumption on or after the day on which the TCO is taken to have come into force.

(3) Subject to the operation of subsection 269SA(1), a TCO continues in force until it is revoked under section 269SC or 269SD.

269SA Consequence of commencement or cessation of production before TCO decision

(1) If the CEO is satisfied, in relation to a TCO application:

(a) that the application meets the core criteria; and

(b) that on a day (the ***production start-up day***) occurring later than the day on which the application was lodged but before the making of the decision on the application, substitutable

goods in relation to the goods the subject of the application commenced to be produced in Australia; and

(c) that if the production start-up day had occurred on the day on which the application was lodged, the CEO would not have been satisfied that the application met the core criteria;

the TCO that the CEO makes continues in force only until the production start-up day.

(2) If the CEO is satisfied, in relation to a TCO application:

(a) that the application does not meet the core criteria; and

(b) that on a day (the ***production close-down day***) occurring later than the day on which the application was lodged but before the making of the decision on the application, substitutable goods in relation to the goods the subject of the application ceased to be produced in Australia; and

(c) that if the production close-down day had occurred on the day on which the application was lodged the CEO would have been satisfied that the application met the core criteria;

the CEO must make a TCO in accordance with section 269P, but the TCO is in force only from the production close-down day.

Division 4—Revocation of TCOs

269SB Request for revocation of TCOs

(1) If:

(a) a TCO is in force on a particular day; and

(b) a person claiming to be a producer in Australia of substitutable goods in relation to the goods covered by the order is of the view that if:

(i) the TCO were not in force on that particular day; and

(ii) that particular day were the day on which the TCO application was lodged;

the TCO would not have been made;

the person may request the CEO to revoke the order.

(2) A request must:

(a) be in writing; and

(b) be in an approved form; and

(c) contain such information as the form requires; and

(d) be signed in the manner indicated in the form.

(3) A request for revocation may be lodged with Customs:

(a) by leaving it at a place that has been allocated for the lodgement of TCO applications at Customs House, Canberra; or

(b) by posting it by prepaid post to a postal address specified in the approved form; or

(c) by sending it by electronic facsimile to a facsimile number specified in the approved form;

and the request is taken to have been lodged when the request, or a facsimile of the request, is first received by an officer of Customs.

(4) The day on which the request is to be taken to be lodged, must be recorded on the request.

269SC Processing requests for revocation of TCOs

(1) Not later than 60 days after lodgement of a request for revocation of a TCO, and after having regard to the request and to any other information, document or material given to the CEO under section 269SF, the CEO must decide whether or not he or she is satisfied:

(a) that, on the day of lodgement of the request, the person requesting the revocation of the TCO is a producer in Australia of goods that are substitutable goods in relation to the goods the subject of the order; and

(b) that, if the TCO were not in force on that day but that day were the day on which the application for that TCO was lodged, the CEO would not have made the TCO.

(1A) As soon as practicable after receiving a request for revocation of a TCO, the CEO must publish a *Gazette* notice stating:

(a) that the request has been lodged; and

(b) the date that the request was lodged; and

(c) the full particulars of the TCO to which the request relates.

(2) If the CEO fails to make a decision in respect of a request for the revocation of a TCO within 60 days after lodgement of the request, the CEO is taken, for the purposes of subsection (1), at the end of that period, to have decided that he or she is not satisfied of the matters referred to in that subsection in relation to the request.

(3) If the CEO is satisfied of the matters referred to in subsection (1) in relation to a request for revocation of a TCO, the CEO must make an order revoking the TCO.

(4) If the CEO is satisfied of the matters referred to in subsection (1) in relation to a request for revocation of a TCO but is also satisfied that if:

(a) the TCO were not in force on the day of lodgement of the request; and

(b) that day were the day of lodgment of an application for another TCO (the ***narrower TCO***) in respect only of goods covered by the TCO that are not produced in Australia by the person making the request;

the CEO would have made such a narrower TCO, he or she must:

(c) revoke the TCO; and

(d) make, in its place, such a narrower TCO.

(5) If the CEO is not satisfied of the matters referred to in subsection (1) in relation to a request for revocation of a TCO, the CEO must refuse the request.

(6) An order under subsection (3) or (4) revoking a TCO comes into force on the day on which the request to revoke the TCO was lodged.

(7) If a narrower TCO is made in place of another TCO that is revoked in subsection (4), that narrower TCO comes into force, for the purposes of this Part, from the date of effect of the revocation of the other TCO, as if it had been made under section 269P or 269Q.

269SD Revocation at the initiative of Customs

(1AA) If:

(a) a TCO is in force on a particular day; and

(b) the CEO believes that if:

(i) the TCO were not in force on that day; and

(ii) that day were the day on which the application for the TCO was lodged;

the CEO would not have made the TCO;

the CEO may, not later than 14 days after that day, publish a notice in the *Gazette*:

(c) declaring his or her intention, subject to subsection (1AB), to make an order revoking the TCO with effect from that particular day (the ***intended revocation day***); and

(d) inviting any person who might be affected by the revocation of that TCO to give a written submission to the CEO within 28 days of the notice concerning the proposed revocation.

(1AB) Within 60 days after the date of publication of the notice referred to in subsection (1AA), the CEO must, after consideration of the matters raised in any submissions made in response to the invitation and of any other relevant matters:

(a) decide whether or not he or she is satisfied of the matters referred to in paragraph (1AA)(b); and

(b) if the CEO is so satisfied—make an order revoking the TCO with effect from the intended revocation day.

(1) If the CEO is satisfied that a TCO is no longer required because the general tariff rate in respect of the goods the subject of the order has been reduced to "Free", the CEO may make an order revoking the TCO with effect from the day the tariff rate was so reduced.

(1A) If the CEO is satisfied on any day that a TCO is no longer required because, in the 2 years preceding that day, the TCO has not been quoted in an import entry to secure a concessional rate of duty, the CEO may make an order revoking the TCO with effect from that day.

(2) If the CEO is satisfied that:

(a) because of an amendment of a Customs tariff; or

(b) having regard to a decision of a court or of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal; or

(c) having regard to written advice on the matter given by an officer of Customs;

the tariff classification that is stated in a TCO to apply to the goods the subject of the TCO has not, with effect from a particular day, applied to those goods, the CEO must:

(d) make an order revoking the TCO with effect from that day; and

(e) make a new TCO in respect of the goods with effect from the revocation.

(3) If the CEO is satisfied that, in making a TCO, there has been a transcription error in the description of goods the subject of the TCO including the tariff classification that is stated in the TCO to apply to the goods, the CEO may:

(a) make an order revoking the TCO with effect from the day the TCO came into force; and

(b) make a new TCO in respect of goods that corrects the error with effect from the revocation.

(4) The particular day referred to in subsection (2) may be the day on which the TCO that is revoked came into force or a later day.

(5) If the CEO is satisfied that a TCO contains a description of the goods the subject of the order in terms of their intended end use, the CEO may make an order revoking the TCO with effect from the revocation.

269SE Notification of revocation decisions

(1) As soon as practicable after the CEO makes a decision under subsection 269SC(1), the CEO must:

(a) by notice in writing, inform the applicant of the decision; and

(b) by notice published in the *Gazette*, inform all other interested persons of the decision.

(2) As soon as practicable after the CEO makes a decision to make an order under subsection 269SD(1AB), (1) or (1A), (2) or (5), the CEO must, by notice published in the *Gazette*, inform all interested persons of the decision.

(3) If the decision referred to in subsection (1) or (2) has led to the making of an order revoking a TCO or both to the making of an order revoking a TCO and the making of a new TCO, the notice of that decision given to the applicant and published in the *Gazette* must include full particulars of the order or orders.

(4) A failure to comply with subsection (1), (2) or (3) does not affect the validity of the decision concerned or of any order or orders to which it has led.

269SF Customs may seek information, documents or material relating to revocation

(1) If the CEO considers that, in relation to a request for revocation of a TCO, any person (including the person who made the request) may be able to supply information or produce a document or material relevant to the consideration of the request, the CEO may, by notice in writing, request the supply of the information or the production of the document or material within a period specified in the notice and ending not later than 60 days after receiving the request.

(2) Any information provided in satisfaction of a request under subsection (1) must be provided in writing.

(3) If a person refuses or fails to supply information or produce a document or material under subsection (1) within the period allowed but subsequently supplies the information or produces the document or material, the CEO must not take that information, document or material into account in determining whether to revoke a TCO.

269SG Effect of revocation on goods in transit and capital equipment on order

(1) Subject to subsection (2), if a TCO is revoked under subsection 269SC(3) or (4) or 269SD(1AB) or (1A), the TCO ceases to apply in relation to goods entered for home consumption on or after the day on which the revocation comes into effect.

(2) Despite the revocation of a TCO under subsection 269SC(3) or (4) or 269SD(1AB) or (1A) in respect of goods, the TCO continues to apply in relation to:

(a) goods that:

(i) were imported into Australia on or before the day on which the revocation came into effect; and

(ii) are entered for home consumption, before, on, or within 28 days after, that day; and

(b) goods that:

(i) were in transit to Australia on that day; and

(ii) are entered for home consumption before, on, or within 28 days after, the day on which they were imported into Australia.

(3) For the purposes of subparagraph (2)(b)(i), goods shall be taken to be in transit to Australia if, and only if, they have left for direct shipment to Australia from a place of manufacture, or a warehouse, in the country from which they are being exported.

(4) Where an officer of Customs is satisfied that, after a TCO in relation to made-to-order capital equipment comes into force but before its revocation under subsection 269SC(3) or (4) or 269SD(1AB) or (1A), a firm order had been placed for the purchase of any such equipment, the TCO continues to apply in relation to the importation into Australia of that capital equipment.

(5) In this section:

made-to-order capital equipment means a particular item of capital equipment:

(a) that is made on a one-off basis to meet a specific order rather than being the subject of regular or intermittent production; and

(b) that is not produced in quantities indicative of a production run.

Division 5—Miscellaneous

269SH Internal review

(1) Not later than 28 days after gazettal of a decision (the ***original decision***) on a TCO application or on a request for revocation of a TCO, any affected person within the meaning of subsection (13) who objects to the making of the decision may apply to the CEO for its reconsideration.

(2) An application for reconsideration must:
  (a) be in writing; and
  (b) include the grounds on which the person objects to the decision (whether or not those grounds had previously been considered).

(3) An application for reconsideration:
  (a) must be lodged with the CEO in the same manner, and is taken to be lodged on the same day, as is specified in relation to a TCO application; and
  (b) must have the day of its lodgement recorded.

(3A) As soon as practicable after receiving a request for reconsideration of a decision that leads to the making of a TCO or that refuses to revoke a TCO, the CEO must publish a *Gazette* notice stating:
  (a) that the request has been lodged; and
  (b) the date that the request was lodged; and
  (c) the full particulars of the TCO to which the request relates.

(4) Where application is made for reconsideration of a decision made on a TCO application, the CEO, having regard to:
  (a) the TCO application; and
  (b) the submissions, information, documents and materials which the CEO was entitled to take into account in considering the TCO application; and
  (c) any new matter produced to the CEO by the applicant for reconsideration which, under subsection (7), the CEO is not prevented from taking into account for that purpose;

must decide, not later than 90 days after the last day for lodgement of the application for reconsideration, whether to affirm the original decision or to substitute any other decision that the CEO might have made.

(5) Where application is made for reconsideration of a decision on a request for revocation, the CEO, having regard to:

(a) the request for revocation; and

(b) the information, documents and materials which the CEO was entitled to take into account in considering the request; and

(c) any new matter produced to the CEO by the applicant for reconsideration which, under subsection (7), the CEO is not prevented from taking into account for that purpose;

must decide, not later than 60 days after the last day for lodgement of the application for reconsideration, whether to affirm the original decision or to substitute any other decision that the CEO might have made.

(6) If the CEO fails to make a decision under subsection (4) or (5) within the period referred to in that subsection, the CEO is taken, for the purposes of the reconsideration, at the end of that period, to have made a decision to affirm the original decision.

(7) For the purposes of subsections (4) and (5), the CEO must not take into account any new material that is not produced to him or her by the applicant for reconsideration of an original decision within the period of 28 days after notification of the original decision in the *Gazette*.

(8) Where the CEO, on reconsidering an original decision, decides to substitute for that decision any decision that he or she might have made, the substituted decision is to be taken to have been made when the original decision was made.

(9) If the substituted decision involves the making of a TCO, or of an order revoking a TCO, that TCO or revocation order comes into force on the day on which, if the original decision had involved making the TCO or order revoking a TCO, that TCO or order would have come into force.

(10) As soon as practicable after the CEO makes a decision under subsection (4) or (5) on an application for reconsideration, the CEO must:

(a) by notice in writing inform the applicant for reconsideration of the decision made on the reconsideration; and

(b) by notice published in the *Gazette*, inform all other interested persons of the decision made on that reconsideration.

(11) If the decision on an application for reconsideration has led to the making of an order or orders, the notice of the decision given to the applicant for reconsideration and published in the *Gazette* must include full particulars of the order or orders.

(12) A failure to comply with subsection (10) does not affect the validity of any decision on a reconsideration or of any order or orders to which it has led.

(13) In subsection (1):

affected person means:

(a) in relation to a decision on a TCO application:

(i) the applicant for the TCO; or

(ii) any person who lodged a submission before the last day for submissions in relation to the TCO application; or

(iii) any person who, in the opinion of the CEO, was not reasonably able to lodge a submission in relation to the TCO application within 50 days of the gazettal day; and

(b) in relation to a decision on a request for revocation:

(i) the person requesting the revocation; or

(ii) any other person whose interests are affected by the decision made on the request.

269SHA Administrative Appeals Tribunal Review of reconsideration decisions

(1) For the purpose of an application to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal under section 273GA for review of a decision under subsection 269SH(1) or (4) (a ***reconsideration decision***), application may be made by any person who is an affected person

in relation to that decision within the meaning of subsection 269SH(13).

(2) If an affected person applies to the Tribunal for review of a reconsideration decision, the CEO must, as soon as practicable after being notified of the application or of the first such application, publish in the *Gazette*:

(a) particulars of the decision (including any relevant TCO number or TCO application number) in respect of which such an application for review has been made; and

(b) the name of the person who made such an application; and

(c) sufficient particulars to identify the review proceedings before the Tribunal.

(3) Any person who had not applied under section 273GA for review of a reconsideration decision but whose interests are affected by the decision (whether or not that person is an affected person within the meaning of subsection 269SH(13)) may apply under subsection 30(1A) of the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975* to be made a party to the proceedings within 60 days of the publication under subsection (2) or within such further period as the Tribunal allows.

(4) The Tribunal must not grant a person applying to be joined as a party to proceedings for review of a reconsideration decision an extension of the period of 60 days referred to in subsection (3) unless it is satisfied that the person was not reasonably able to apply within the period.

(5) Any document on which a party to proceedings for review of a reconsideration decision before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal intends to rely must, subject to the provisions of the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*:

(a) be filed with the Tribunal; and

(b) be served on the other parties to the proceeding;

not less than 28 days before the date set for hearing, unless the Tribunal makes an order permitting the document to be filed and served within a lesser period or to be introduced at the hearing without being so filed or served.

(6) In deciding whether to make such an order, the Tribunal must have regard to whether there is any reasonable cause for the document not being made available at least 28 days before the date of the hearing.

269SJ TCOs not to apply to goods described by reference to their end use or certain goods

(1) The CEO must not make a TCO in respect of goods:

(aa) described in terms other than generic terms; or

(a) described in terms of their intended end use; or

(b) declared by the regulations to be goods to which a TCO should not extend.

(1A) Without limiting the meaning of the reference in paragraph (1)(aa) to goods described in generic terms, goods are taken not to be so described if their description, either directly or by implication, indicates that they are goods of a particular brand or model, or that a particular part number applies to the goods.

(2) If a regulation is made for the purposes of paragraph (1)(b) in respect of goods to which a TCO applies, that TCO must be taken, to the extent that it covers those goods, to have been revoked by the CEO on the day those regulations came into effect.

(3) Where a TCO is taken to have been revoked under subsection (2) to the extent that it covers goods the subject of a regulation made for the purposes of paragraph (1)(b), the CEO must, as soon as practicable after the making of the regulation, by notice published in the *Gazette*, inform interested persons:

(a) of the fact that the regulation has been made; and

(b) of its effect on the TCO; and

(c) of the day on which the TCO is taken to have been so revoked.

269SK TCOs not to contravene international agreements

If the CEO is satisfied that, in accordance with the obligations of Australia under an agreement (including a treaty or convention) between Australia and another country or other countries, the rate of duty attaching to the importation of goods (whether or not the

produce of a particular country) is not to be less than a particular minimum rate, the CEO must not make a TCO that would result in a contravention of those obligations.

269SL TCOs not to be statutory rules

A TCO is not to be taken to be a statutory rule within the meaning of the *Statutory Rules Publication Act 1903*.

Part XVB—Special provisions relating to anti-dumping duties

269SM Overview of Part

(1) This Part deals with the taking of anti-dumping measures in respect of goods whose importation into Australia involves a dumping or countervailable subsidisation of those goods that injures, or threatens to injure, Australian industry. Those measures might consist of the publication of a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice or the acceptance of an undertaking on conditions that make it unnecessary to publish such a notice.

(2) If a notice is published, that notice creates a liability under the Dumping Duty Act, in relation to any goods to which the notice extends, to pay a special duty of customs on their importation into Australia and, pending assessment of that special duty, to pay interim duty.

(3) Divisions 1, 2 and 3 deal with the preliminary and procedural matters leading to a Ministerial decision to publish or not to publish a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice or to accept an undertaking instead of publishing such a notice.

(4) Division 4 allows a person who has been required to pay interim duty to seek an assessment of duty payable under the Dumping Duty Act and reconciles interim duty paid by that person with duty as so assessed.

(5) Division 5 deals with the rights of persons, periodically, on the basis of changed circumstances, to seek review by the Minister of decisions to publish dumping duty notices or countervailing duty notices or to accept undertakings.

(6) Division 6 deals with the rights of new exporters and exporters not previously investigated to seek an early review by the Minister of decisions to publish dumping duty notices or countervailing duty notices.

(7) Division 6A ensures that interested parties are informed of the impending expiration of anti-dumping measures and allows them to seek continuation of those measures.

(8) Division 7 deals with procedural and evidentiary matters that are relevant both to applications for the taking of anti-dumping measures and for the various review procedures after such measures are taken.

(9) Divisions 8 and 9 establish an independent reviewer, the Trade Measures Review Officer, and provide for the Review Officer to review Ministerial decisions to publish or not to publish dumping duty notices or countervailing duty notices and also a range of decisions made by the CEO.

Division 1—Preliminary

269SN What this Division is about

This Division deals with preliminary matters. The Division principally:

- sets out essential definitions and interpretations;
- provides the basis for determining various factors (such as normal value, export price and non-injurious price) necessary to decide whether dumping or countervailable subsidisation has occurred;
- sets out the criteria for the use of those factors in so deciding;
- provides the basis for determining whether dumping or subsidisation is causing material injury to Australian industry;
- identifies circumstances in which the Part does not apply;
- empowers the Minister to direct the CEO in relation to the CEO's powers and duties.

269T Definitions

(1) In this Part, unless the contrary intention appears:

affected party, in relation to an application under Division 5 for review of anti-dumping measures imposed on particular goods, means:

(a) a person who is directly concerned with the exportation to Australia of the goods to which the measures relate or who has been directly concerned with the exportation to Australia of like goods; or

(b) a person who is directly concerned with the importation into Australia of the goods to which the measures relate or who

has been directly concerned with the importation into Australia of like goods; or

(c) a person representing, or representing a portion of, the Australian industry producing like goods; or

(d) the Government of a country from which like goods have been exported to Australia.

Agreement on Agriculture means the Agreement by that name:

(a) set out in Annex 1A to the World Trade Organization Agreement; and

(b) as in force on the day on which the World Trade Organization Agreement enters into force for Australia.

Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures means the Agreement by that name:

(a) set out in Annex 1A to the World Trade Organization Agreement; and

(b) as in force on the day on which the World Trade Organization Agreement enters into force for Australia.

agricultural operations means:

(a) the cultivation or gathering in of crops; or

(b) the rearing of live-stock; or

(c) the conduct of forestry operations;

and includes:

(d) viticulture, horticulture or apiculture; or

(e) hunting or trapping carried on for the purpose of a business.

allowable exemption or remission, in relation to exported goods, means:

(a) the exemption of those goods from duties or taxes borne by like goods destined for domestic consumption; or

(b) the remission of such duties or taxes otherwise payable in respect of those goods;

in accordance with the provisions of Article XVI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 and the provisions of Annexes I, II and III of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures.

anti-dumping measures, in respect of goods, means:

(a) the publication of a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice or both; or

(b) the acceptance of an undertaking under section 269TG or 269TJ or of undertakings under both of these sections;

in relation to such goods.

application, in relation to a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice, means an application for the publication of such a notice.

countervailable subsidy means a subsidy that is, for the purposes of section 269TAAC, a countervailable subsidy.

countervailing duty means duty, other than interim countervailing duty:

(a) that is payable on goods under section 10 of the Dumping Duty Act because of a declaration under subsection 269TJ(1) or (2) of this Act; or

(b) that is payable on goods under section 11 of the Dumping Duty Act.

countervailing duty notice means a notice published by the Minister under subsection 269TJ(1) or (2) or 269TK(1) or (2).

country of export, in relation to goods exported to Australia, means a country outside Australia from which those goods are exported to Australia, whether or not it is the country where those goods are produced or manufactured.

country of origin, in relation to goods exported to Australia, means a country, whether the country of export or not, where those goods are produced or manufactured.

determination means a determination in writing.

direction means a direction in writing.

dumped goods means any goods exported to Australia that the Minister has determined, under section 269TACB, have been dumped.

dumping duty means duty, other than interim dumping duty, that is payable on goods under section 8 or 9 of the Dumping Duty Act.

Dumping Duty Act means the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975*.

dumping duty notice means a notice published by the Minister under subsection 269TG(1) or (2) or 269TH(1) or (2).

fish means freshwater or salt-water fish, and includes turtles, dugong, crustacea, molluscs or any other living resources of the sea or of the sea-bed.

fishing operations means:

(a) the taking, catching or capturing of fish; or

(b) the farming of fish; or

(c) pearling operations.

forestry operations means the felling, in a forest or plantation, of standing timber.

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 means the Agreement by that name:

(a) whose parts are described in Annex 1A to the World Trade Organization Agreement; and

(b) as in force on the day on which the World Trade Organization Agreement enters into force for Australia.

importation period, in relation to goods that have been the subject of a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice means:

(a) in respect of goods covered by a retrospective notice—the period beginning on the day of entry for home consumption of the first consignment of goods to which the retrospective notice applied and ending immediately before the day of publication of the notice; and

(b) in respect of goods covered by a prospective notice:

(i) the period of 6 months beginning on the day of publication of the prospective notice; and

(ii) each successive period of 6 months.

importer, in relation to goods exported to Australia, means:

(a) if paragraph (b) or (d) does not apply—the beneficial owner of the goods at the time of their arrival within the limits of the port or airport in Australia at which they have landed; or

(b) if the goods are taken from parts beyond the seas to an Australian resources installation or if they are goods on board an overseas resources installation at the time when it is attached to the Australian seabed—the beneficial owner of the goods at the time when they are imported into Australia; or

(c) if the goods are an overseas resources installation that becomes attached to the Australian seabed—the beneficial owner of the installation at the time when it is imported into Australia; or

(d) if the goods are taken from parts beyond the seas to an Australian sea installation or are goods on board an overseas sea installation at the time when it is installed in an adjacent area or a coastal area—the beneficial owner of the goods at the time when they are imported into Australia; or

(e) if the goods are an overseas sea installation that becomes installed in an adjacent area or in a coastal area—the beneficial owner of the installation at the time when it is imported into Australia.

interested party, in relation to an application made to the CEO under section 269TB requesting that the Minister publish a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice in respect of the goods the subject of the application, means:

(a) the applicant;

(b) a person representing, or representing a portion of, the industry producing, or likely to be established to produce, like goods;

(c) any person who is or is likely to be directly concerned with the importation or exportation into Australia of the goods the subject of the application or who has been or is likely to be directly concerned with the importation or exportation into Australia of like goods; and

(d) any person who is or is likely to be directly concerned with the production or manufacture of the goods the subject of the

application or of like goods that have been, or are likely to be, exported to Australia; and

(e) a trade organisation a majority of whose members are, or are likely to be, directly concerned with the production or manufacture of the goods the subject of the application or of like goods, with their importation or exportation into Australia, or with both of those activities; and

(f) the Government of the country of export or country of origin:

(i) of goods the subject of the application that have been, or are likely to be, exported to Australia; or

(ii) of like goods that have been, or are likely to be, exported to Australia.

interim countervailing duty means duty imposed under subsection 10(3B) or 11(4) of the Dumping Duty Act.

interim dumping duty means duty imposed under subsection 8(5) and, where applicable, paragraph 8(4)(b) of the Dumping Duty Act or under subsection 9(5) and, where applicable, paragraph 9(4)(b) of that Act.

interim duty means interim dumping duty or interim countervailing duty.

investigation period, in relation to an application for a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice in respect of goods, means a period specified by the CEO in a notice under subsection 269TC(4) to be the investigation period in relation to the application.

like goods, in relation to goods under consideration, means goods that are identical in all respects to the goods under consideration or that, although not alike in all respects to the goods under consideration, have characteristics closely resembling those of the goods under consideration.

member country means a country that is, in its own right, a member of the World Trade Organization established by the World Trade Organization Agreement.

negative preliminary decision means a decision of the kind referred to in paragraph 269X(6)(b) or (c).

new exporter, in relation to goods the subject of an application for a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice or like goods, means an exporter who did not export such goods to Australia at any time during the period:

(a) starting at the start of the investigation period in relation to the application; and

(b) ending immediately before the day the CEO places on the public record the statement of essential facts in relation to the investigation of the application.

positive preliminary decision means a decision of the kind referred to in paragraph 269X(6)(a).

preliminary affirmative determination means a determination made under section 269TD.

production cost, in relation to processed agricultural goods, means the sum of the direct labour costs, the direct material costs and the factory overhead costs incurred in relation to those goods.

prospective notice means a notice issued under subsection 269TG(2), 269TH(2), 269TJ(2) or 269TK(2).

public notice, in relation to a decision, determination or other matter, means notice of the decision, determination or other matter published in accordance with section 269ZI.

public record means the public record maintained under section 269ZJ.

raw agricultural goods means goods directly obtained by the undertaking of any agricultural operation or any fishing operation.

residual exporter, in relation to a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice in respect of goods, means an exporter of goods the subject of the application or like goods other than a selected exporter, and includes a new exporter of such goods.

retrospective notice means a notice issued under subsection 269TG(1), 269TH(1), 269TJ(1) or 269TK(1).

Review Officer means the person from time to time holding the office of Trade Measures Review Officer established under Division 8 and includes a person acting in that office.

selected exporter, in relation to a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice in respect of goods, means an exporter of goods the subject of the application or like goods whose exportations were investigated for the purpose of deciding whether or not to publish that notice.

subsidy, in respect of goods that are exported to Australia, means:

(a) a financial contribution:

(i) by a government of the country of export or country of origin of those goods; or

(ii) by a public body of that country or of which that government is a member; or

(iii) by a private body entrusted or directed by that government or public body to carry out a governmental function;

that is made in connection with the production, manufacture or export of those goods and that involves:

(iv) a direct transfer of funds from that government or body to the enterprise by whom the goods are produced, manufactured or exported; or

(v) a direct transfer of funds from that government or body to that enterprise contingent upon particular circumstances occurring; or

(vi) the acceptance of liabilities, whether actual or potential, of that enterprise by that government or body; or

(vii) the forgoing, or non-collection, of revenue (other than an allowable exemption or remission) due to that government or body by that enterprise; or

(viii) the provision by that government or body of goods or services to that enterprise otherwise than in the course of providing normal infrastructure; or

(ix) the purchase by that government or body of goods provided by that enterprise; or

(b) any form of income or price support as referred to in Article XVI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 that is received from such a government or body;

if that financial contribution or income or price support confers a benefit in relation to those goods.

third country, in relation to goods that have been or may be exported to Australia means a country other than Australia or the country of export, or the country of origin, of those goods.

World Trade Organization Agreement means the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization done at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994.

(2) For the purposes of this Part, goods, other than unmanufactured raw products, are not to be taken to have been produced in Australia unless the goods were wholly or partly manufactured in Australia.

(2A) A reference in this Part to the amount of the export price of goods, to the amount of the normal value of goods, to the amount of the subsidy received in respect of goods or to the amount of freight shall, where that amount is not expressed in Australian currency, be read as a reference to the equivalent amount in Australian currency.

(2AA) A reference in this Part to a subsidy or a countervailable subsidy received in respect of goods from a government of the country of export or country of origin of the goods includes a reference to a subsidy or countervailable subsidy received in respect of those goods:

(a) from a public body of that government or of which that government is a member; or

(b) from a private body entrusted or directed by that government or public body to carry out a governmental function.

(2AB) If a subsidy is constituted by a financial contribution provided by a public body of which a country is a member but is delivered, not by the public body but rather by that member country, then, for the purposes of this Part, that subsidy is taken to have been received both from the public body and from the member country.

(2AC) A subsidy is taken to have been received in respect of particular goods:

(a) whether the benefit conferred by the subsidy is conferred directly or indirectly in relation to those goods; and

(b) whether or not the subsidy involves, or will involve, the payment or grant of any form of financial assistance.

(2AD) The fact that an investigation period is specified to start at a particular time does not imply that the Minister may not examine periods before that time for the purpose of determining whether material injury has been caused to an Australian industry or to an industry of a third country.

(2B) For the purposes of this Part, where, during the exportation of goods to Australia, the goods pass in transit from a country through another country, that other country shall be disregarded in ascertaining the country of export of the goods.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), goods shall not be taken to have been partly manufactured in Australia unless at least one substantial process in the manufacture of the goods was carried out in Australia.

(4) For the purposes of this Part, if, in relation to goods of a particular kind, there is a person or there are persons who produce like goods in Australia:

(a) there is an Australian industry in respect of those like goods; and

(b) subject to subsection (4A), the industry consists of that person or those persons.

(4A) Where, in relation to goods of a particular kind first referred to in subsection (4), the like goods referred to in that subsection are close processed agricultural goods, then, despite subsection (4), the industry in respect of those close processed agricultural goods consists not only of the person or persons producing the processed goods but also of the person or persons producing the raw agricultural goods from which the processed goods are derived.

(4B) For the purposes of subsection (4A), processed agricultural goods derived from raw agricultural goods are not to be taken to be close processed agricultural goods unless the Minister is satisfied that:

(a) the raw agricultural goods are devoted substantially or completely to the processed agricultural goods; and

(b) the processed agricultural goods are derived substantially or completely from the raw agricultural goods; and

(c) either:

(i) there is a close relationship between the price of the processed agricultural goods and the price of the raw agricultural goods; or

(ii) a significant part of the production cost of the processed agricultural goods, whether or not there is a market in Australia for those goods, is, or would be, constituted by the cost to the producer of those goods of the raw agricultural goods.

(4C) Where the Minister is satisfied that sufficient information has not been furnished or is not available to enable the production cost of processed agricultural goods to be ascertained for the purpose of subsection (4B), the production cost of those goods is such amount as is determined by the Minister having regard to all relevant information.

(4D) In this Act, a reference to variable factors relevant to the determination of duty payable under the Dumping Duty Act on particular goods the subject of a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice is a reference:

(a) if the goods are the subject of a dumping duty notice:

(i) to the normal value of the goods; and

(ii) to the export price of the goods; and

(iii) to the non-injurious price of the goods; and

(b) if the goods are the subject of a countervailing duty notice:

(i) to the amount of countervailable subsidy received in respect of the goods; and

(ii) to the export price of the goods; and

(iii) to the non-injurious price of the goods.

(4E) In this Act, a reference to variable factors relevant to the review, under Division 5, of anti-dumping measures taken in respect of goods is a reference:

(a) if the goods are the subject of a dumping duty notice—to the normal value, export price and non-injurious price of goods of that kind as ascertained, or last ascertained, by the Minister for the purpose of the notice; and

(b) if the goods are the subject of a countervailing duty notice:

(i) to the amount of countervailable subsidy received in respect of the goods; and

(ii) to the non-injurious price of the goods;

as ascertained, or last ascertained, by the Minister for the purpose of the notice; and

(c) if the goods are the subject of an undertaking accepted under section 269TG—to the normal value of the goods, and the non-injurious price of the goods, as indicated by the Minister to the exporter in negotiations relating to the acceptability of the undertaking; and

(d) if the goods are the subject of an undertaking accepted under section 269TJ—to the countervailable subsidy received in respect of the goods, and the non-injurious price of the goods, as indicated by the Minister to the exporter or to the country of export in negotiations relating to the acceptability of the undertaking.

(5) A reference in this Act to goods the subject of an application under section 269TB is a reference to goods referred in the application:

(a) that have been imported into Australia;

(b) that are likely to be so imported; or

(c) that may be so imported, being like goods to goods to which paragraph (a) or (b) applies.

(5A) For the purposes of this Part, the weighted average of prices, values, costs or amounts in relation to goods over a particular period is to be worked out in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{P_1 Q_1 + P_2 Q_2 + \ldots + P_n Q_n}{Q_1 + Q_2 + \ldots + Q_n}$$

where:

P_1, P_2 ... P_n means the price, value, cost or amount, per unit, in respect of the goods in the respective transactions during the period.

Q_1, Q_2 ... Q_n means the number of units of the goods involved in each of the respective transactions.

(5B) In working out the number of units of goods involved in a transaction, any units of goods that are, for the purposes of paragraph 269TAB(1)(b) or (c), subsection 269TAB(3), paragraph 269TAC(2)(c) or (4)(e) or subsection 269TAC(6), treated as being involved in a particular transaction are taken to be actually involved in the transaction.

(6) Sundays and public holidays shall, notwithstanding the definition of ***days*** in section 4 be counted as days for the purpose of computing a period for the purposes of this Part but nothing in this subsection shall derogate from the operation of section 36 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

269TAAA Anti-dumping measures not to apply to goods of New Zealand origin

(1) This Part, so far as it relates to duty that may become payable under section 8 or 9 of the Dumping Duty Act, does not apply to goods that are the produce or manufacture of New Zealand.

(2) In subsection (1):

goods includes goods imported into Australia before the commencement of this section.

269TAAB Member countries, developing countries and special developing countries

(1) The Minister may certify that a particular country is, or was, during a specified period or on a specified day:

(a) a member country of the World Trade Organization; or

(b) a developing country, whether a member country or not; or

(c) a special developing country within the meaning of subsection (2).

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a country is, or was, during a specified period or on a specified day, a special developing country if:

(a) it is or was, during that period or on that day, a developing country; and

(b) it is or was, during that period or on that day:

(i) a least developed country, whether a member country or not; or

(ii) a member country that has eliminated and not restored export subsidies; or

(iii) a member country referred to in paragraph (b) of Annex VII of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures having a gross national product of less than $US1,000 per annum per head of population.

(3) For all purposes of this Part and in all proceedings, a certificate under subsection (1) is conclusive evidence of the matters certified, except so far as the contrary is established.

269TAAC Definition—countervailable subsidy

(1) For the purposes of this Part, a subsidy is a countervailable subsidy if:

(a) it is specific; and

(b) it is not an excluded subsidy.

(2) Without limiting the generality of the circumstances in which a subsidy is specific, a subsidy is specific:

(a) if, subject to subsection (3), access to the subsidy is explicitly limited to particular enterprises; or

(b) if, subject to subsection (3), access is limited to particular enterprises carrying on business within a designated geographical region that is within the jurisdiction of the subsidising authority; or

(c) if the subsidy is contingent, in fact or in law, and whether solely or as one of several conditions, on export performance; or

(d) if the subsidy is contingent, whether solely or as one of several conditions, on the use of domestically produced or manufactured goods in preference to imported goods.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), a subsidy is not specific if access to the subsidy:

(a) is established by objective criteria or conditions set out in primary or subordinate legislation or other official documents that are capable of verification; and

(b) those criteria or conditions do not favour particular enterprises over others and are economic in nature; and

(c) those criteria or conditions are strictly adhered to in the administration of the subsidy.

(4) Despite the fact that access to a subsidy is established by objective criteria, the Minister may, having regard to:

(a) the fact that the subsidy program benefits a limited number of particular enterprises; or

(b) the fact that the subsidy program predominantly benefits particular enterprises; or

(c) the fact that particular enterprises have access to disproportionately large amounts of the subsidy; or

(d) the manner in which a discretion to grant access to the subsidy has been exercised;

determine that the subsidy is specific.

(5) In making a determination under subsection (4), the Minister must take account of:

(a) the extent of diversification of economic activities within the jurisdiction of the subsidising authority; and

(b) the length of time during which the subsidy program has been in operation.

(6) A subsidy is an excluded subsidy if the Minister is satisfied that:

(a) it is specific but described in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of Article 8.2 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures; or

(b) it is a domestic support measure that meets the criteria or conditions set out in Annex 2 to the Agreement on Agriculture.

269TAAD Ordinary course of trade

(1) If the Minister is satisfied, in relation to goods exported to Australia:

(a) that like goods are sold in the country of export in sales that are arms length transactions in substantial quantities during an extended period:

(i) for home consumption in the country of export; or

(ii) for exportation to a third country;

at a price that is less than the cost of such goods; and

(b) that it is unlikely that the seller of the goods will be able to recover the cost of such goods within a reasonable period;

the price paid for the goods referred to in paragraph (a) is taken not to have been paid in the ordinary course of trade.

(2) For the purposes of this section, sales of goods at a price that is less than the cost of such goods are taken to have occurred in substantial quantities during an extended period if the volume of sales of such goods at a price below the cost of such goods over that period is not less than 20% of the total volume of sales over that period.

(3) Costs of goods are taken to be recoverable within a reasonable period of time if, although the selling price of those goods at the time of their sale is below their cost at that time, the selling price is above the weighted average cost of such goods over the investigation period.

(4) The cost of goods is worked out by adding:

(a) the amount determined by the Minister to be the cost of production or manufacture of those goods in the country of export; and

(b) the amount determined by the Minister to be the administrative, selling and general costs associated with the sale of those goods.

(5) Amounts determined by the Minister for the purposes of paragraphs (4)(a) and (b) must be worked out in such manner, and taking account of such factors, as the regulations provide in respect of those purposes.

269TAA Arms length transactions

(1) For the purposes of this Part, a purchase or sale of goods shall not be treated as an arms length transaction if:

(a) there is any consideration payable for or in respect of the goods other than their price; or

(b) the price is influenced by a commercial or other relationship between the buyer, or an associate of the buyer, and the seller, or an associate of the seller; or

(c) in the opinion of the Minister the buyer, or an associate of the buyer, will, subsequent to the purchase or sale, directly or indirectly, be reimbursed, be compensated or otherwise receive a benefit for, or in respect of, the whole or any part of the price.

(1A) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(c), the Minister must not hold the opinion referred to in that paragraph because of a reimbursement in respect of the purchase or sale if the Minister is of the opinion that the purchase or sale will remain an arms length transaction in spite of the payment of that reimbursement, having regard to any or all of the following matters:

(a) any agreement, or established trading practices, in relation to the seller and the buyer, in respect of the reimbursement;

(b) the period for which such an agreement or practice has been in force;

(c) whether or not the amount of the reimbursement is quantifiable at the time of the purchase or sale.

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), where:

(a) goods are exported to Australia otherwise than by the importer and are purchased by the importer from the exporter (whether before or after exportation) for a particular price; and

(b) the Minister is satisfied that the importer, whether directly or through an associate or associates, sells those goods in Australia (whether in the condition in which they were imported or otherwise) at a loss;

the Minister may, for the purposes of paragraph (1)(c), treat the sale of those goods at a loss as indicating that the importer or an associate of the importer will, directly or indirectly, be

reimbursed, be compensated or otherwise receive a benefit for, or in respect of, the whole or a part of the price.

(3) In determining, for the purposes of subsection (2), whether goods are sold by an importer at a loss, the Minister shall have regard to:

(a) the amount of the price paid or to be paid for the goods by the importer; and

(b) such other amounts as the Minister determines to be costs necessarily incurred in the importation and sale of the goods; and

(c) the likelihood that the amounts referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) will be able to be recovered within a reasonable time; and

(d) such other matters as the Minister considers relevant.

(4) For the purposes of this Part, 2 persons shall be deemed to be associates of each other if, and only if:

(a) both being natural persons:

(i) they are connected by a blood relationship or by marriage or by adoption; or

(ii) one of them is an officer or director of a body corporate controlled, directly or indirectly, by the other;

(b) both being bodies corporate:

(i) both of them are controlled, directly or indirectly, by a third person (whether or not a body corporate); or

(ii) both of them together control, directly or indirectly, a third body corporate; or

(iii) the same person (whether or not a body corporate) is in a position to cast, or control the casting of, 5% or more of the maximum number of votes that might be cast at a general meeting of each of them; or

(c) one of them, being a body corporate, is, directly or indirectly, controlled by the other (whether or not a body corporate); or

(d) one of them, being a natural person, is an employee, officer or director of the other (whether or not a body corporate); or

(e) they are members of the same partnership.

269TAB Export price

(1) For the purposes of this Part, the export price of any goods exported to Australia is:

(a) where:

(i) the goods have been exported to Australia otherwise than by the importer and have been purchased by the importer from the exporter (whether before or after exportation); and

(ii) the purchase of the goods by the importer was an arms length transaction;

the price paid or payable for the goods by the importer, other than any part of that price that represents a charge in respect of the transport of the goods after exportation or in respect of any other matter arising after exportation; or

(b) where:

(i) the goods have been exported to Australia otherwise than by the importer and have been purchased by the importer from the exporter (whether before or after exportation); and

(ii) the purchase of the goods by the importer was not an arms length transaction; and

(iii) the goods are subsequently sold by the importer, in the condition in which they were imported, to a person who is not an associate of the importer;

the price at which the goods were so sold by the importer to that person less the prescribed deductions; or

(c) in any other case—the price that the Minister determines having regard to all the circumstances of the exportation.

(1A) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), the reference in that paragraph to the price paid or payable for goods is a reference to that price after deducting any amount that is determined by the Minister to be a reimbursement of the kind referred to in subsection 269TAA(1A) in respect of that transaction.

(2) A reference in paragraph (1)(b) to prescribed deductions in relation to a sale of goods that have been exported to Australia shall be read as a reference to:

(a) any duties of Customs or sales tax paid or payable on the goods; and

(b) any costs, charges or expenses arising in relation to the goods after exportation; and

(c) the profit, if any, on the sale by the importer or, where the Minister so directs, an amount calculated in accordance with such rate as the Minister specifies in the direction as the rate that, for the purposes of paragraph (1)(b), is to be regarded as the rate of profit on the sale by the importer.

(3) Where the Minister is satisfied that sufficient information has not been furnished, or is not available, to enable the export price of goods to be ascertained under the preceding subsections, the export price of those goods shall be such amount as is determined by the Minister having regard to all relevant information.

(4) For the purposes of this section, the Minister may disregard any information that he or she considers to be unreliable.

(5) Paragraphs (1)(a) and (b) apply in relation to a purchase of goods by an importer from an exporter whether or not the importer and exporter are associates of each other.

269TAC Normal value of goods

(1) Subject to this section, for the purposes of this Part, the normal value of any goods exported to Australia is the price paid or payable for like goods sold in the ordinary course of trade for home consumption in the country of export in sales that are arms length transactions by the exporter or, if like goods are not so sold by the exporter, by other sellers of like goods.

(1A) For the purposes of subsection (1), the reference in that subsection to the price paid or payable for like goods is a reference to that price after deducting any amount that is determined by the Minister to be a reimbursement of the kind referred to in subsection 269TAA(1A) in respect of the sales.

(2) Subject to this section, where the Minister:

(a) is satisfied that:

(i) because of the absence, or low volume, of sales of like goods in the market of the country of export that would

be relevant for the purpose of determining a price under subsection (1); or

(ii) because the situation in the market of the country of export is such that sales in that market are not suitable for use in determining a price under subsection (1);

the normal value of goods exported to Australia cannot be ascertained under subsection (1); or

(b) is satisfied, in a case where like goods are not sold in the ordinary course of trade for home consumption in the country of export in sales that are arms length transactions by the exporter, that it is not practicable to obtain, within a reasonable time, information in relation to sales by other sellers of like goods that would be relevant for the purpose of determining a price under subsection (1);

the normal value of the goods for the purposes of this Part is:

(c) except where paragraph (d) applies, the sum of:

(i) such amount as the Minister determines to be the cost of production or manufacture of the goods in the country of export; and

(ii) on the assumption that the goods, instead of being exported, had been sold for home consumption in the ordinary course of trade in the country of export—such amounts as the Minister determines would be the administrative, selling and general costs associated with the sale and, subject to subsection (13), the profit on that sale; or

(d) if the Minister directs that this paragraph applies—the price determined by the Minister to be the price paid or payable for like goods sold in the ordinary course of trade in arms length transactions for exportation from the country of export to a third country determined by the Minister to be an appropriate third country, other than any amount determined by the Minister to be a reimbursement of the kind referred to in subsection 269TAA(1A) in respect of any such transactions.

(3) The price determined under paragraph (2)(d) is a price that the Minister determines, having regard to the quantity of like goods sold as described in paragraph (2)(d) at that price, is representative of the price paid in such sales.

(4) Subject to subsections (6) and (8), where the Minister is satisfied that it is inappropriate to ascertain the normal value of goods in accordance with the preceding subsections because the Government of the country of export:

(a) has a monopoly, or substantial monopoly, of the trade of the country; and

(b) determines or substantially influences the domestic price of goods in that country;

the normal value of the goods for the purposes of this Part is to be a value ascertained in accordance with whichever of the following paragraphs the Minister determines having regard to what is appropriate and reasonable in the circumstances of the case:

(c) a value equal to the price of like goods produced or manufactured in a country determined by the Minister and sold for home consumption in the ordinary course of trade in that country, being sales that are arms length transactions;

(d) a value equal to the price determined by the Minister to be the price of like goods produced or manufactured in a country determined by the Minister and sold in the ordinary course of trade in arms length transactions for exportation from that country to a third country determined by the Minister to be an appropriate third country;

(e) a value equal to the sum of the following amounts ascertained in respect of like goods produced or manufactured in a country determined by the Minister and sold for home consumption in the ordinary course of trade in that country:

(i) such amount as the Minister determines to be the cost of production or manufacture of the like goods in that country;

(ii) such amounts as the Minister determines to be the administrative, selling and general costs associated with the sale of like goods in that country and the profit on that sale;

(f) a value equal to the price payable for like goods produced or manufactured in Australia and sold for home consumption in the ordinary course of trade in Australia, being sales that are arms length transactions.

(5) The price determined under paragraph (4)(d) is a price that the Minister determines, because of the quantity of like goods sold as described in paragraph (4)(d) at that price, is representative of the price paid in such sales.

(5A) Amounts determined:

(a) to be the cost of production or manufacture of goods under subparagraph (2)(c)(i) or (4)(e)(i); and

(b) to be the administrative, selling and general costs in relation to goods under subparagraph (2)(c)(ii) or (4)(e)(ii);

must be worked out in such manner, and taking account of such factors, as the regulations provide for the respective purposes of paragraphs 269TAAD(4)(a) and (b).

(5B) The amount determined to be the profit on the sale of goods under subparagraph (2)(c)(ii) or (4)(e)(ii), must be worked out in such manner, and taking account of such factors, as the regulations provide for that purpose.

(5C) Without limiting the generality of the matters that may be taken into account by the Minister in determining whether a third country is an appropriate third country for the purposes of paragraph (2)(d) or (4)(d), the Minister may have regard to the following matters:

(a) whether the volume of trade from the country of export referred to in paragraph (2)(d) or the country first-mentioned in paragraph (4)(d) is similar to the volume of trade from the country of export to Australia; and

(b) whether the nature of the trade in goods concerned between the country of export referred to in paragraph (2)(d) or the country first-mentioned in paragraph (4)(d) is similar to the nature of trade between the country of export and Australia.

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(5D) If goods are exported to Australia and the Minister is satisfied that:

(a) in the past the Government of the country of export had a monopoly, or a substantial monopoly, of the trade of that country and determined, or substantially influenced, the domestic price of goods in that country; and

(b) the circumstance described in paragraph (a) no longer applies in relation to the country of export; and

(c) a price control situation applies, within the meaning of subsection (5E), in relation to like goods to those first-mentioned goods;

the normal value of those first-mentioned goods is such amount as is determined by the Minister having regard to all relevant information.

(5E) A price control situation applies in relation to the domestic selling price of like goods to the goods first referred to in subsection (5D):

(a) if the exporter of the goods so referred to sells like goods in the country of export and the domestic selling price of those like goods is controlled, or substantially controlled, by a government (at whatever level) of that country; or

(b) if the exporter does not sell like goods in the country of export but there are other sellers in that country of like goods and the domestic selling price of like goods sold by some or all of those other sellers is so controlled or substantially so controlled.

(5F) Without limiting the generality of subsection (5D), for the purpose of working out, under that subsection, the amount that is to be the normal value of goods exported to Australia, the Minister may determine that amount in a manner that would be open to the Minister under paragraph (4)(c), (d), (e) or (f) if subsection (4) were applicable.

(5G) If goods (***exported goods***) are exported to Australia and the Minister is satisfied that:

(a) in the past the government of the country of export had a monopoly, or a substantial monopoly, of the trade of that country and determined, or substantially influenced, the domestic price of goods in that country; and

(b) the circumstance described in paragraph (a) no longer applies in relation to that country; and

(c) subsection (5D) does not apply in relation to the exported goods; and

(d) a particular raw material used in producing or manufacturing the exported goods was, in whole or in part, supplied directly to the producer or manufacturer by an enterprise that is

wholly owned by the national government, or by a provincial government, of that country; and

(e) the cost actually incurred by the producer or manufacturer in procuring the raw material so supplied exceeds 10% of the costs actually incurred by the producer or manufacturer in producing or manufacturing the exported goods;

the normal value of the exported goods for the purposes of this Part is the sum of:

(f) an amount determined by the Minister, having regard to all relevant information, to be the value of the raw material so supplied, irrespective of the cost actually incurred by the producer or manufacturer in procuring the raw material so supplied; and

(g) the amount of the cost actually incurred by the producer or manufacturer in producing or manufacturing the exported goods, other than the cost actually incurred by the producer or manufacturer in procuring the raw material so supplied; and

(h) on the assumption that the exported goods, instead of being exported, had been sold for home consumption in the ordinary course of trade in the country of export—an amount determined by the Minister to be the sum of the administrative, selling and general costs associated with the sale of the exported goods and of the profit on that sale.

(5H) Without limiting the generality of paragraph (5G)(f), the Minister may determine the amount that is to be the value of a raw material under that paragraph in accordance with whichever of the following paragraphs the Minister, having regard to what is appropriate and reasonable in the circumstances of the case, determines to be appropriate, as if the raw material were goods exported from the country of export referred to in paragraph (5G)(a):

(a) an amount equal to the price determined by the Minister to be the price of like goods to the raw material produced or manufactured in a country determined by the Minister and sold for home consumption in the ordinary course of trade in that country, being sales that are arms length transactions;

(b) an amount equal to the price determined by the Minister to be the price of like goods to the raw material produced or

manufactured in a country determined by the Minister and sold in the ordinary course of trade in arms length transactions for exportation from that country to a third country determined by the Minister to be an appropriate third country;

(c) an amount equal to the sum of the following amounts ascertained in respect of like goods to the raw material produced or manufactured in a country determined by the Minister and sold for home consumption in the ordinary course of trade in that country:

(i) such amount as the Minister determines to be the cost of production or manufacture of like goods to the raw material in that country;

(ii) such amounts as the Minister determines to be the administrative, selling and general costs associated with the sale of like goods to the raw material in that country and the profit on that sale;

(d) an amount equal to the price payable for like goods to the raw material produced or manufactured in Australia and sold for home consumption in the ordinary course of trade in Australia, being sales that are arms length transactions.

(5J) For the purposes of fulfilling Australia's international obligations under an international agreement, regulations may be made to disapply subsection (5D) or (5G) to a country.

(6) Where the Minister is satisfied that sufficient information has not been furnished or is not available to enable the normal value of goods to be ascertained under the preceding subsections (other than subsection (5D)), the normal value of those goods is such amount as is determined by the Minister having regard to all relevant information.

(7) For the purposes of this section, the Minister may disregard any information that he or she considers to be unreliable.

(7A) The application of subsection (5D) or (5G) to goods that are exported to Australia from a particular country does not preclude the application of other provisions of this section (other than subsections (4) and (5)) to other goods that are exported to Australia from that country.

(8) Where the normal value of goods exported to Australia is the price paid or payable for like goods and that price and the export price of the goods exported:

(a) relate to sales occurring at different times; or

(b) are not in respect of identical goods; or

(c) are modified in different ways by taxes or the terms or circumstances of the sales to which they relate;

that price paid or payable for like goods is to be taken to be such a price adjusted in accordance with directions by the Minister so that those differences would not affect its comparison with that export price.

(9) Where the normal value of goods exported to Australia is to be ascertained in accordance with paragraph (2)(c) or (4)(e), the Minister must make such adjustments, in determining the costs to be determined under that paragraph, as are necessary to ensure that the normal value so ascertained is properly comparable with the export price of those goods.

(10) Where:

(a) the actual country of export of goods exported to Australia is not the country of origin of the goods; and

(b) the Minister is of the opinion that the normal value of the goods should be ascertained for the purposes of this Part as if the country of origin were the country of export;

he or she may direct that the normal value of the goods is to be so ascertained.

(11) For the purposes of subsection (10), the country of origin of goods is:

(a) in the case of unmanufactured raw products—the country of which they are products; or

(b) in any other case—the country in which the last significant process in the manufacture or production of the goods was performed.

(13) Where, because of the operation of section 269TAAD, the normal value of goods is required to be determined under subsection (2), the Minister shall not include in his or her calculation of that normal value any profit component under subparagraph (2)(c)(ii).

(14) If:

(a) application is made for a dumping duty notice; and

(b) goods the subject of the application are exported to Australia; but

(c) the volume of sales of like goods for home consumption in the country of export by the exporter or another seller of like goods is less than 5% of the volume of goods the subject of the application that are exported to Australia by the exporter;

the volume of sales referred to in paragraph (c) is taken, for the purposes of paragraph (2)(a), to be a low volume unless the Minister is satisfied that it is still large enough to permit a proper comparison for the purposes of assessing a dumping margin under section 269TACB.

269TACA Non-injurious price

The non-injurious price of goods exported to Australia is the minimum price necessary:

(a) if the goods are the subject of, or of an application for, a dumping duty notice under subsection 269TG(1) or (2)—to prevent the injury, or a recurrence of the injury, or to remove the hindrance, referred to in paragraph 269TG(1)(b) or (2)(b); or

(b) if the goods are the subject of, or of an application for, a third country dumping duty notice under subsection 269TH(1) or (2)—to prevent the injury, or a recurrence of the injury, referred to in paragraph 269TH(1)(b) or (2)(b); or

(c) if the goods are the subject of, or of an application for, a countervailing duty notice under subsection 269TJ(1) or (2)—to prevent the injury, or a recurrence of the injury, or to remove the hindrance, referred to in paragraph 269TJ(1)(b) or (2)(b); or

(d) if the goods are the subject of, or of an application for, a third country countervailing duty notice under subsection 269TK(1) or (2)—to prevent the injury, or a recurrence of the injury, referred to in paragraph 269TK(1)(b) or (2)(b).

269TACB Working out whether dumping has occurred and levels of dumping

(1) If:

(a) application is made for a dumping duty notice; and

(b) export prices in respect of goods the subject of the application exported to Australia during the investigation period have been established in accordance with section 269TAB; and

(c) corresponding normal values in respect of like goods during that period have been established in accordance with section 269TAC;

the Minister must determine, by comparison of those export prices with those normal values, whether dumping has occurred.

(2) In order to compare those export prices with those normal values, the Minister may, subject to subsection (3):

(a) compare the weighted average of export prices over the whole of the investigation period with the weighted average of corresponding normal values over the whole of that period; or

(aa) use the method of comparison referred to in paragraph (a) in respect of parts of the investigation period as if each of these parts were the whole of the investigation period; or

(b) compare the export prices determined in respect of individual transactions over the whole of the investigation period with the corresponding normal values determined over the whole of that period; or

(c) use:

(i) the method of comparison referred to in paragraph (a) in respect of a part or parts of the investigation period as if the part or each of these parts were the whole of the investigation period; and

(ii) the method of comparison referred to in paragraph (b) in respect of another part or other parts of the investigation period as if that other part or each of these other parts were the whole of the investigation period.

(2A) If paragraph (2)(aa) or (c) applies:

(a) each part of the investigation period referred to in the paragraph must not be less than 2 months; and

(b) the parts of the investigation period as referred to in paragraph (2)(aa), or as referred to in subparagraphs (2)(c)(i) and (ii), must together comprise the whole of the investigation period.

(3) If the Minister is satisfied:

(a) that the export prices differ significantly among different purchasers, regions or periods; and

(b) that those differences make the methods referred to in subsection (2) inappropriate for use in respect of a period constituting the whole or a part of the investigation period;

the Minister may, for that period, compare the respective export prices determined in relation to individual transactions during that period with the weighted average of corresponding normal values over that period.

(4) If, in a comparison under subsection (2), the Minister is satisfied that the weighted average of export prices over a period is less than the weighted average of corresponding normal values over that period:

(a) the goods exported to Australia during that period are taken to have been dumped; and

(b) the dumping margin for the exporter concerned in respect of those goods and that period is the difference between those weighted averages.

(4A) To avoid doubt, a reference to a period in subsection (4) includes a reference to a part of the investigation period.

(5) If, in a comparison under subsection (2), the Minister is satisfied that an export price in respect of an individual transaction during the investigation period is less than the corresponding normal value:

(a) the goods exported to Australia in that transaction are taken to have been dumped; and

(b) the dumping margin for the exporter concerned in respect of those goods and that transaction is the difference between that export price and that normal value.

(6) If, in a comparison under subsection (3), the Minister is satisfied that the export prices in respect of particular transactions during the investigation period are less than the weighted average of corresponding normal values during that period:

(a) the goods exported to Australia in each such transaction are taken to have been dumped; and

(b) the dumping margin for the exporter concerned in respect of those goods is the difference between each relevant export price and the weighted average of corresponding normal values.

(7) Subject to subsection (8), the existence of dumping and the size of a dumping margin will normally be worked out for individual exporters of goods to Australia.

(8) If the number of exporters from a particular country of export who provide information in relation to an application for a dumping duty notice is so large that it is not practicable to determine the existence of dumping and to work out individual dumping margins for each of them, the Minister may, on the basis of information obtained from an investigation of a selected number of those exporters:

(a) who constitute a statistically valid sample of those exporters; or

(b) who are responsible for the largest volume of exportations to Australia that can reasonably be investigated;

decide whether dumping exists, and, if it does, fix dumping margins for such selected exporters and for exporters who are not so selected.

(9) If information is submitted by an exporter not initially selected under subsection (8) for the purposes of an investigation, the investigation must extend to that exporter unless to so extend it would prevent the investigation's timely completion.

(10) Any comparison of export prices, or weighted average of export prices, with any corresponding normal values, or weighted average

of corresponding normal values, must be worked out in respect of similar units of goods, whether determined by weight, volume or otherwise.

269TACC Working out whether benefits have been conferred and amounts of subsidy

(1) If:

(a) a financial contribution referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition of ***subsidy*** in subsection 269T(1); or

(b) income or price support referred to in paragraph (b) of that definition;

is received in respect of goods, the question whether that financial contribution or income or price support confers a benefit, and, if so, the amount of subsidy attributable to that benefit, are to be worked out according to this section.

(2) If a financial contribution in respect of goods is a direct financial payment received from a government of a country, a public body of that government or of which that government is a member, or a private body entrusted or directed by that government or public body to carry out a governmental function, a benefit is taken to be conferred because of that payment.

(3) If:

(a) there is no financial contribution of the kind referred to in subsection (2) received in respect of goods; but

(b) a financial contribution of another kind, or income or price support, is received in respect of those goods from a government of a country, a public body of that government or of which that government is a member, or a private body entrusted or directed by that government or public body to carry out a governmental function;

the question whether that financial contribution or income or price support confers a benefit is to be determined by the Minister.

(4) In determining whether a financial contribution confers a benefit, the Minister must have regard to the following guidelines:

(a) the provision of equity capital from the government or body referred to in subsection (3) does not confer a benefit unless

the decision to provide the capital is inconsistent with normal investment practice of private investors in the country concerned;

(b) the making of a loan by the government or a body referred to in subsection (3) does not confer a benefit unless the loan requires repayment of a lesser amount than would be required for a comparable commercial loan;

(c) the guarantee of a loan by the government or a body referred to in subsection (3) does not confer a benefit unless, without the guarantee, the enterprise receiving the loan would have to repay a greater amount;

(d) the provision of goods or services by the government or body referred to in subsection (3) does not confer a benefit unless the goods or services are provided for less than adequate remuneration;

(e) the purchase of goods by the government or body referred to in subsection (3) does not confer a benefit if the purchase is made for more than adequate remuneration.

(5) For the purposes of paragraphs (4)(d) and (e), the adequacy of remuneration in relation to goods or services is to be determined having regard to prevailing market conditions for like goods or services in the country where those goods or services are provided or purchased.

(6) If a benefit is conferred:

(a) by a financial contribution in the form referred to in subsection (2)—the total amount of subsidy attributable to the benefit is an amount equal to the payment; or

(b) by the making of a loan by the government or a body referred to in subsection (3)—the total amount of subsidy attributable to the benefit is an amount equal to the difference between the amount required to be repaid on that loan and the amount that would be required to be repaid on a comparable commercial loan; or

(c) by the guarantee of a loan by the government or a body referred to in subsection (3)—the total amount of subsidy attributable to the benefit is an amount equal to the difference between the amount required to be repaid upon the loan so guaranteed and the amount that would be

required to be repaid upon a commercial loan, without that guarantee, adjusted for any difference in fees; or

(d) by any other financial contribution, or income or price support as referred to in subsection (3)—the total amount of subsidy attributable to the benefit is an amount determined by the Minister, in writing, in accordance with the regulations made for the purposes of this section.

(7) If the Minister is satisfied, in respect of a particular financial contribution or form of income or price support:

(a) that subsections (2), (3), (4) and (5) are inappropriate for determining whether a benefit has been conferred; or

(b) that, if a benefit has been conferred, subsection (6) is inappropriate for determining the total amount of subsidy attributable to the benefit;

the Minister may determine, in writing, that he or she is so satisfied and determine an alternative basis for deciding whether a benefit has been conferred or for working out the amount of subsidy attributable to the benefit.

(8) If the number of exporters from a particular country of export who provide information in relation to an application for a countervailing duty notice is so large that it is not practicable to work out whether a benefit has been conferred and the amount of subsidy received by them, the Minister may, on the basis of information obtained from an investigation of a selected number of those exporters:

(a) who constitute a statistically valid sample of those exporters; or

(b) who are responsible for the largest volume of exportations to Australia that can reasonably be investigated;

decide whether a benefit is conferred and, if it is, the amount of subsidy attributable to that benefit for such selected exporters and for exporters who are not so selected.

(9) If information is submitted by an exporter not initially selected under subsection (8) for the purposes of an investigation, the investigation must extend to that exporter unless to so extend it would prevent the investigation's timely completion.

(10) After the total amount of the subsidy received in respect of goods has been worked out, the Minister must, if that subsidy is not quantified by reference to a unit of those goods determined by weight, volume or otherwise, work out how much of that amount is properly attributable to each such unit.

269TAE Material injury to industry

(1) In determining, for the purposes of section 269TG or 269TJ, whether material injury to an Australian industry has been or is being caused or is threatened or would or might have been caused, or whether the establishment of an Australian industry has been materially hindered, because of any circumstances in relation to the exportation of goods to Australia from the country of export, the Minister may, without limiting the generality of that section but subject to subsections (2A), (2B) and (2C), have regard to:

(aa) if the determination is being made for the purposes of section 269TG—the size of the dumping margin, or of each of the dumping margins, worked out in respect of goods of that kind that have been exported to Australia and dumped; and

(ab) if the determination is being made for the purposes of section 269TJ—particulars of any countervailable subsidy received in respect of goods of that kind that have been exported to Australia; and

(a) the quantity of goods of that kind that, during a particular period, have been or are likely to be exported to Australia from the country of export; and

(b) any increase or likely increase, during a particular period, in the quantity of goods of that kind exported to Australia from the country of export; and

(c) any change or likely change, during a particular period, in the proportion that:

(i) the quantity of goods of that kind exported to Australia from the country of export and sold or consumed in Australia; or

(ii) the quantity of goods of that kind, or like goods, produced or manufactured in the Australian industry and sold or consumed in Australia;

bears to the quantity of goods of that kind, or like goods, sold or consumed in Australia; and

(d) the export price that has been or is likely to be paid by importers for goods of that kind exported to Australia from the country of export; and

(e) the difference between:

(i) the price that has been or is likely to be paid for goods of that kind, or like goods, produced or manufactured in the Australian industry and sold in Australia; and

(ii) the price that has been or is likely to be paid for goods of that kind exported to Australia from the country of export and sold in Australia; and

(f) the effect that the exportation of goods of that kind to Australia from the country of export in those circumstances has had or is likely to have on the price paid for goods of that kind, or like goods, produced or manufactured in the Australian industry and sold in Australia; and

(g) the effect that the exportation of goods of that kind to Australia from the country of export in those circumstances has had or is likely to have on the relevant economic factors in relation to the Australian industry; and

(h) if the determination is being made for the purposes of section 269TJ and the goods are agricultural products—whether the exportation of goods of that kind to Australia from the country of export in those circumstances has given or is likely to give rise to a need for financial or other support, or an increase in financial or other support, for the Australian industry from the Commonwealth Government.

(2) In determining, for the purposes of section 269TH or 269TK, whether material injury to an industry in a third country has been or is being caused or is threatened or would or might have been caused because of any circumstances in relation to the exportation of goods to Australia from the country of export, the Minister may, without limiting the generality of that section but subject to subsections (2A), (2B) and (2C), have regard to:

(aa) if the determination is being made for the purposes of section 269TH—the size of the dumping margin, or of each of the dumping margins, worked out in respect of goods of that kind that have been exported to Australia and dumped; and

(ab) if the determination is being made for the purposes of section 269TK—particulars of any countervailable subsidy received in respect of goods of that kind that have been exported to Australia; and

(a) the quantity of goods of that kind that, during a particular period, have been or are likely to be exported to Australia from the country of export; and

(b) any increase or likely increase, during a particular period, in the quantity of goods of that kind exported to Australia from the country of export; and

(c) any change or likely change, during a particular period, in the proportion that:

(i) the quantity of goods of that kind exported to Australia from the country of export and sold or consumed in Australia; or

(ii) the quantity of goods of that kind, or like goods, produced or manufactured in the third country and sold or consumed in Australia;

bears to the quantity of goods of that kind, or like goods, sold or consumed in Australia; and

(d) the export price that has been or is likely to be paid by importers for goods of that kind exported to Australia from the country of export; and

(e) the difference between:

(i) the price that has been or is likely to be paid for goods of that kind, or like goods, produced or manufactured in the third country and sold in Australia; and

(ii) the price that has been or is likely to be paid for goods of that kind exported to Australia from the country of export and sold in Australia; and

(f) the effect that the exportation of goods of that kind to Australia from the country of export in those circumstances has had or is likely to have on the price paid for goods of that kind, or like goods, produced or manufactured in the third country and sold in Australia; and

(g) the effect that the exportation of goods of that kind to Australia from the country of export in those circumstances has had or is likely to have on the relevant economic factors in relation to the producer or manufacturer in the third country.

(2A) In making a determination in relation to the exportation of goods to Australia for the purposes referred to in subsection (1) or (2), the Minister must consider whether any injury to an industry, or hindrance to the establishment of an industry, is being caused or threatened by a factor other than the exportation of those goods such as:

(a) the volume and prices of imported like goods that are not dumped; or

(b) the volume and prices of importations of like goods that are not subsidised; or

(c) contractions in demand or changes in patterns of consumption; or

(d) restrictive trade practices of, and competition between, foreign and Australian producers of like goods; or

(e) developments in technology; or

(f) the export performance and productivity of the Australian industry;

and any such injury or hindrance must not be attributed to the exportation of those goods.

(2B) In determining:

(a) for the purposes of subsection (1), whether or not material injury is threatened to an Australian industry; or

(b) for the purposes of subsection (2), whether or not material injury is threatened to an industry in a third country;

because of the exportation of goods into the Australian market, the Minister must take account only of such changes in circumstances, including changes of a kind determined by the Minister, as would make that injury foreseeable and imminent unless dumping or countervailing measures were imposed.

(2C) In determining, for the purposes referred to in subsection (1) or (2), the effect of the exportation of like goods to Australia by different exporters from the same country of export or from different countries of export, the Minister should consider the cumulative effect of those exportations only if, having regard to:

(a) the conditions of competition between those goods; and

(b) the conditions of competition between those goods and like goods that are domestically produced;

the Minister is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so.

(3) A reference in subsection (1) or (2) to the relevant economic factors in relation to an Australian industry, or in relation to an industry in a third country, in relation to goods of a particular kind exported to Australia is a reference to:

(a) the quantity of goods of that kind, or like goods, produced or manufactured in the industry; and

(b) the degree of utilization of the capacity of the industry to produce or manufacture goods of that kind, or like goods; and

(c) the quantity of goods of that kind, or like goods, produced or manufactured in the industry:

(i) for which there are sales or forward orders; or

(ii) which are held as stocks; and

(d) the value of sales of, or forward orders for, goods of that kind, or like goods, produced or manufactured in the industry; and

(e) the level of profits earned in the industry, that are attributable to the production or manufacture of goods of that kind, or like goods; and

(f) the level of return on investment in the industry; and

(g) cash flow in the industry; and

(h) the number of persons employed, and the level of wages paid to persons employed, in the industry in relation to the production or manufacture of goods of that kind, or like goods; and

(j) the share of the market in Australia for goods of that kind, or like goods, that is held by goods of that kind, or like goods, produced or manufactured in the industry; and

(k) the ability of persons engaged in the industry, to raise capital in relation to the production or manufacture of goods of that kind, or like goods; and

(m) investment in the industry.

269TAF Currency conversion

(1) If, for the purposes of this Part, comparison of the export prices of goods exported to Australia and corresponding normal values of like goods requires a conversion of currencies, that conversion, subject to subsection (2), is to be made using the rate of exchange on the date of the transaction or agreement that, in the opinion of the Minister, best establishes the material terms of the sale of the exported goods.

(2) If, in relation to goods exported to Australia, a forward rate of exchange is used, the Minister may, in a conversion of currencies under subsection (1), make use of that rate of exchange.

(3) If:

(a) the comparison referred to in subsection (1) requires the conversion of currencies; and

(b) the rate of exchange between those currencies has undergone a short-term fluctuation;

the Minister may, for the purpose of that comparison, disregard that fluctuation.

(4) If:

(a) the comparison referred to in subsection (1) requires the conversion of currencies; and

(b) the Minister is satisfied that the rate of exchange between those currencies has undergone a sustained movement;

the Minister may, by notice published in the *Gazette*, declare that this subsection applies with effect from a day specified in the notice and, if the Minister does so, the Minister may use the rate of exchange in force on that day for the purposes of that comparison during the period of 60 days starting on that day.

(5) Nothing in subsection (4) prevents the Minister specifying a day in a notice that is earlier than the day of publication of the notice if the day specified:

(a) is a day after the start of the sustained movement; and

(b) is not a day occurring within 60 days after the day specified in a prior notice.

(6) Nothing in subsection (4) prevents the Minister publishing more than one notice if a sustained movement in the rate of exchange continues for more than 60 days.

(7) The CEO may, if he or she considers it desirable so to do for the avoidance of doubt, specify, by notice published in the *Gazette*, a means of establishing a rate that is taken to be, or to have been, the rate of exchange between the Australian currency and another currency or between other currencies:

(a) on a day, or during a period, preceding the day of publication of the notice; or

(b) from and including the day of publication of the notice, or an earlier day specified in the notice, until the revocation of the notice.

(8) The rate of exchange established between currencies in a notice under subsection (7) is, for the purpose of working out the amount of duty or interim duty payable on any goods exported on the day or during the period to which the rate so specified applies, the rate of exchange that applies for the purposes of this section in respect of the currencies specified in the notice.

269TAG Minister may take anti-dumping measures on own initiative

(1) Nothing in this Part implies that the Minister cannot initiate an investigation into the need to take anti-dumping measures in respect of goods although no application has been made under section 269TB for the taking of such measures in respect of such goods.

(2) An investigation under subsection (1) must be carried out in accordance with the Minister's written requirements instead of the requirements set out in this Part.

(3) The Minister may, subject to subsection (4), take anti-dumping measures as a result of the investigation as if the investigation had been carried out under this Part.

(4) The Minister must not take such anti-dumping measures unless the Minister:

(a) has determined any matters which the Minister would be required to determine; and

(b) is satisfied of any matters of which the Minister would be required to be satisfied;

in order to take those measures if the investigation had been carried out in accordance with the requirements of the other provisions of this Part.

(5) The Minister must ensure that:

(a) his or her instructions under subsection (2) for the conduct of an investigation referred to in subsection (1); and

(b) his or her actions in taking any anti-dumping measures as a result of such an investigation;

are consistent with Australia's international obligations under the World Trade Organization Agreement.

(6) The anti-dumping measures taken and any matters determined to permit the taking of those measures are to be treated, for all purposes of this Act and the Dumping Duty Act, as measures taken, and matters determined, under the relevant provisions of this Part.

269TA Minister may give directions to CEO in relation to powers and duties under this Part

(1) The Minister may give to the CEO such written directions in connection with carrying out or giving effect to the CEO's powers and duties under this Part as the Minister thinks fit, and the CEO shall comply with any directions so given.

(2) A direction under subsection (1) shall not deal with carrying out or giving effect to the powers or duties of the CEO in relation to a particular consignment of goods or to like goods to goods in a particular consignment but shall deal instead with the general principles for carrying out or giving effect to the CEO's powers.

(3) Where the Minister gives a direction to the CEO, the Minister shall:

(a) cause a written notice setting out particulars of the direction to be published in the *Gazette* as soon as practicable after giving the direction; and

(b) cause a copy of that notice to be laid before each House of the Parliament within 15 sitting days of that House after the publication of the notice in the *Gazette*.

(4) A notice setting out particulars of a direction is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 46A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Division 2—Consideration of anti-dumping matters by the CEO

269TBA What this Division is about

This Division:

- sets out the requirements for making applications for the publication of dumping duty notices and countervailing duty notices;
- sets out the procedures to be followed, and the matters to be considered, by the CEO in conducting investigations in relation to goods covered by such applications, for the purpose of making a report to the Minister;
- empowers Customs, in certain cases, to take securities in respect of interim duty that may become payable, in order to prevent injury to Australian industry while such investigations continue;
- sets out the circumstances in which the CEO must terminate such investigations.

269TB Application for action under Dumping Duty Act

(1) Where:

(a) a consignment of goods:

(i) has been imported into Australia;

(ii) is likely to be imported into Australia; or

(iii) may be imported into Australia, being like goods to goods to which subparagraph (i) or (ii) applies;

(b) there is, or may be established, an Australian industry producing like goods; and

(c) a person believes that there are, or may be, reasonable grounds for the publication of a dumping duty notice or a

countervailing duty notice in respect of the goods in the consignment;

that person may, by application in writing lodged with the Customs in accordance with subsection (5), request that the Minister publish that notice in respect of the goods in the consignment.

(2) Where:

(a) a consignment of goods produced or manufactured in a country other than Australia:

(i) has been imported into Australia;

(ii) is likely to be imported into Australia; or

(iii) may be imported into Australia, being like goods to goods to which subparagraph (i) or (ii) applies; and

(b) there is, in a third country, an industry that produces or manufactures like goods for export to Australia; and

(c) the Government of that third country believes that there are, or may be, reasonable grounds for the publication of a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice in respect of the goods in the consignment;

the Government of that third country may, by application in writing lodged with the Customs in accordance with subsection (5), request that the Minister publish that notice in respect of the goods in the consignment.

(2A) During the period after receiving an application for a dumping duty notice and before giving public notice under subsection 269TC(4) of a decision not to reject the application, the CEO must notify the government of the country, or of each country, whose exporters are nominated in the application.

(2B) During the period after receiving an application for a countervailing duty notice and before giving public notice under subsection 269TC(4) of a decision not to reject the application, the CEO must notify:

(a) the government of the country, or of each country, whose exporters are nominated in the application; and

(b) the government of any other country from which countervailable subsidies are alleged to have been received.

(2C) A notification by the CEO under subsection (2B) must include an invitation to consult with the CEO in relation to whether:

(a) any countervailable subsidies exist; and

(b) any such subsidies, if found to exist, are causing or are likely to cause material injury of a kind referred to in paragraph 269TJ(1)(b) or 269TK(1)(b);

with the aim of arriving at a mutually agreed solution.

(3) An applicant may, at any time before the Minister decides:

(a) to publish a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice in respect of an exporter to whom the application extends; or

(b) to accept an undertaking from an exporter to whom the application extends or from a country to whose exporters the application extends;

by notice in writing lodged with Customs in accordance with subsection (5), withdraw the application so far as it extends to that exporter, or to exporters exporting from that country, as the case requires.

(4) An application under subsection (1) or (2) or a notice under subsection (3) withdrawing such an application must:

(a) be in writing; and

(b) be in an approved form; and

(c) contain such information as the form requires; and

(d) be signed in the manner indicated in the form; and

(e) in the case of an application under subsection (1)—be supported by a sufficient part of the domestic industry.

(5) An application, or a notice withdrawing an application, may be lodged with the Customs:

(a) by giving it to an officer doing duty in relation to the receipt of dumping applications; or

(b) by posting it by pre-paid post to a postal address specified in the approved form; or

(c) by sending it by electronic facsimile to a facsimile number specified in the approved form;

and the application or notice is taken to have been received by Customs when the application or notice, or a facsimile of the

application or notice, is first received by an officer doing duty in relation to the receipt of dumping applications.

(6) An application under subsection (1) in relation to a consignment of goods is taken to be supported by a sufficient part of the domestic industry if the CEO is satisfied that persons (including the applicant) who produce or manufacture like goods in Australia and who support the application:

(a) account for more than 50% of the total production or manufacture of like goods produced or manufactured by that portion of the Australian industry that has expressed either support for, or opposition to, the application; and

(b) account for not less than 25% of the total production or manufacture of like goods in Australia.

269TC Consideration of application

(1) The CEO shall, within 20 days after Customs receives an application under subsection 269TB(1) in respect of goods, examine the application and, if the CEO is not satisfied, having regard to the matters contained in the application and to any other information that the CEO considers relevant:

(a) that the application complies with subsection 269TB(4); or

(b) that there is, or is likely to be established, an Australian industry in respect of like goods; or

(c) that there appear to be reasonable grounds:

(i) for the publication of a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice, as the case requires, in respect of the goods the subject of the application; or

(ii) for the publication of such a notice upon the importation into Australia of such goods;

he or she shall reject the application and inform the applicant, by notice in writing, accordingly.

(2) The CEO shall, within 20 days after Customs receives an application by the Government of a country under subsection 269TB(2) in respect of goods, examine the application and, if the CEO is not satisfied, having regard to the matters contained in the application and to any other information that the CEO considers relevant:

(a) that the application complies with subsection 269TB(4); or

(b) that there is a producer or manufacturer of like goods in that country who exports such goods to Australia; or

(c) that there appear to be reasonable grounds:

(i) for the publication of a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice, as the case requires, in respect of the goods the subject of the application; or

(ii) for the publication of such a notice upon the importation into Australia of such goods;

he or she shall reject the application and inform the applicant, by notice in writing, accordingly.

(2A) If an applicant, after lodging an application under section 269TB, decides to give Customs further information in support of that application without having been requested to do so:

(a) the information may be lodged with Customs, in writing, in accordance with section 269TB; and

(b) the information is taken to have been received by Customs in accordance with subsection 269TB(5); and

(c) this Part has effect as if:

(i) the application had included that further information; and

(ii) the application had only been lodged when that further information was lodged; and

(iii) the application had only been received when that further information was received.

(3) Where, in accordance with subsection (1) or (2), the CEO rejects an application, the notice informing the applicant of that rejection:

(a) shall state the reasons why the CEO was not satisfied of one or more of the matters set out in that subsection; and

(b) shall inform the applicant of the applicant's right, within 30 days of the receipt of the notice, to apply for a review of the CEO's decision by the Review Officer under Division 9.

(4) If the CEO decides not to reject an application under subsection 269TB(1) or (2) in respect of goods, the CEO must give public notice of the decision:

(a) setting out particulars of goods the subject of the application; and

(b) setting out the identity of the applicant; and

(ba) setting out the countries of export known to be involved; and

(bb) if the application is for a countervailing duty notice—also setting out the countries from which countervailable subsidisation is alleged to have been received; and

(bc) setting a date, which should be the date or estimated date of publication of the notice, as the date of initiation of the investigation; and

(bd) indicating the basis on which dumping or countervailable subsidisation is alleged to have occurred; and

(be) summarising the factors on which the allegation of injury or hindrance to the establishment of an industry is based; and

(bf) indicating that a report will be made to the Minister:

(i) within 155 days after the date of initiation of the investigation; or

(ii) if the 110 days referred to in paragraph (e) is extended by the Minister—within the period of 155 days as similarly so extended;

on the basis of the examination of exportations to Australia of goods the subject of the application during a period specified in the notice as the investigation period in relation to the application; and

(c) inviting interested parties to lodge with the CEO, within a specified period of not more than 40 days after the date of initiation of the investigation, submissions concerning the publication of the notice sought in the application; and

(d) stating that if the CEO, in accordance with section 269TD, makes a preliminary affirmative determination in relation to the application, he or she may apply provisional measures, including the taking of securities under section 42, in respect

of interim duty that may become payable on the importation of the goods the subject of the application; and

(e) stating that:

(i) within 110 days after the date of initiation of the investigation; or

(ii) such longer period as the Minister allows under section 269ZHI;

the CEO, in accordance with section 269TDAA, will place on the public record a statement of the essential facts on which the CEO proposes to base a recommendation to the Minister; and

(f) inviting interested parties to lodge with the CEO, within 20 days of that statement being placed on the public record, submissions in response to that statement; and

(g) indicating the address at which, or the manner in which, submissions under paragraph (c) or (f) can be lodged; and

(h) stating that if the Minister decides to publish or not to publish a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice after considering the report referred to in paragraph (bf), certain persons will have the right to seek review of that decision in accordance with Division 9.

(5) Information required to be included in the notice under subsection (4) may be included in a separate report to which the notice makes reference.

(6) Despite the fact that a notice under this section specifies a particular period for interested parties to lodge submissions with the CEO, if the CEO is satisfied, by representation in writing by an interested party:

(a) that a longer period is reasonably required for the party to make a submission; and

(b) that allowing a longer period will be practicable in the circumstances;

the CEO may notify the party, in writing, that a specified further period will be allowed for the party to lodge a submission.

(7) As soon as practicable after the CEO decides not to reject an application under section 269TB for a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice, the CEO must ensure that a copy of the

application, or of so much of the application as is not claimed to be confidential or to constitute information whose publication would adversely affect a person's business or commercial interests, is made available:

(a) unless paragraph (b) applies—to all persons known to be exporters of goods the subject of the application and to the government of each country of export; or

(b) if the number of persons known to be exporters of goods the subject of the application is so large that it is not practicable to provide a copy of the application, or of so much of the application as is not the subject of such a claim, to each of them—to the government of each country of export and to each relevant trade association.

269TD Preliminary affirmative determinations

(1) At any time not earlier than 60 days after the date of initiation of an investigation as to whether there are sufficient grounds for the publication of a dumping duty notice, or a countervailing duty notice, in respect of goods the subject of an application under section 269TB, the CEO may, if he or she is satisfied:

(a) that there appears to be sufficient grounds for the publication of such a notice; or

(b) that it appears that there will be sufficient grounds for the publication of such a notice subsequent to the importation into Australia of such goods;

make a determination (a ***preliminary affirmative determination***) to that effect.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), in deciding whether to make such a preliminary affirmative determination, the CEO:

(a) must have regard to:

(i) the application concerned; and

(ii) any submissions concerning publication of the notice that are received by Customs within 40 days after the date of initiation of the investigation; and

(b) may have regard to any other matters that the CEO considers relevant.

(3) The CEO is not obliged to have regard to any submission that is received by Customs after the end of the period referred to in subparagraph (2)(a)(ii) if to do so would, in the CEO's opinion, prevent the timely consideration of the question whether or not to make a preliminary affirmative determination.

(4) If the CEO makes a preliminary affirmative determination:

(a) the CEO must give public notice of that determination; and

(b) Customs may, at the time of making that determination or at any later time during the investigation, require and take securities under section 42 in respect of interim duty that may become payable if the officer of Customs taking the securities is satisfied that it is necessary to do so to prevent material injury to an Australian industry occurring while the investigation continues.

(5) If Customs decides to require and take securities under subsection (4), the CEO must give public notice of that decision.

269TDAA Statement of essential facts in relation to investigation of application under section 269TB

(1) The CEO must, within 110 days after the date of initiation of an investigation arising from an application under section 269TB or such longer period as the Minister allows under section 269ZHI, place on the public record a statement of the facts (the ***statement of essential facts***) on which the CEO proposes to base a recommendation to the Minister in relation to that application.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), in formulating the statement of essential facts, the CEO:

(a) must have regard to:

(i) the application concerned; and

(ii) any submissions concerning publication of the notice that are received by Customs within 40 days after the date of initiation of the investigation; and

(b) may have regard to any other matters that the CEO considers relevant.

(3) The CEO is not obliged to have regard to a submission received by Customs after the end of the period referred to in

subparagraph (2)(a)(ii) if to do so would, in the CEO's opinion, prevent the timely placement of the statement of essential facts on the public record.

269TDA Termination of investigations

CEO must terminate if all dumping margins are negligible

(1) If:

(a) application is made for a dumping duty notice; and

(b) in an investigation, for the purposes of the application, of an exporter to Australia of goods the subject of the application, the CEO is satisfied that:

(i) there has been no dumping by the exporter of any of those goods; or

(ii) there has been dumping by the exporter of some or all of those goods, but the dumping margin for the exporter, or each such dumping margin, worked out under section 269TACB, when expressed as a percentage of the export price or weighted average of export prices used to establish that dumping margin, is less than 2%;

the CEO must terminate the investigation so far as it relates to the exporter.

CEO must terminate if countervailable subsidisation is negligible

(2) If:

(a) application is made for a countervailing duty notice; and

(b) in an investigation, for the purposes of the application, of an exporter to Australia of goods the subject of the application, the CEO is satisfied that:

(i) no countervailable subsidy has been received in respect of any of those goods; or

(ii) a countervailable subsidy has been received in respect of some or all of those goods but it never, at any time after the start of the investigation period, exceeded the negligible level of countervailable subsidy under subsection (16);

the CEO must terminate the investigation so far as it relates to the exporter.

CEO must terminate if negligible volumes of dumping are found

(3) If:

(a) application is made for a dumping duty notice; and

(b) in an investigation for the purposes of the application the CEO is satisfied that the total volume of goods the subject of the application:

(i) that have been, or may be, exported to Australia over a reasonable examination period from a particular country of export; and

(ii) that have been, or may be, dumped;

is negligible;

the CEO must terminate the investigation so far as it relates to that country.

What is a negligible volume of dumped goods?

(4) For the purpose of subsection (3), the total volume of goods the subject of the application that have been, or may be, exported to Australia over a reasonable examination period from the particular country of export and dumped is taken to be a negligible volume if:

(a) when expressed as a percentage of the total Australian import volume, it is less than 3%; and

(b) subsection (5) does not apply in relation to those first-mentioned goods.

Aggregation of volumes of dumped goods

(5) For the purposes of subsection (4), this subsection applies in relation to goods the subject of the application that have been, or

may be, exported to Australia over a reasonable examination period from the particular country of export and dumped if:

(a) the volume of such goods that have been, or may be, so exported from that country and dumped, when expressed as a percentage of the total Australian import volume, is less than 3%; and

(b) the volume of goods the subject of the application that have been, or may be, exported to Australia over that period from another country of export and dumped, when expressed as a percentage of the total Australian import volume, is also less than 3%; and

(c) the total volume of goods the subject of the application that have been, or may be, exported to Australia over that period from the country to which paragraph (a) applies, and from all countries to which paragraph (b) applies, and dumped, when expressed as a percentage of the total Australian import volume, is more than 7%.

Negligible dumping margins to count in determining volume

(6) The fact that the dumping margin, or each of the dumping margins, in relation to a particular exporter, when expressed as a percentage of the export price or weighted average of export prices used to establish that dumping margin, is less than 2%, does not prevent exports by that exporter being taken into account:

(a) in working out the total volume of goods that have been, or may be, exported from a country of export and dumped; and

(b) in aggregating, for the purposes of subsection (5), the volumes of goods that have been, or may be, exported from that country of export and other countries of export and dumped.

CEO must terminate if negligible volumes of countervailable subsidisation are found

(7) If:

(a) application is made for a countervailing duty notice; and

(b) in an investigation for the purposes of the application, the CEO is satisfied that the total volume of goods the subject of the application:

(i) that have been, or may be, exported to Australia from a particular country of export during a reasonable examination period; and

(ii) in respect of which a countervailable subsidy has been, or may be, received;

is negligible;

the CEO must terminate the investigation so far as it relates to that country.

What is a negligible volume of subsidised goods?

(8) For the purposes of subsection (7), the total volume of goods the subject of the application for a countervailing duty notice that have been, or may be, exported to Australia over a reasonable examination period from the particular country of export and in respect of which a countervailable subsidy has been received is taken to be a negligible volume if:

(a) that country of export is not a developing country and that total volume, when expressed as a percentage of the total Australian import volume, is less than 3%; or

(b) that country of export is a developing country and that total volume, when expressed as a percentage of the total Australian import volume, is less than 4%;

and subsections (9), (10) and (11) do not apply in relation to those first-mentioned goods.

Aggregation of volumes of subsidised goods from countries other than developing countries

(9) For the purposes of subsection (8), this subsection applies in relation to goods the subject of the application that have been, or may be, exported to Australia over a reasonable examination period from the particular country of export and in respect of which a countervailable subsidy has been, or may be, received, if:

(a) the country of export is not a developing country; and

(b) the volume of such goods:

(i) that have been, or may be, exported to Australia over that period from that country; and

(ii) in respect of which a countervailable subsidy has been, or may be, received;

when expressed as a percentage of the total Australian import volume, is less than 3%; and

(c) the volume of goods the subject of the application:

(i) that have been, or may be, exported to Australia over that period from another country that is not a developing country; and

(ii) in respect of which a countervailable subsidy has been, or may be, received;

when expressed as a percentage of the total Australian import volume, is also less than 3%; and

(d) the total volume of goods the subject of the application:

(i) that have been, or may be, exported to Australia over that period from the country to which paragraph (b) applies and from all countries to which paragraph (c) applies; and

(ii) in respect of which a countervailable subsidy has been, or may be, received;

when expressed as a percentage of the total Australian import volume, is more than 7%.

Aggregation of volumes of subsidised goods from developing countries

(10) For the purposes of subsection (8), this subsection applies in relation to goods the subject of the application that have been, or may be, exported to Australia over a reasonable examination period from the particular country of export and in respect of which a countervailable subsidy has been, or may be, received if:

(a) the country of export is a developing country; and

(b) the volume of such goods:

(i) that have been, or may be, exported to Australia over that period from that country; and

(ii) in respect of which a countervailable subsidy has been, or may be, received;

when expressed as a percentage of the total Australian import volume, is less than 4%; and

(c) the volume of goods the subject of the application:

(i) that have been, or may be, exported to Australia over that period from another country that is a developing country; and

(ii) in respect of which a countervailable subsidy has been, or may be, received;

when expressed as a percentage of the total Australian import volume, is also less than 4%; and

(d) the total volume of goods the subject of the application:

(i) that have been, or may be, exported to Australia over that period from the country to which paragraph (b) applies and from all countries to which paragraph (c) applies; and

(ii) in respect of which a countervailable subsidy has been, or may be received;

when expressed as a percentage of the total Australian import volume, is more than 9%.

Aggregation of volumes of subsidised goods from member countries that are developing countries

(11) For the purposes of subsection (8), this subsection applies in relation to goods the subject of the application that have been, or may be, exported to Australia over a reasonable examination period from the particular country of export and in respect of which a countervailable subsidy has been, or may be, received if:

(a) the country of export is a member country and a developing country; and

(b) the volume of such goods;

(i) that have been, or may be exported to Australia over that period from that country; and

(ii) in respect of which a countervailable subsidy has been, or may be, received;

when expressed as a percentage of the total Australian import volume, is less than 4%; and

(c) the volume of goods the subject of the application:

(i) that have been, or may be, exported to Australia over that period from another member country that is a developing country; and

(ii) in respect of which a countervailable subsidy has been, or may be, received;

when expressed as a percentage of the total Australian import volume, is less than 4%; and

(d) the volume of goods the subject of the application:

(i) that have been, or may be, exported to Australia over that period from the country to which paragraph (b) applies and from all countries to which paragraph (c) applies; and

(ii) in respect of which a countervailable subsidy has been, or may be, received;

when expressed as a percentage of the total Australian import volume, is more than 9%.

Negligible countervailable subsidies to count in determining volume

(12) The fact that the level of countervailable subsidy that has been, or may be, received in respect of goods that have been, exported, or may be exported, to Australia from a country of export is a negligible level under subsection (16) does not prevent exports from that country being taken into account:

(a) in working out the total volume of goods that have been, or may be, exported from a country of export and in respect of which a countervailable subsidy has been, or may be, payable; and

(b) in aggregating, for the purposes of subsection (9), (10) or (11), volumes of goods that have been, or may be, exported to Australia from that country and other countries and in respect of which a countervailing subsidy has been, or may be, received.

CEO must terminate investigation if dumping causes negligible injury

(13) If:

(a) application is made for a dumping duty notice; and

(b) in an investigation, for the purposes of the application, of goods the subject of the application that have been, or may

be, exported to Australia from a particular country of export, the CEO is satisfied that:

(i) there has been, or may be, dumping of some or all of those goods; but

(ii) the injury, if any, to an Australian industry or an industry in a third country, or the hindrance, if any, to the establishment of an Australian industry, that has been, or may be, caused by that dumping is negligible;

the CEO must terminate the investigation so far as it relates to that country.

CEO must terminate investigation if subsidisation causes negligible injury

(14) If:

(a) application is made for a countervailing duty notice; and

(b) in an investigation, for the purpose of the application, of goods the subject of the application that have been, or may be, exported to Australia from a particular country of export, the CEO is satisfied that:

(i) a countervailable subsidy has been, or may be, received in respect of some or all of those goods; but

(ii) the injury, if any, to an Australian industry or an industry in a third country has been, or may be, caused by the subsidisation is negligible;

the CEO must terminate the investigation so far as it relates to that country.

CEO must give public notice of termination decisions

(15) If the CEO decides to terminate an investigation so far as it relates to a particular exporter or country of export, the CEO must:

(a) give public notice of that decision; and

(b) ensure that:

(i) in the case of an exporter, a copy of the notice is sent to the applicant, the exporter and the government of the country of export; or

(ii) in the case of a country of export, a copy of the notice is sent to the applicant and the government of that country; and

(c) inform the applicant of the applicant's right, within 30 days after the first publication of the public notice, to apply for a review of the CEO's decision by the Review Officer under Division 9.

Negligible countervailable subsidisation

(16) For the purposes of this section, a countervailable subsidy received in respect of goods exported to Australia is negligible if:

(a) the country of export is not a developing country and the subsidy, when expressed as a percentage of the export price of the goods, is less than 1%; or

(b) the country of export is a developing country but not a special developing country and the subsidy, when expressed as a percentage of the export price of the goods, is not more than 2%; or

(c) the country of export is a special developing country and the subsidy, when expressed as a percentage of the export price of the goods, is not more than 3%.

Definition—reasonable examination period

(17) In this section:

reasonable examination period, in relation to an application for a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice in respect of goods, means a period comprising:

(a) the whole or a substantial part of the investigation period; or

(b) any period after the end of the investigation period that is taken into account for the purpose of considering possible future importations of goods the subject of the application.

total Australian import volume, in relation to a volume of goods the subject of an application for a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice that have been, or may be, exported to Australia from a particular country during a period, means the total volume of all goods the subject of the application and like

goods that have been, or may be, exported to Australia from all countries during that period.

269TE CEO to have regard to same considerations as Minister

(1) In this section:

decision means:

(a) a decision of the CEO under section 269TC or 269TD; or

(b) a decision contained in a report by the CEO under section 269ZZL.

recommendation means:

(a) a recommendation included in a report prepared by the CEO under section 269TEA, 269ZDA, 269ZG or 269ZHF; or

(b) a recommendation by the CEO to the Minister under section 269TEB or 269X.

(2) If the CEO is required, in making a recommendation or decision, to determine any matter ordinarily required to be determined by the Minister under this Act or the Dumping Duty Act, the CEO must determine the matter:

(a) in like manner as if he or she were the Minister; and

(b) having regard to the considerations to which the Minister would be required to have regard if the Minister were determining the matter.

(3) Subsection (2) applies in respect of goods that have not been imported into Australia at the time of the CEO's determination of a matter in respect of those goods as if:

(a) the CEO's determination of the matter were being made after an importation of those goods into Australia; and

(b) the importation had occurred at the time of the anticipated importation of those goods into Australia.

(4) Nothing in this section implies that the determination of a matter by the CEO affects the power of the Minister to make a final determination in respect of that matter for the purposes of the Dumping Duty Act.

269TEA Report to Minister concerning publication of notices under this Part

(1) If:

(a) application has been made under section 269TB for publication of a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice; and

(b) the CEO has initiated an investigation in respect of the application under section 269TC;

the CEO must, after holding such an investigation and before the end of the period for reporting to the Minister that is referred to in paragraph 269TC(4)(bf), give the Minister a report in respect of the goods the subject of the application that:

(c) recommends whether any such notice should be published and the extent of any duties that are, or should be, payable under the Dumping Duty Act because of that notice; and

(d) recommends, in particular, whether the Minister ought to be satisfied as to the matters in respect of which the Minister is required to be satisfied before such a notice can be published; and

(e) recommends, where applicable, whether the Minister ought to give notice to the exporter under subsection 269TG(3D) or to the government of the country of export or to the exporter under subsection 269TJ(2A).

(2) The CEO's report must, to the extent that it is practicable to do so, also extend to any like goods not covered by the application but imported into Australia during the period starting on the date of initiation of the investigation and ending 20 days after the statement of essential facts in respect of the investigation is placed on the public record.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), in deciding on the recommendations to be made to the Minister in the CEO's report in relation to an application under section 269TB for publication of a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice, the CEO:

(a) must have regard to:

(i) the application; and

(ii) any submission concerning the publication of that notice to which the CEO has had regard for the purpose of formulating the statement of essential facts; and

(iii) the statement of essential facts; and

(iv) any submission made in response to that statement that is received by Customs within 20 days after the placing of that statement on the public record; and

(b) may have regard to any other matters that the CEO considers to be relevant.

(4) The CEO is not obliged to have regard to any submission made in response to the statement of essential facts that is received by Customs after the end of the period referred to in subparagraph (3)(a)(iv) if to do so would, in the CEO's opinion, prevent the timely preparation of the report to the Minister.

(5) The report to the Minister must include a statement of the CEO's reasons for any recommendation contained in the report that:

(a) sets out the material findings of fact on which that recommendation is based; and

(b) provides particulars of the evidence relied on to support those findings.

269TEB CEO recommendations concerning undertakings offered after preliminary affirmative determination

(1) A person who:

(a) if application has been made for publication of a dumping duty notice in respect of goods—is an exporter of such goods; or

(b) if application has been made for publication of a countervailing duty notice in respect of goods—is the government of the country of export, or is an exporter, of such goods;

may, at any time after the making of a preliminary affirmative determination in respect of the application, indicate in writing to the CEO the terms in which the government or exporter would be prepared to give an undertaking to the Minister.

(2) The CEO must consider whether he or she is satisfied that those terms are adequate to remove the injury, or the threat of injury, to which the application is addressed so far as the government or exporter offering the undertaking is concerned and, by notice in writing:

(a) if the CEO is so satisfied—recommend to the Minister that he or she accept the undertaking; or

(b) if the CEO is not so satisfied—indicate to the government or exporter the reasons why he or she is not so satisfied.

(3) A government or an exporter may, having regard to those reasons, indicate to the CEO that the government or exporter is prepared to give an undertaking to the Minister in revised terms.

(4) If an undertaking in revised terms is proposed to the CEO, the CEO must:

(a) if he or she is not satisfied that the undertaking as so revised is adequate to remove the injury, or the threat of injury, to which the application is addressed—inform the government or exporter to that effect; and

(b) if he or she is so satisfied—recommend to the Minister that the Minister accept the undertaking as revised.

(5) If the Minister accepts the undertaking proposed by a government, investigation of the application is suspended so far as it relates to goods exported from that country.

(6) If the Minister accepts the undertaking proposed by an exporter, investigation of the application is suspended so far as it relates to goods exported by that exporter.

(7) If:

(a) investigation of an application is suspended:

(i) so far as it relates to goods exported from a particular country; or

(ii) so far as it relates to goods exported by a particular exporter;

on the Minister's acceptance of an undertaking proposed by the government of that country or by that exporter; and

(b) that government or exporter breaches that undertaking;

the Minister may take such steps as he or she considers necessary to facilitate the resumption of the investigation in so far as it relates to goods exported from that country or by that exporter.

(8) Without limiting the generality of subsection (7), the Minister may, in writing, require the CEO to resume the investigation so far as it relates to goods exported from the country, or by the exporter, who breached the undertaking subject to such conditions as to the conduct of the investigation as the Minister considers appropriate.

(9) In determining the steps to be taken in order to facilitate the resumption of an investigation, and, where the Minister requires that the CEO resume the investigation, to determine the conditions on which the resumed investigation is to be conducted, the Minister must have regard to:

(a) the procedures that had been completed when the undertaking was accepted; and

(b) the length of time that has elapsed since the acceptance of the undertaking.

(10) The CEO is not obliged to consider the terms of any proposed undertaking provided by a government or an exporter if to do so would prevent the timely making of a recommendation by the CEO to the Minister under section 269TEA.

(11) If the CEO does not recommend the acceptance of an undertaking under this section, the CEO may nonetheless recommend to the Minister that he or she seek an undertaking from the government or exporter who proposed the undertaking and set out the terms of the undertaking that he or she recommends the Minister seek.

Division 3—Consideration of anti-dumping matters by the Minister

269TF What this Division is about

This Division sets out the role of the Minister in considering an anti-dumping matter. The Minister will normally be acting after receipt of a report from the CEO. In particular, the Division:

- empowers the Minister to publish dumping duty notices or countervailing duty notices;
- empowers the Minister to accept undertakings rather than publish such notices;
- outlines the matters of which the Minister must be satisfied before publishing such notices or accepting such undertakings;
- indicates the period during which such notices or undertakings remain in force;
- sets out the circumstances in which such notices can extend to goods already exported.

269TG Dumping duties

(1) Subject to section 269TN, where the Minister is satisfied, as to any goods that have been exported to Australia, that:

(a) the amount of the export price of the goods is less than the amount of the normal value of those goods; and

(b) because of that:

(i) material injury to an Australian industry producing like goods has been or is being caused or is threatened, or the establishment of an Australian industry producing like goods has been or may be materially hindered; or

(ii) in a case where security has been taken under section 42 in respect of any interim duty that may become payable on the goods under section 8 of the Dumping Duty Act—material injury to an Australian industry producing like goods would or might have been caused if the security had not been taken;

the Minister may, by public notice, declare that section 8 of that Act applies:

(c) to the goods in respect of which the Minister is so satisfied; and

(d) to like goods that were exported to Australia after the CEO made a preliminary affirmative determination under section 269TD in respect of the goods referred to in paragraph (c) but before the publication of that notice.

(2) Where the Minister is satisfied, as to goods of any kind, that:

(a) the amount of the export price of like goods that have already been exported to Australia is less than the amount of the normal value of those goods, and the amount of the export price of like goods that may be exported to Australia in the future may be less than the normal value of the goods; and

(b) because of that, material injury to an Australian industry producing like goods has been or is being caused or is threatened, or the establishment of an Australian industry producing like goods has been or may be materially hindered;

the Minister may, by public notice (whether or not he or she has made, or proposes to make, a declaration under subsection (1) in respect of like goods that have been exported to Australia), declare that section 8 of the Dumping Duty Act applies to like goods that are exported to Australia after the date of publication of the notice or such later date as is specified in the notice.

(3) Where:

(a) a notice under subsection (1) declares particular goods to be goods to which section 8 of the Dumping Duty Act applies; or

(b) a notice under subsection (2) declares like goods in relation to goods of a particular kind to be goods to which that section applies;

the notice must, subject to subsection (3A), include a statement of the respective amounts that the Minister ascertained, at the time of publication of the notice:

(c) was or would be the normal value of the goods to which the declaration relates; and

(d) was or would be the export price of those goods; and

(e) was or would be the non-injurious price of those goods.

(3A) If any person who has provided information to assist the Minister to ascertain the normal value, export price or non-injurious price of goods to which a declaration under subsection (1) or (2) relates claims, in writing, that the information is confidential or that the inclusion in a notice under that subsection of that value or price would adversely affect the person's business or commercial interests:

(a) in accordance with subsection 269ZI(9) the Minister is not required to include in the notice a statement of that value or price; but

(b) upon request the CEO may notify that value or price to persons who, in the CEO's opinion, would be affected parties in any review of the rate of interim duty imposed on like goods to the goods to which the declaration relates.

(3B) In ascertaining a normal value and export price for goods of the residual exporter, the Minister must ensure that:

(a) the normal value does not exceed the weighted average of normal values for like goods of selected exporters from the same country of export; and

(b) the export price is not less than the weighted average of export prices for like goods of selected exporters from the same country of export.

(3C) For the purposes of subsection (3B), the weighted average of normal values and the weighted average of export prices of the selected exporters must not include any normal value or export price if:

(a) in a comparison under section 269TACB involving that normal value or export price, the Minister has determined:

(i) that there is no dumping; or

(ii) that the dumping margin, when expressed as a percentage of the export price or weighted average of export prices used to establish that dumping margin, is less than 2%; or

(b) that normal value was determined under subsection 269TAC(6) or that export price was determined under subsection 269TAB(3).

(3D) If the export of a consignment of goods to Australia by an exporter has been under consideration by the Minister so as to decide whether or not to publish a dumping duty notice under this section in relation to the goods in the consignment or to like goods, the Minister may give notice, in writing, to the exporter stating that:

(a) the Minister is of the opinion that it would be appropriate for the exporter to give an undertaking in accordance with subsection (4) to the Minister; and

(b) an undertaking, in the terms set out in the notice, would be satisfactory to the Minister.

(4) Whether or not a notice has been given to an exporter, the Minister may defer the decision to publish or not to publish a dumping duty notice covering that exporter, for so long as the Minister considers appropriate, if the exporter offers, and the Minister accepts, an undertaking that the exporter will so conduct future trade to Australia in like goods as to avoid:

(a) causing or threatening material injury to an Australian industry producing like goods; or

(b) materially hindering the establishment of such an Australian industry.

(5) In giving a notice, and in considering the terms of any proposed undertaking, the Minister must have regard to the desirability that any price increase to which the undertaking relates is limited to an amount such that the total price of the goods is not more than the non-injurious price of the goods.

(6) The Minister:

(a) may give a notice to an exporter under subsection (3D) whether or not the giving of such a notice has been recommended by the CEO in a report under section 269TEA; and

(b) may accept an undertaking whether or not the acceptance of such an undertaking has been recommended by the CEO in a recommendation under section 269TEB; and

(c) must not give a notice to an exporter under subsection (3D), or accept an undertaking from an exporter, before a preliminary affirmative determination, or an equivalent determination in an investigation conducted under section 269TAG, has been made that extends to that exporter; and

(d) must give public notice of any undertaking so accepted.

(7) The acceptance by the Minister of an undertaking may be subject to conditions that include, but are not limited to, conditions relating to:

(a) giving the Minister, on an agreed basis, information that is relevant to the fulfilment of the undertaking; and

(b) providing the Minister with appropriate access to such information.

(8) The acceptance by the Minister of an undertaking from an exporter does not prevent the exporter requesting the Minister to determine whether, had the undertaking not been accepted, the Minister would have published a dumping duty notice or would have decided not to publish such a notice.

(9) The Minister must, if an exporter makes such a request, and may, on his or her own initiative, determine whether he or she would have published a dumping duty notice or would have decided not to publish such a notice if the undertaking had not been accepted.

(10) Subsection (9) does not imply that the Minister is required to make a determination under that subsection before the Minister has received a report of the CEO in relation to the matter.

(11) If the Minister determines under subsection (9) that he or she would have decided not to publish a dumping duty notice, the undertaking automatically lapses.

269TH Third country dumping duties

(1) Subject to section 269TN, where the Minister is satisfied, as to any goods produced or manufactured in a particular country that have been exported to Australia, that:

(a) the amount of the export price of the goods is less than the amount of the normal value of the goods; and

(b) because of that:

(i) material injury to an industry in a third country engaged in the production or manufacture of like goods has been or is being caused or is threatened; or

(ii) in a case where security has been taken under section 42 in respect of any interim duty that may become payable on the goods under section 9 of the Dumping Duty Act—material injury to an industry in a third country engaged in the production or manufacture of like goods would or might have been caused if the security had not been taken;

the Minister, if requested by the Government of the third country to do so, may, by public notice, declare that section 9 of that Act applies:

(c) to the goods in respect of which the Minister is so satisfied; and

(d) to like goods that were exported to Australia after the CEO made a preliminary affirmative determination under section 269TD in respect of the goods referred to in paragraph (c) but before the publication of that notice.

(2) Where the Minister is satisfied, as to goods of any kind produced or manufactured in a particular country that:

(a) the amount of the export price of like goods so produced or manufactured that have already been exported to Australia is less than the amount of the normal value of those goods, and the amount of the export price of like goods so produced or manufactured that may be exported to Australia in the future may be less than the normal value of the goods; and

(b) because of that, material injury to an industry in a third country engaged in the production or manufacture of like goods has been or is being caused or is threatened;

the Minister, if requested by the Government of the third country so to do, may, by public notice (whether or not he or she has made, or proposes to make, a declaration under subsection (1) in respect of like goods so manufactured or produced that have been exported to Australia), declare that section 9 of the Dumping Duty Act applies to like goods so produced or manufactured that are exported to Australia after the date of publication of the notice or such later date as is specified in the notice.

(3) Where:

(a) a notice under subsection (1) declares particular goods to be goods to which section 9 of the Dumping Duty Act applies; or

(b) a notice under subsection (2) declares like goods in relation to goods of a particular kind to be goods to which that section applies;

the notice must, subject to subsection (4), include a statement of the respective amounts that the Minister ascertained at the time of publication of the notice:

(c) was or would be the normal value of the goods to which the declaration relates; and

(d) was or would be the export price of those goods; and

(e) was or would be the non-injurious price of those goods.

(4) If any person who has provided information to assist the Minister to ascertain the normal value, export price or non-injurious price of goods to which a declaration under subsection (1) or (2) relates claims, in writing, that the information is confidential or that the inclusion in a notice under that subsection of that value or price would adversely affect the person's business or commercial interests:

(a) in accordance with subsection 269ZI(9), the Minister is not required to include in the notice a statement of that value or price; but

(b) upon request the CEO may notify that value or price to persons who, in the CEO's opinion, would be affected

parties in any review of the rate of interim duty imposed on like goods to the goods to which the declaration relates.

(5) In ascertaining a normal value and export price for goods of the residual exporter, the Minister must ensure that:

(a) the normal value does not exceed the weighted average of normal values for like goods of selected exporters from the same country of export; and

(b) the export price is not less than the weighted average of export prices for like goods of selected exporters from the same country of export.

(6) For the purposes of subsection (5), the weighted average of normal values and the weighted average of export prices of the selected exporters must not include any normal value or export price if:

(a) in a comparison under section 269TACB involving that normal value or export price, the Minister has determined:

(i) that there is no dumping; or

(ii) that the dumping margin, when expressed as a percentage of the export price or weighted average of export prices used to establish that dumping margin, is less than 2%; or

(b) that normal value was determined under subsection 269TAC(6) or that export price was determined under subsection 269TAB(3).

269TJ Countervailing duties

(1) Subject to section 269TN, where the Minister is satisfied, as to any goods that have been exported to Australia, that:

(a) a countervailable subsidy has been received in respect of the goods; and

(b) because of that:

(i) material injury to an Australian industry producing like goods has been or is being caused or is threatened or the establishment of an Australian industry producing like goods has been or may be materially hindered; or

(ii) in a case where security has been taken under section 42 in respect of any interim duty that may become payable on the goods under section 10 of the

Dumping Duty Act—material injury to an Australian industry producing like goods would or might have been caused if the security had not been taken;

the Minister may, by public notice, declare that section 10 of that Act applies:

(c) to the goods in respect of which the Minister is so satisfied; and

(d) to like goods that were exported to Australia after the CEO made a preliminary affirmative determination under section 269TD in respect of the goods referred to in paragraph (c) but before the publication of that notice.

(2) Where the Minister is satisfied, as to goods of any kind that:

(a) a countervailable subsidy:

(i) has been received in respect of goods the subject of the application that have already been exported to Australia; and

(ii) may be received in respect of like goods that may be exported to Australia in the future; and

(b) because of that, material injury to an Australian industry producing like goods has been or is being caused or is being threatened, or the establishment of an Australian industry producing like goods has been or may be materially hindered;

the Minister may, by public notice (whether or not he or she has made, or proposes to make, a declaration under subsection (1) in respect of like goods that have been exported to Australia), declare that section 10 of the Dumping Duty Act applies to like goods that are exported to Australia after the date of publication of the notice or such later date as is specified in the notice.

(2A) If the export of a consignment of goods to Australia has been under consideration by the Minister so as to decide whether or not to publish a countervailing duty notice under this section in relation to the goods in the consignment or to like goods, the Minister may give notice, in writing, to the government of the country of export or to the exporter stating that:

(a) the Minister is of the opinion that it would be appropriate for the government or the exporter to give an undertaking in accordance with subsection (3) to the Minister; and

(b) an undertaking, in the terms set out in the notice, would be satisfactory to the Minister.

(3) Whether or not a notice has been given to a government or to an exporter in respect of goods in the consignment or like goods, the Minister may defer the decision to publish or not to publish a countervailing duty notice covering those goods if the Minister is given and accepts an undertaking to which subsection (3A) applies.

(3A) This subsection applies:

(a) to an undertaking given by a government—if it is an undertaking that the government will, in relation to any export trade to Australia in like goods, review any countervailable subsidy delivered by that government and make any changes found to be necessary to avoid:

(i) causing or threatening material injury to an Australian industry producing like goods; or

(ii) materially hindering the establishment of such an Australian industry; and

(b) to an undertaking by an exporter—if it is an undertaking that the exporter will so conduct future trade to Australia in like goods as to avoid:

(i) causing or threatening material injury to an Australian industry producing like goods; or

(ii) materially hindering the establishment of such an Australian industry.

(3B) In giving a notice, and in considering the terms of any proposed undertaking, the Minister must have regard to the desirability that any price increase arising from the undertaking is limited to an amount such that the total price of the goods is not more than the non-injurious price of the goods.

(3C) The Minister:

(a) may give a notice under subsection (2A) whether or not the giving of such a notice has been recommended by the CEO in a recommendation under section 269TEA; and

(b) may accept an undertaking whether or not the acceptance of such an undertaking has been recommended by the CEO in a recommendation under section 269TEB; and

(c) must not:

(i) give a notice to a government or exporter under subsection (2A); or

(ii) accept an undertaking from a government or an exporter;

in respect of particular goods or like goods unless a preliminary affirmative determination, or an equivalent determination in an investigation conducted under section 269TAG, has been made to the effect that there are grounds for publication of a countervailing duty notice in respect of those like goods; and

(d) must not accept an undertaking from an exporter unless the government of the country of export consents to the giving of the undertaking; and

(e) must give public notice of any undertaking so accepted.

(3D) The acceptance by the Minister of an undertaking may be subject to conditions that include, but are not limited to, conditions relating to:

(a) giving the Minister, on an agreed basis, information that is relevant to the fulfilment of the undertaking; and

(b) providing the Minister with appropriate access to such information.

(3E) The acceptance by the Minister of an undertaking from an exporter does not prevent the exporter requesting the Minister to determine whether, had the undertaking not been accepted, the Minister would have published a countervailing duty notice or would have decided not to publish such a notice.

(3F) The Minister must, if an exporter makes such a request, and may, on his or her own initiative, determine whether he or she would have published a countervailing duty notice or would have decided not to publish such a notice if the undertaking had not been accepted.

(3G) Subsection (3F) does not imply that the Minister is required to make a determination under that subsection before the Minister has received a report from the CEO in relation to the matter.

(3H) If the Minister determines under subsection (3F) that he or she would have decided not to publish a countervailing duty notice, the undertaking automatically lapses.

(11) If a notice under subsection (1) or (2) declares particular goods to be goods to which section 10 of the Dumping Duty Act applies, the notice must, subject to subsection (12), include a statement setting out:

(a) the amount of countervailable subsidy that the Minister ascertained, at the time of publication of the notice, had been or would be received in respect of the goods to which the notice relates; and

(b) the amount that the Minister has ascertained, at that time, was or would be the non-injurious price of the goods.

(12) If any person who has provided information to assist the Minister to ascertain:

(a) the amount of any countervailable subsidy received in respect of goods to which a declaration under subsection (1) or (2) relates; or

(b) the non-injurious price of any goods to which a declaration under subsection (1) or (2) relates;

claims, in writing, that the information is confidential or that the inclusion in a notice under that subsection of the amount of that subsidy or of the amount of that non-injurious price would adversely affect the person's business or commercial interests:

(c) in accordance with subsection 269ZI(9), the Minister is not required to include a statement of that amount or that price in the notice; but

(d) upon request the CEO may provide a statement of that amount or that price to persons who, in the CEO's opinion, would be affected parties in any review of the rate of interim duty imposed on like goods to the goods to which the declaration relates.

269TJA Concurrent dumping and subsidy

(1) Where the Minister is satisfied, as to any goods that have been exported to Australia:

(a) that the amount of the export price of those goods is less than the amount of the normal value of those goods; and

(b) that a countervailable subsidy has been received in respect of the goods; and

(c) that, because of the combined effect of the difference between the 2 amounts referred to in paragraph (a) and of the subsidy referred to in paragraph (b):

(i) material injury to an Australian industry producing like goods has been or is being caused or is threatened; or

(ii) the establishment of an Australian industry producing like goods has been or may be materially hindered;

the Minister may publish a notice under subsection 269TG(1), a notice under subsection 269TJ(1) or notices under both subsections 269TG(1) and 269TJ(1) at the same time in respect of the same goods.

(2) Where the Minister is satisfied, as to goods of any kind:

(a) that the amount of the export price of like goods that have already been exported to Australia is less than the amount of the normal value of those goods, and the amount of the export price of like goods that may be exported to Australia in the future may be less than the normal value of the goods; and

(b) that a countervailable subsidy:

(i) has been received in respect of goods the subject of the application that have already been exported to Australia; and

(ii) may be received in respect of like goods that may be exported to Australia in the future; and

(c) that, because of the combined effect of the difference referred to in paragraph (a) and of the subsidy referred to in paragraph (b):

(i) material injury to an Australian industry producing like goods has been or is being caused or is being threatened; or

(ii) the establishment of an Australian industry producing like goods has been or may be materially hindered;

the Minister may publish a notice under subsection 269TG(2), a notice under subsection 269TJ(2) or notices under both subsections 269TG(2) and 269TJ(2) at the same time in respect of the same goods.

(3) If the Minister has had under consideration the export of a consignment of goods to Australia with a view to determining whether or not notices should be published in accordance with subsection (1) or (2), under both section 269TG and 269TJ in respect of the same goods, the Minister may defer the decision to publish or not to publish notices under both of those sections covering the exporter concerned if he or she is given and accepts:

(a) an undertaking by the exporter under section 269TG, and an undertaking by the exporter under section 269TJ, in respect of the same goods; or

(b) an undertaking by the exporter under section 269TG and an undertaking by the government of the country of origin, or of the country of export, of the goods in the consignment under section 269TJ.

(4) If, in respect of the same consignment of goods, the Minister accepts 2 undertakings from the exporter of the goods or an undertaking from the exporter of the goods and an undertaking from the government of the country of origin or country of export of the goods, the Minister must be satisfied that the combined effect of the undertakings is not greater than is necessary to prevent material injury or the recurrence of material injury to an Australian industry producing like goods or to remove the actual or possible hindrance to the establishment of such an Australian industry.

269TK Third country countervailing duties

(1) Subject to section 269TN, where the Minister is satisfied, as to any goods produced or manufactured in a particular country that have been exported to Australia, that:

(a) a countervailable subsidy has been received in respect of the goods; and

(b) because of that:

(i) material injury to an industry in a third country engaged in the production or manufacture of like goods has been or is being caused or is being threatened; or

(ii) in a case where security has been taken under section 42 in respect of any interim duty that may become payable on the goods under this section—material injury to an industry in a third country engaged in the production or manufacture of like goods would or might have been caused if the security had not been taken;

the Minister, if requested by the Government of the third country to do so, may, by public notice, declare that section 11 of that Act applies:

(c) to the goods in respect of which the Minister is so satisfied; and

(d) to like goods that were exported to Australia after the CEO made a preliminary affirmative determination under section 269TD in respect of the goods referred to in paragraph (c) but before the publication of that notice.

(2) Where the Minister is satisfied, as to goods of any kind produced or manufactured in a particular country that:

(a) a countervailable subsidy:

(i) has been received in respect of goods the subject of the application that have already been exported to Australia; and

(ii) may be received in respect of like goods that may be exported to Australia in the future; and

(b) by reason thereof material injury to an industry in a third country engaged in the production of like goods has been or is being caused or is being threatened;

the Minister, if requested by the Government of the third country so to do, may, by public notice (whether or not he or she has made, or makes, a declaration under subsection (1) in respect of like goods that have been exported to Australia), declare that section 11 of the Dumping Duty Act applies to like goods that are exported to Australia after the date of publication of the notice or such later date as is specified in the notice.

(3) If the Minister is satisfied that adequate information as to the amount of countervailable subsidy in relation to goods cannot be obtained for the purposes of this section, the amount of countervailable subsidy is to be taken to be such amount as is determined, in writing, by the Minister.

(4) For the purposes of this section, the benefit accruing to an exporter from the use of dual or multiple rates of exchange in relation to the proceeds of export sales is to be taken to be financial assistance paid to the exporter.

(5) Where a notice under subsection (1) or (2) declares particular goods to be goods to which section 11 of the Dumping Duty Act applies, the notice must, subject to subsection (6), include a statement setting out:

(a) the amount of countervailable subsidy that the Minister ascertained, at the time of publication of the notice, had been or would be received in respect of the goods to which the notice relates; and

(b) the amount that the Minister ascertained, at that time, was or would be the non-injurious price of the goods.

(6) If any person who has provided information to assist the Minister to ascertain:

(a) the amount of any countervailable subsidy received in respect of goods to which a notice under subsection (1) or (2) relates; or

(b) the non-injurious price of such goods;

claims, in writing, that the information is confidential or that the inclusion in a notice under that subsection of the amount of that subsidy or of the amount of that non-injurious price would adversely affect the person's business or commercial interests:

(c) in accordance with subsection 269ZI(9), the Minister is not required to include a statement of that amount or that price in the notice; but

(d) upon request the CEO may provide a statement of that amount or that price to persons who, in the CEO's opinion, would be affected parties in any review of the rate of interim duty imposed on like goods to the goods to which the declaration relates.

269TL Minister to give public notice not to impose duty

(1) Where the Minister receives a recommendation from the CEO concerning the imposition of dumping duty, third country dumping duty, countervailing duty or third country countervailing duty on particular goods or on goods of a like kind to particular goods and the Minister decides, after having regard to that recommendation, not to declare those goods to be goods to which section 8, 9, 10 or 11, as the case requires, of the Dumping Duty Act applies, the Minister must give public notice to that effect.

269TM Periods during which certain notices and undertakings to remain in force

(1) Where a notice is published after section 17 of the *Customs Legislation (Tariff Concessions and Anti-Dumping) Amendment Act 1992* commences under a relevant notification provision in respect of goods of a particular kind, that notice expires 5 years after the day on which it is published unless it is revoked before the end of that period.

(2) Where an undertaking is entered into after section 17 of the *Customs Legislation (Tariff Concessions and Anti-Dumping) Amendment Act 1992* commences under a relevant undertaking provision in respect of goods of a particular kind, that undertaking expires 5 years after the day on which it was entered into unless provision is made for its earlier expiration.

(3) If:

(a) a notice was or is published before section 17 of the *Customs Legislation (Tariff Concessions and Anti-Dumping) Amendment Act 1992* commences; and

(b) the notice is in force immediately before the commencement of that section;

the notice expires 5 years after the day on which it was published unless it is sooner revoked.

(3A) If:

(a) an undertaking was or is entered into before section 17 of the *Customs Legislation (Tariff Concessions and Anti-Dumping) Amendment Act 1992* commences; and

(b) the undertaking is in force immediately before that section commences;

the Minister must, by notice in writing, give the person who gave the undertaking the opportunity, before the undertaking expires, to extend the undertaking so that it expires 5 years after the day on which it was entered into unless provision is made for its earlier expiration.

(3B) If a person who gave an undertaking of the kind referred to in subsection (3A) refuses or fails to extend its operation in the manner referred to in subsection (3A) before the undertaking expires, the Minister may, in substitution for the extension of the undertaking, publish a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice that commences on the day after the undertaking expired and ends 2 years after that day unless it is sooner revoked.

(7) In this section:

relevant notification provision means subsection 269TG(2), 269TH(2), 269TJ(2), (4), (5) or (6) or 269TK(2).

relevant undertaking provision means subsection 269TG(4) or 269TJ(3).

269TN Retrospective notices

(1) Subject to this section, the Minister must not cause a notice to be published under subsection 269TG(1), 269TH(1), 269TJ(1) or 269TK(1) in respect of goods that have been entered for home consumption.

(2) Subsection (1) does not prevent the publication of a notice under subsection 269TG(1), 269TH(1), 269TJ(1) or 269TK(1) in respect of goods that have been entered for home consumption in relation to which security has been taken under section 42 in respect of any interim duty that might become payable under section 8, 9, 10 or 11 of the Dumping Duty Act, as the case may be (not being security that has been cancelled), by reason of the publication of such a notice or in relation to which the Customs had the right to require and take such security (not being security that would have been cancelled under this Act if it had been taken).

(3) Subsection (1) does not prevent the publication of a notice under subsection 269TG(1) in respect of goods that have been entered for home consumption to which, by virtue of subsection (4) of this section, this subsection applies, if:

(a) within 90 days after the entry of the goods for home consumption, security has been taken under section 42 in respect of any interim duty that might be payable on goods of the same kind under section 8 of the Dumping Duty Act or, within that period, the Customs had the right to require and take such security; and

(b) material injury has been caused to an Australian industry by the export to Australia during a short period of large quantities of goods of the same kind, being injury arising by reason of the amount of the export price of the goods exported being less than the amount of the normal value of the goods exported, and the Minister considers that the publication of the notice is necessary to prevent the recurrence of the injury.

(4) Subsection (3) applies to goods:

(a) that have been imported into Australia by an importer who knew, or ought to have known, that the amount of the export price of the goods was less than the normal value of the goods and that by reason thereof material injury would be caused to an Australian industry; or

(b) that are goods of a kind the exportation of which to Australia on a number of occasions has caused, or, but for the publication of a notice under section 269TG in respect of goods of that kind, would have caused, material injury to an Australian industry by reason of the amount of the export price of the goods exported being less than the normal value of the goods exported.

(4A) Before the Minister decides to publish a dumping duty notice under subsection 269TG(1) in circumstances referred to in subsection (3) of this section, in respect of goods that have already been entered for home consumption, the Minister must:

(a) inform the importer of the goods of the decision he or she proposes to make; and

(b) allow a reasonable opportunity for the importer of the goods to comment on the proposed decision; and

(c) give consideration to the comment provided by the importer.

(5) Subsection (1) does not prevent the publication of a notice under subsection 269TJ(1) in respect of goods that have been entered for home consumption if:

(a) within 90 days after the entry of the goods for home consumption, security has been taken under section 42 in respect of any interim duty that might be payable on goods of the same kind under section 10 of the Dumping Duty Act or, within that period, the Customs had the right to require and take such security; and

(b) material injury has been caused to an Australian industry by the export to Australia during a short period of large quantities of goods of the same kind because a countervailable subsidy has been received from the country of export or country of origin of those goods.

(6) Where:

(a) the Minister is satisfied that an act or omission of an exporter who has given an undertaking in accordance with subsection 269TG(4) is a violation of that undertaking; and

(b) at the time of, or at any time after, that act or omission, security has been taken under section 42 in respect of any interim duty that might be payable under section 8 of the Dumping Duty Act on goods of the kind to which the undertaking relates or the Customs had the right to require and take such security;

subsection (1) does not prevent the publication of a notice under subsection 269TG(1) of this Act in respect of goods that:

(c) have been exported by the exporter;

(d) are of the kind to which the undertaking relates; and

(e) have been entered for home consumption on a day that:

(i) was not earlier than the day on which that act or omission occurred; and

(ii) was not more than 90 days before the day on which that security was taken or there was a right to require and take such security.

(7) Where:

(a) the Minister is satisfied that an act or omission of the Government of a country that has given an undertaking in accordance with subsection 269TJ(3) is a violation of that undertaking; and

(b) at the time of, or at any time after, that act or omission, security has been taken under section 42 in respect of any interim duty that might be payable under section 10 of the Dumping Duty Act on goods of the kind to which the undertaking relates or the Customs had the right to require and take such security;

subsection (1) does not prevent the publication of a notice under subsection 269TJ(1) in respect of goods that:

(c) are the produce or manufacture of that country or have been exported from that country, as the case may be; and

(d) are of the kind to which the undertaking relates; and

(e) have been entered for home consumption on a day that:

(i) was not earlier than the day on which that act or omission occurred; and

(ii) was not more than 90 days before the day on which that security was taken or there was a right to require and take such security.

(8) Where:

(a) the Minister is satisfied that an act or omission of an exporter who has given an undertaking in accordance with subsection 269TJ(3) is a violation of that undertaking; and

(b) at the time of, or at any time after, that act or omission, security has been taken under section 42 in respect of any interim duty that might be payable under section 10 of the Dumping Duty Act on goods of the kind to which the undertaking relates or the Customs had the right to require and take such security;

subsection (1) does not prevent the publication of a notice under subsection 269TJ(1) in respect of goods that:

(c) have been exported by the exporter; and

(d) are of the kind to which the undertaking relates; and

(e) have been entered for home consumption on a day that:

(i) was not earlier than the day on which that act or omission occurred; and

(ii) was not more than 90 days before the day on which that security was taken or there was a right to require and take such security.

269TP Power to specify goods

A notice under subsection 269TG(2), 269TH(2), 269TJ(2) or 269TK(2) in respect of a kind of goods, may, without limiting the generality of those provisions be expressed to apply to:

(a) goods of that kind exported from a particular country; or

(b) goods of that kind exported by a particular exporter.

269U Inquiries in relation to undertakings [*see* Note 3]

(1) Where the Minister is considering, in relation to goods the subject of an application under section 269TB:

(a) whether to give a notice, in accordance with subsection 269TG(3D), to the exporter of the goods in the consignment in relation to an undertaking in relation to an Australian industry; or

(b) whether to give a notice, in accordance with paragraph 269TJ(3)(a), to the Government of the country of origin, or of the country of export, of the goods in the consignment or to the exporter of the goods in the consignment in relation to an undertaking in relation to an Australian industry;

the CEO may authorize an officer in writing to convene a meeting of representatives of the Australian industry for the purpose of obtaining information and submissions from those representatives in relation to the question what terms of undertaking should be set out in the notice, if it is to be given, as the terms that may be satisfactory to the Minister.

(2) An officer authorized under subsection (1) to convene a meeting of representatives of an Australian industry shall give notice in writing to such persons as, in his opinion, represent the Australian industry, setting out:

(a) the day, time and place for the convening of the meeting; and

(b) the question to be considered by the meeting.

(3) The officer convening a meeting in pursuance of subsection (2):

(a) shall preside at the meeting; and

(b) may adjourn the meeting from time to time.

(4) At a meeting of representatives of an Australian industry convened in pursuance of subsection (2), the representatives attending the meeting may provide information, or make submissions, to the officer convening the meeting in relation to the question being considered by the meeting.

(5) Nothing in subsection (4) shall be taken to prevent a representative of an Australian industry who attends a meeting convened in pursuance of subsection (2) from providing information or making a submission, in relation to the question considered or to be considered at the meeting, to the officer convening the meeting otherwise than at the meeting or to the Minister.

(6) The officer convening a meeting in pursuance of subsection (2) may, subject to subsection (7), put before the meeting information in relation to the question being considered by the meeting.

(7) The officer convening a meeting in pursuance of subsection (2) shall not put before the meeting any information provided to him by another person that is information of a confidential nature (whether or not confidentiality was claimed in respect of the information by the person who provided the information).

(8) After the close of a meeting convened in pursuance of subsection (2), the officer convening the meeting shall furnish to the CEO for submission to the Minister a report in writing of the information provided and the submissions made at the meeting.

(9) Nothing in this section shall be taken, for the purposes of subsection 51(1) of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, to authorize any act or thing other than the providing of information or the making of a submission, at a meeting of representatives of an Australian industry convened in pursuance of subsection (2), by a representative of the Australian industry to the officer convening the meeting in relation to the question being considered by the meeting.

Division 4—Dumping duty or countervailing duty assessment

269UA What this Division is about

This Division enables a reconciliation of interim duty, and final duty, payable under the Dumping Duty Act. The Division permits an importer who has paid interim duty on particular goods to apply, within specified time limits, for an assessment of duty payable on those goods. In particular, the Division provides that:

- if the duty is less than the interim duty, the excess is to be refunded;
- if the duty is more than the interim duty, the interim duty is treated as duty and the balance waived;
- if the importer fails, within the time limits available, to seek an assessment of duty, the interim duty paid on the goods is taken to be duty actually payable.

269V Importers may apply for duty assessment in certain circumstances

(1) An importer of goods on which, under the Dumping Duty Act, an interim duty has been paid may, subject to subsection (2), by application lodged with the CEO, request that the Minister make an assessment of the liability of those goods to duty under that Act.

(2) An application for an assessment of duty under subsection (1) may only be made if:

(a) the application is made not more than 6 months after the end of the particular importation period in which the goods the subject of the application were entered for home consumption; and

(b) the importer contends that the total amount of duty payable in respect of those goods under the Dumping Duty Act is less, by a specified amount, than the total amount of interim duty that has been paid on those goods under that Act.

269W Manner of making applications for duty assessment

(1) An application for an assessment of duty on goods of a particular kind entered for home consumption during a particular importation period must be in writing and contain:

(a) a full description of the goods of that kind in each consignment imported during the particular importation period; and

(b) information concerning the amount of interim duty paid on the goods of that kind in each such consignment; and

(c) if an interim dumping duty has been imposed—a statement of the amounts that, in the opinion of the applicant, are the normal value and the export price of goods of that kind in each such consignment and information to establish those amounts; and

(d) if an interim countervailing duty has been imposed—a statement of the amounts that, in the opinion of the applicant, are:

(i) the amount of the countervailable subsidy received on goods of that kind in each such consignment; and

(ii) the amount of the export price of goods of that kind in each such consignment;

and information to establish those amounts; and

(e) a statement of the amount by which the applicant contends that the total interim duty paid on those goods exceeds the total duty payable under the Dumping Duty Act.

(2) An application must be lodged with the CEO:

(a) by leaving it at a place that has been allocated for lodgment of duty assessment applications at Customs House in Canberra; or

(b) by posting it by pre-paid post to a postal address notified in the *Gazette*; or

(c) by sending it by electronic facsimile to a facsimile number notified in the *Gazette*;

and the application is taken to have been lodged when the application, or a facsimile of the application, is first received by an officer of Customs doing duty in relation to final duty assessment applications.

(3) The day on which an application is taken to have been lodged must be recorded on the application.

269X Consideration of duty assessment applications

(1) The CEO must, as soon as practicable after the lodgment of an application for assessment of duty in respect of goods that were entered for home consumption during a particular importation period but not more than 155 days after the lodgment of that application, examine the application and decide what recommendation to make to the Minister under subsection (6).

(2) If the CEO considers that any person (including the applicant) may be able to supply information relevant to the consideration of the application, the CEO may, by notice in writing, request the supply of that information, in writing:

(a) if the information is sought from a person other than the applicant—within a period specified in the notice ending not later than 120 days after the lodgment of the application; and

(b) if the information is sought from the applicant—within a period specified in the notice ending not later than 155 days after the lodgment of the application.

(3) Where the CEO proposes to take into account any relevant information that was not supplied to the CEO by the applicant, the CEO must:

(a) give the applicant a copy of the information that he or she proposes to take into account unless, in the opinion of the CEO, the provision of that information would adversely affect the business or commercial interests of a person supplying the information; and

(b) invite the applicant, within a specified period ending not later than 155 days after the lodgment of the application, to

make any further submission the applicant considers appropriate in relation to that information.

(4) If a person refuses or fails to supply information or to make a submission within the period allowed but subsequently supplies that information or makes that submission, the CEO may disregard that information or submission in considering the application.

(5) On the basis of the information contained in the application, any other information provided under subsection (2) or (3) that is not disregarded under subsection (4) and any other information the CEO considers relevant, the CEO must:

(a) provisionally ascertain, in relation to each consignment of goods to which the application relates, each variable factor relevant to the determination of duty payable on the goods under the Dumping Duty Act; and

(b) having regard to those variable factors as so provisionally ascertained and, where appropriate, to the non-injurious price of goods of that kind—provisionally calculate, in respect of each such consignment, the amount of duty payable under the Dumping Duty Act.

(6) On the basis of the provisional calculation of duty referred to in paragraph (5)(b), the CEO must decide:

(a) if satisfied that the total interim duty paid on the goods the subject of the application exceeds the total duty payable under the Dumping Duty Act by at least the amount contended in the application—to recommend to the Minister:

(i) that the Minister make an assessment of duty by ascertaining, for each consignment of those goods, the variable factors as so provisionally ascertained; and

(ii) that the Minister order a repayment of the amount of interim duty overpaid; or

(b) if satisfied that the total interim duty paid on the goods the subject of the application exceeds the total duty payable under the Dumping Duty Act but not to the extent contended in the application—to recommend to the Minister:

(i) that the Minister make an assessment of duty by ascertaining, for each consignment of those goods, the variable factors as so provisionally ascertained; and

(ii) that the Minister order a repayment of the amount of interim duty overpaid; or

(c) if satisfied that the total amount of duty payable under the Dumping Duty Act on the goods the subject of the application is equal to or exceeds the total of interim duty that was paid on the goods—to recommend to the Minister:

(i) that the Minister make an assessment of duty by ascertaining, for each consignment of those goods, the variable factors as so provisionally ascertained; but

(ii) that the Minister order that any duty in excess of the interim duty paid on those goods be waived.

(7) As soon as practicable, but not later than 7 days after making a decision under subsection (6), the CEO must:

(a) notify the applicant, in writing, of the decision made; and

(b) if the decision is a negative preliminary decision:

(i) inform the applicant of the reasons why the CEO made the decision; and

(ii) inform the applicant of the applicant's right, within 30 days of the receipt of the notification, to apply for a review of the CEO's decision by the Review Officer under Division 9.

(8) The CEO must:

(a) if he or she has made a positive preliminary decision—recommend to the Minister, not later than 7 days after making the decision, that the Minister give effect to that decision; and

(b) if he or she has made a negative preliminary decision and the applicant has not exercised the right to seek a review of the decision by the Review Officer—recommend to the Minister, not later than 7 days after the end of the period available for seeking review of the decision, that the Minister give effect to that decision.

269Y Duty assessments

(1) As soon as practicable after receiving a recommendation from the CEO or from the Review Officer under subsection 269ZZU(2) in relation to goods the subject of an application, the Minister must,

having regard to the terms of that recommendation, by notice in writing:

(a) ascertain, for the purposes of this Act and the Dumping Duty Act, the variable factors relevant to the determination of duty payable under the Dumping Duty Act in respect of each consignment; and

(b) order that the total interim duty overpaid in respect of all consignments to which the application relates be repaid or that the total unpaid duty in excess of the interim duty already paid be waived, as the case requires.

(2) As soon as practicable after issuing a notice under subsection (1) the Minister must ensure that a copy of that notice is provided to the applicant.

(3) If the Minister issues a notice under subsection (1) ordering that an amount of interim duty be repaid to an applicant the Commonwealth is liable to make a repayment to the applicant accordingly.

(4) If:

(a) one or more consignments of goods of a particular kind that are the subject of a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice are entered for home consumption during an importation period; and

(b) interim duty is paid on those goods under the Dumping Duty Act; and

(c) application is not made under section 269V of this Act for an assessment of duty payable on those goods under the Dumping Duty Act;

then:

(d) the Minister is taken, for the purposes of this Act and the Dumping Duty Act, to have ascertained each variable factor relevant to the determination of duty on each such consignment at the level at which that factor was ascertained or last ascertained by the Minister for the purpose of the dumping duty notice or countervailing duty notice; and

(e) the interim duty paid on those goods is taken to be the duty payable.

Division 5—Review of anti-dumping measures

269Z What this Division is about

This Division enables affected parties (exporters, industry etc.) to apply for the review of anti-dumping measures. The Division also empowers the Minister to initiate such a review. The Division:

- sets out the circumstances in which applications can be brought;
- empowers the CEO to recommend, through a Minister's request, an extension of the ambit of a review where appropriate;
- sets out the procedure to be followed by the CEO in dealing with applications or requests and preparing reports for the Minister;
- empowers the Minister, after consideration of such reports, to leave the anti-dumping measures unaltered or to modify them as appropriate;
- empowers the Minister, if interim duty has been paid under the Dumping Duty Act, to make any necessary adjustment of that interim duty.

269ZA Applications and requests for review of anti-dumping measures

(1) If:

(a) anti-dumping measures have been taken in respect of goods; and

(b) an affected party considers that it may be appropriate to review those measures as they affect a particular exporter of those goods, or as they affect exporters of those goods generally, because:

(i) one or more of the variable factors relevant to the taking of the measures in relation to that exporter or those exporters have changed; or

(ii) if those measures had not been taken—the Minister would not be entitled to take any such measures;

the affected party may, by application lodged with the CEO, request that the CEO initiate such a review.

(2) An application for review of anti-dumping measures must not be made:

(a) if the measures involve the publication of a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice—earlier than 12 months after:

(i) the publication of the notice; or

(ii) the publication of a notice declaring the outcome of the last review of the notice (whether that last review was undertaken at the applicant's request or not); and

(b) if the measures involve the acceptance of an undertaking—earlier than 12 months after:

(i) the publication of notice of the acceptance of that undertaking; or

(ii) the publication of a notice declaring the outcome of the last review of the undertaking (whether that last review was undertaken at the applicant's request or not).

Example: If an application under section 269TB resulted in:

(a) the publication of the acceptance of an undertaking from exporter A on 1 January 1999; and

(b) the publication of a dumping duty notice covering exporters B and C on 1 March 1999;

an affected party could seek review of the undertaking on 2 January 2000 but could not seek review of both the undertaking and the dumping duty notices until 2 March 2000.

However, the Minister could decide to review the notices before 2 March 2000 either on his or her own initiative or on the recommendation of the CEO. See subsection (3).

(3) If:

(a) anti-dumping measures have been taken in respect of goods; and

(b) the Minister considers (either as a result of a recommendation from the CEO under subsection 269ZC(4) or on his or her own initiative) that it may be appropriate to review those measures as they affect a particular exporter of those goods, or as they affect exporters of those goods generally, because:

(i) one or more of the variable factors relevant to the taking of the measures in relation to that exporter or those exporters may have changed; or

(ii) if those measures had not been taken—the Minister would not be entitled to take any such measures;

the Minister may, at any time, by notice in writing, request that the CEO initiate a review under this Division.

(4) If, as a result of a person's application under Division 6 for accelerated review of a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice, the Minister has made a declaration under subsection 269ZG(3):

(a) that person may not make an application, under subsection (1) of this section, for a review of that notice earlier than 12 months after the making of that declaration; but

(b) for the purpose of determining whether subsection (2) permits any other person to apply for a review of the notice, the making of that declaration is not to be treated as a review of the notice.

(5) If:

(a) a person applies, under Division 9, for a review of the Minister's decision to publish a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice or not to publish such a notice; and

(b) as a result of that review:

(i) a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice is published by the Minister despite an earlier decision not to publish such a notice; or

(ii) a dumping duty notice or countervailing duty notice originally published by the Minister is varied; or

(iii) another dumping duty notice or countervailing duty notice is substituted for the notice originally published by the Minister;

then, for the purpose only of determining whether subsection (2) permits a review of the new notice, the notice as varied or the substituted notice, that new notice, notice as varied or substituted notice has affect as if it had been published at the time of the Minister's decision not to publish a notice, or at the time of publication of the original notice, as the case requires.

269ZB Content and lodgment of applications for review of anti-dumping measures

(1) An application under subsection 269ZA(1) for review of anti-dumping measures must:

(a) be in writing; and

(b) be in an approved form; and

(c) contain such information as the form requires; and

(d) be signed in the manner indicated by the form.

(2) Without otherwise limiting the matters that can be required by the approved form to be included, the application must include:

(a) a description of the kind of goods to which the measures the subject of the application relate; and

(b) a description of the measures the subject of the application; and

(c) if the application is based on a change in variable factors—a statement of the opinion of the applicant concerning:

(i) the variable factors relevant to the taking of the measures taken that have changed; and

(ii) the amount by which each such factor has changed; and

(iii) the information that establishes that amount; and

(d) if the application is based on any other circumstances that in the view of the applicant would prevent the Minister, in the absence of the anti-dumping measures, from taking such measures—a statement of those other circumstances.

(3) An application may be lodged with Customs:

(a) by leaving it at a place allocated for lodgment of such applications at Customs House in Canberra; or

(b) by posting it by prepaid post to a postal address specified in the approved form; or

(c) by sending it by electronic facsimile to a facsimile number specified in the approved form;

and the application is taken to have been lodged when the application, or a facsimile of the application, is first received by an officer of Customs doing duty in relation to applications for review of anti-dumping measures.

(4) The day on which the application is taken to have been lodged must be recorded on the application.

269ZC Consideration of applications and requests for review

(1) If an application for review of anti-dumping measures is lodged with Customs under section 269ZB, the CEO must, within 20 days after Customs receives the application:

(a) examine the application; and

(b) if the CEO is not satisfied, having regard to the application and to any other information that the CEO considers relevant, of one or more of the matters referred to in subsection (2);

the CEO must reject the application and inform the applicant, by notice in writing, accordingly.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the matters to be considered in relation to an application are:

(a) whether the application complies with section 269ZB; and

(b) whether there appear to be reasonable grounds for asserting either:

(i) that the variable factors relevant to the taking of anti-dumping measures have changed; or

(ii) that, if the anti-dumping measures to which the application relates had not been taken, the Minister would not be entitled to take such measures.

(3) The notice informing the applicant of the rejection of the application must set out the reasons why the CEO was not satisfied of one or more of the matters set out in subsection (2).

(4) If the CEO decides not to reject an application for review of anti-dumping measures, the CEO must either:

(a) publish a notice in a newspaper circulating in each State, in the Australian Capital Territory and in the Northern Territory indicating that it is proposed to review the measures covered by the application; or

(b) if the application for review related only to the review of the measures as they affect particular exporters and the CEO is satisfied that there is a reasonable prospect that a review of such measures as they affect other particular exporters, or as they affect exporters generally, may be justified—recommend to the Minister that the review applied for be extended accordingly.

(5) If the CEO is requested by the Minister to undertake a review of anti-dumping measures, either as a result of a recommendation made to the Minister under subsection (4) or otherwise, the CEO must, on receipt of that request, publish a notice in a newspaper circulating in each State, in the Australian Capital Territory and in the Northern Territory indicating that it is proposed to review the measures covered by the request.

(6) If:

(a) the CEO recommends to the Minister under paragraph (4)(b) the extension of a review of anti-dumping measures; but

(b) the CEO is informed by the Minister, within 20 days after that recommendation is made, that the Minister does not require the review to be so extended;

the CEO must, on being so informed, publish a notice in a newspaper circulating in each State, in the Australian Capital Territory and in the Northern Territory indicating that it is proposed to review the anti-dumping measures under this Division covered by the original application.

(7) The notice published by the CEO under subsection (4), (5) or (6) must:

(a) describe the kind of goods to which the review relates; and

(b) describe the measures to which the review relates; and

(c) indicate that a report will be made to the Minister:

(i) within 155 days after the date of publication of the notice; or

(ii) if the 110 days referred to in paragraph (e) is extended by the Minister—within the period of 155 days as similarly so extended; and

(d) invite interested parties to lodge with the CEO, within a specified period of not more than 40 days after the date of publication of the notice, submissions concerning the review; and

(e) state that:

(i) within 110 days after the publication of the notice; or

(ii) such longer period as the Minister allows under section 269ZHI;

the CEO will place on the public record a statement of the essential facts on which the CEO proposes to base a recommendation concerning the measures under review; and

(f) invite interested parties to lodge with the CEO, within 20 days of that statement being placed on the public record, submissions in response to that statement; and

(g) indicate the address at which, or the manner in which, submissions under paragraph (d) or (f) can be lodged.

269ZD Statement of essential facts in relation to review of anti-dumping measures

(1) If the CEO publishes a notice under subsection 269ZC(4), (5) or (6) in relation to the review of anti-dumping measures, he or she must, within the time limit specified for so doing on that notice, place on the public record a statement of the facts (the ***statement of essential facts***) on which the CEO proposes to base a recommendation to the Minister in relation to the review of those measures.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), in formulating the statement of essential facts, the CEO:

(a) must have regard to:

(i) the application or request; and

(ii) any submissions relating generally to the review that are received by Customs within 40 days after the publication of the notice under subsection 269ZC(4), (5) or (6); and

(b) may have regard to any other matters that the CEO considers relevant.

(3) The CEO is not obliged to have regard to any submissions relating generally to the review that are received by Customs after the end of the period referred to in subparagraph (2)(a)(ii) if to do so would, in the CEO's opinion, prevent the timely placement of the statement of essential facts on the public record.

269ZDA Report on review of measures

(1) The CEO must, after conducting a review of anti-dumping measures and before the end of the period referred to in paragraph 269ZC(7)(c) as it applies to those measures, give the Minister a report recommending:

(a) to the extent that the measures involved the publication of a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice:

(i) that the notice remain unaltered; or

(ii) that the notice be revoked in its application to a particular exporter or to a particular kind of goods or revoked generally; or

(iii) that the notice have effect in relation to a particular exporter or to exporters generally, as if different variable factors had been ascertained; and

(b) to the extent that the measures involved the acceptance by the Minister of an undertaking:

(i) that the undertaking remain unaltered; or

(ii) that the Minister seek a variation of the terms of the undertaking as indicated in the CEO's report; or

(iii) that the Minister indicate to the person who gave the undertaking that the undertaking is no longer acceptable and that the investigation of the need for a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice, as the case requires, covering that person is to be resumed; or

(iv) that the Minister indicate to the person who gave the undertaking that the person is released from the undertaking and that the investigation of the need for a dumping duty notice or countervailing duty notice covering that person is terminated.

(2) Nothing in this section is to be taken to imply that the CEO cannot simultaneously make the same recommendation in relation to more than one exporter or person giving an undertaking.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), in deciding on the recommendations to be made to the Minister in the report, the CEO:

(a) must have regard to:

(i) the application or request for review; and

(ii) any submission relating generally to the review to which the CEO has had regard for the purpose of formulating the statement of essential facts in relation to the review; and

(iii) that statement of essential facts; and

(iv) any submission made in response to that statement that is received by Customs within 20 days after the placing of that statement on the public record; and

(b) may have regard to any other matter that the CEO considers to be relevant to the review.

(4) The CEO is not obliged to have regard to any submission made in response to the statement of essential facts that is received by Customs after the end of the period referred to in subparagraph (3)(a)(iv) if to do so would, in the CEO's opinion, prevent the timely preparation of the report to the Minister.

(5) The report to the Minister must include a statement of the CEO's reasons for any recommendation contained in the report that:

(a) sets out the material findings of fact on which that recommendation is based; and

(b) provides particulars of the evidence relied on to support those findings.

269ZDB Powers of the Minister in relation to review of anti-dumping measures

(1) After considering the report of the CEO and any other information that the Minister considers relevant, the Minister must declare, by notice published in accordance with subsection (7), that for the purposes of this Act and the Dumping Duty Act:

(a) to the extent that the anti-dumping measures concerned involved the publication of a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice:

(i) that the notice is to remain unaltered; or

(ii) that, with effect from a date specified in the declaration, the notice is taken to be, or to have been, revoked either in relation to a particular exporter or to exporters generally or in relation to a particular kind of goods; or

(iii) that, with effect from a date specified in the declaration, the notice is to be taken to have effect or to have had effect, either in relation to a particular exporter or to exporters generally, as if the Minister had fixed different variable factors in respect of that exporter or of exporters generally, relevant to the determination of duty; and

(b) to the extent that the anti-dumping measures concerned involved the acceptance by the Minister of an undertaking:

(i) that the undertaking is to remain unaltered; or

(ii) that if, before a date specified in the declaration, the terms of the undertaking are altered in a manner specified in the declaration, the undertaking as so varied will be acceptable to the Minister; or

(iii) that the undertaking is no longer acceptable to the Minister and that the investigation of the need for a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice is to be resumed immediately; or

(iv) that, with effect from a date specified in the declaration, the person who gave the undertaking is released from the undertaking and that the investigation giving rise to the undertaking is terminated.

(2) If the Minister makes a declaration under subsection (1), that declaration has effect according to its terms.

(3) If:

(a) the Minister makes a declaration under subsection (1); and

(b) under that declaration, new variable factors are taken to have been fixed, in relation to goods exported to Australia by a particular exporter, with effect from a date specified in the declaration; and

(c) interim duty paid on such goods on the basis of the variable factors as previously fixed exceeds the interim duty that would be payable on the basis of the new variable factors;

the person who paid the interim duty may apply under Division 3 of Part VIII for a refund of the excess.

(4) The Minister must, as soon as practicable after the making of a declaration under subsection (1) that affects an exporter or person giving an undertaking, inform that exporter or person of the terms of the declaration.

(5) Nothing in this section is to be taken to imply that the Minister cannot simultaneously make the same declaration in relation to more than one exporter or person giving an undertaking.

(6) For the purposes of a declaration under subsection (1), the Minister must not fix a date:

(a) in a circumstance to which subparagraph (1)(a)(ii) or (iii) applies—that is earlier than the date of publication under section 269ZC of a notice indicating the proposal to undertake the review concerned; and

(b) in a circumstance to which subparagraph (1)(b)(ii) or (iv) applies—that is earlier than the date of the declaration.

(7) A notice under subsection (1) must be published in:

(a) the *Gazette*; and

(b) a newspaper circulating in each State, in the Australian Capital Territory and in the Northern Territory.

Division 6—Certain exporters may seek accelerated review of dumping duty notices or countervailing duty notices

269ZDC What this Division is about

This Division provides for the early review of a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice on the application of certain exporters of goods covered by the notice. The review can be sought when a review of the notice under Division 5 would not be available and is only open to new exporters or exporters whose exportations were not examined when the notice was published.

269ZE Circumstances in which accelerated review may be sought

(1) If a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice has been published:

(a) in respect of goods exported from a particular country of export; or

(b) in respect of goods exported by residual exporters from a particular country of export;

a residual exporter from that country (other than such an exporter in respect of whom a declaration has already been made under subparagraph 269ZG(3)(b)(ii) in respect of a previous application) may, by application lodged with the CEO, request an accelerated review of that notice in so far as it affects that exporter.

(2) If the CEO is satisfied that:

(a) because that exporter refused to co-operate, in relation to the application for publication of that notice, the exportations of that exporter were not investigated; or

(b) the exporter is related to an exporter who was a selected exporter in relation to the application for publication of that notice;

the CEO may reject the application.

(3) If, during the course of an accelerated review, the CEO becomes satisfied that:

(a) the exporter is refusing to co-operate with any aspect of the review; or

(b) the exporter is related to an exporter who was a selected exporter in relation to the application for publication of that notice;

the CEO may terminate the review.

(4) For the purposes of this section, an exporter is taken to be related to another exporter who is a selected exporter if the 2 exporters are associates of each other under subsection 269TAA(4).

269ZF Application for accelerated review

(1) An application for accelerated review must be in writing, be lodged in accordance with subsection (2), and contain:

(a) a description of the kind of goods to which the dumping duty notice or countervailing duty notice relates; and

(b) a statement of the basis on which the exporter considers that the particular notice is inappropriate so far as the exporter is concerned.

(2) An application may be lodged with Customs:

(a) by leaving it at a place allocated for lodgment of accelerated review applications; or

(b) by posting it by pre-paid post to a postal address specified in the *Gazette*; or

(c) by sending it by electronic facsimile to a number specified in the *Gazette*;

and the application is taken to be lodged when the application, or a facsimile of it, is first received by an officer of Customs doing duty in relation to such applications.

(3) The day on which an application is taken to be lodged must be recorded on the application.

Section 269ZG

269ZG Consideration of application

(1) The CEO must, after considering the application and making such inquiries as the CEO thinks appropriate, give the Minister a report recommending:

(a) that the dumping duty notice or countervailing duty notice the subject of the application remain unaltered; or

(b) that the dumping duty notice or countervailing duty notice the subject of the application be altered:

(i) so as not to apply to the applicant; or

(ii) so as to apply to the applicant as if different variable factors had been fixed;

and set out the CEO's reasons for so recommending.

(2) A report by the CEO under subsection (1) must be completed as soon as practicable and in any case not later than 100 days after the day the application is lodged.

(3) After considering the recommendation of the CEO and the reasons for the recommendation, the Minister must, by notice in writing published in the *Gazette*:

(a) declare that, for the purposes of this Act and the Dumping Duty Act, the original dumping duty notice or countervailing duty notice is to remain unchanged; or

(b) declare that, with effect from the date the application is lodged, this Act and the Dumping Duty Act have effect as if:

(i) the original dumping duty notice or countervailing duty notice had not applied to the applicant; or

(ii) the original dumping duty notice or countervailing duty notice had applied to the applicant but the Minister had fixed specified different variable factors relevant to the determination of duty payable by the applicant;

and, where the Minister does so, the declaration has effect according to its terms.

(4) The Minister must, as soon as practicable after the issue of a notice under subsection (3), notify the applicant of the term of the notice.

269ZH Effect of accelerated review

If an application for accelerated review of a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice is lodged:

(a) no interim duty can be collected from the applicant in respect of consignments of goods entered for home consumption after the application is lodged and until the completion of the review; but

(b) the CEO may, on the importation of goods to which the application relates, require and take securities under section 42 in respect of interim duty that may be payable.

Division 6A—Continuation of anti-dumping measures

269ZHA What this Division is about

This Division provides for the CEO to alert interested parties to the anticipated termination of anti-dumping measures and provide them with an opportunity, before those measures expire, to apply for a continuation of the measures. The Division:

- sets out the consequences if no application is made;
- outlines the procedure to be followed by the CEO in dealing with an application and preparing a report for the Minister;
- empowers the Minister, after consideration of that report, either to decide that the measures will expire or to take steps to ensure the continuation of the measures.

269ZHB Applications for continuation of anti-dumping measures

(1) Not later than 9 months before particular anti-dumping measures expire, the CEO must publish in a newspaper circulating in each State, in the Australian Capital Territory and in the Northern Territory, a notice:

(a) informing persons that the dumping duty notice, countervailing duty notice or undertaking comprising those measures is due to expire on a specified day (the ***specified expiry day***); and

(b) inviting interested parties to apply to the CEO, in accordance with section 269ZHC, within 60 days for a continuation of those measures.

(2) If the Minister makes a declaration under paragraph 269ZG(3)(b) in relation to an anti-dumping duty notice or countervailing duty notice, the original dumping duty notice or countervailing duty notice and that notice as modified because of that declaration are both to be treated, for the purposes of this Division and despite

section 269TM, as if they had been issued at the time of issue of the original notice.

(3) If no application for the continuation of the anti-dumping measures is received by the CEO within the period specified in the notice, then, on the specified expiry day:

(a) to the extent that the measures comprise a dumping duty notice—that notice expires; and

(b) to the extent that the measures comprise a countervailing duty notice—that notice expires; and

(c) to the extent that the measures comprise the giving of an undertaking—the person who gave the undertaking is taken to be released from the undertaking and the investigation giving rise to the undertaking is terminated.

269ZHC Content and lodgment of application for continuation of anti-dumping measures

(1) An application under section 269ZHB must:

(a) be in writing; and

(b) be in an approved form; and

(c) contain such information as the form requires; and

(d) be signed in the manner indicated in the form.

(2) An application may be lodged with Customs:

(a) by leaving it at a place allocated for lodgment of such applications at Customs House in Canberra; or

(b) by posting it by prepaid post to a postal address specified in the approved form; or

(c) by sending it by electronic facsimile to a facsimile number specified in the approved form;

and the application is taken to have been lodged when the application, or a facsimile of the application, is first received by an officer of Customs doing duty in relation to applications for continuation of anti-dumping measures.

(3) The day on which the application is taken to have been lodged must be recorded on the application.

269ZHD Consideration of applications for continuation of anti-dumping measures

(1) If an application or applications for continuation of anti-dumping measures are lodged with Customs in accordance with section 269ZHC, the CEO must, within 20 days after the end of the 60 days referred to in paragraph 269ZHB(1)(b):

(a) examine each such application; and

(b) if the CEO is not satisfied in relation to any of the applications, having regard to the application and to any other information that the CEO considers relevant, of one or more of the matters referred to in subsection (2);

the CEO must reject each such application and inform the applicant, by notice in writing, accordingly.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the matters to be considered in relation to an application are:

(a) whether the application complies with section 269ZHC; and

(b) whether there appear to be reasonable grounds for asserting that the expiration of the anti-dumping measures to which the application relates might lead, or might be likely to lead, to a continuation of, or a recurrence of, the material injury that the measures are intended to prevent.

(3) A notice informing an applicant of the rejection of an application must set out the reasons why the CEO was not satisfied of one or more of the matters set out in subsection (2).

(4) If the CEO decides not to reject an application for continuation of anti-dumping measures taken in respect of goods as they affect a particular exporter of those goods, the CEO must publish a notice in a newspaper circulating in each State, in the Australian Capital Territory and in the Northern Territory indicating that it is proposed to inquire whether continuation of the measures is justified.

(5) The notice published by the CEO must:

(a) describe the kind of goods to which the anti-dumping measures apply; and

(b) describe the measures to which the application relates; and

(c) indicate that a report as to the continuation of these measures will be made to the Minister:

(i) within 155 days after the date of publication of the notice; or

(ii) if the period of 110 days referred to in paragraph (e) is extended by the Minister—within the period of 155 days as similarly so extended; and

(d) invite interested parties to lodge with the CEO, within a specified period of not more than 40 days after the date of publication of the notice, submissions concerning the continuation of the measures; and

(e) state that:

(i) within 110 days after the publication of the notice; or

(ii) such longer period as the Minister allows under section 296ZHI;

the CEO will place on the public record a statement of the essential facts on which the CEO proposes to base a recommendation concerning the continuation of the measures; and

(f) invite interested parties to lodge with the CEO, within 20 days of that statement being placed on the public record, submissions in response to that statement; and

(g) indicate the address at which, or the manner in which, submissions under paragraph (d) or (f) can be lodged.

269ZHE Statement of essential facts in relation to continuation of anti-dumping measures

(1) If the CEO publishes a notice under subsection 269ZHD(4) concerning the continuation of anti-dumping measures, he or she must, within the time limit specified for so doing in the notice, ensure that there is placed on the public record a statement of the facts (the ***statement of essential facts***) on which the CEO proposes to base his or her recommendation to the Minister concerning the continuation of those measures.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), in formulating the statement of essential facts, the CEO:

(a) must have regard to:

(i) the application concerned; and

(ii) any submissions relating generally to the inquiry that are received by Customs within 40 days after the publication of the notice under subsection 269ZHD(4); and

(b) may have regard to any other matters that the CEO considers relevant.

(3) The CEO is not obliged to have regard to any submissions relating generally to the inquiry that are received by Customs after the end of the period referred to in subparagraph (2)(a)(ii) if to do so would, in the CEO's opinion, prevent the timely placement of the statement of essential facts on the public record.

269ZHF Report on application for continuation of anti-dumping measures

(1) The CEO must, after conducting an inquiry into the continuation of anti-dumping measures and before the end of the period referred to in paragraph 269ZHD(5)(c) as it applies to those measures, give the Minister a report recommending:

(a) that the Minister take steps to secure the continuation of the anti-dumping measures the subject of the application; or

(b) that the anti-dumping measures expire on the specified expiry date.

(2) The CEO must not recommend that the Minister take steps to secure the continuation of the anti-dumping measures unless the CEO is satisfied that the expiration of the measures would lead, or would be likely to lead, to a continuation of, or a recurrence of, the dumping or subsidisation and the material injury that the anti-dumping measure is intended to prevent.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), in deciding on the recommendations to be made to the Minister in the CEO's report, the CEO:

(a) must have regard to:

(i) the application for continuation of the anti-dumping measures; and

(ii) any submission relating generally to the continuation of the measures to which the CEO has had regard for the purpose of formulating the statement of essential facts in relation to the continuation of those measures; and

(iii) that statement of essential facts; and

(iv) any submission made in response to that statement that is received by Customs within 20 days after the placing of that statement on the public record; and

(b) may have regard to any other matter that the CEO considers to be relevant to the inquiry.

(4) The CEO is not obliged to have regard to any submission made in response to the statement of essential facts that is received after the end of the period referred to in subparagraph (3)(a)(iv) if to do so would, in the CEO's opinion, prevent the timely preparation of the report to the Minister.

(5) The report to the Minister must include a statement of the CEO's reasons for any recommendation contained in the report that:

(a) sets out the material findings of fact on which that recommendation is based; and

(b) provides particulars of the evidence relied on to support those findings.

269ZHG Powers of the Minister in relation to continuation of anti-dumping measures

(1) After considering the report of the CEO and any other information that the Minister considers relevant, the Minister must, by notice published in accordance with subsection (2), declare whether or not the Minister has decided to take steps to secure the continuation of the anti-dumping measures concerned.

(2) A notice under subsection (1) must be published:

(a) before the expiry day specified in the notice; and

(b) in the *Gazette*, and a newspaper circulating in each State, in the Australian Capital Territory and in the Northern Territory.

(3) If the Minister declares that he or she has decided not to secure the continuation of the anti-dumping measures, then, on the specified expiry day:

(a) to the extent that the measures comprise a dumping duty notice—that notice expires; and

(b) to the extent that the measures comprise a countervailing duty notice—that notice expires; or

(c) to the extent that the measures comprise the giving of an undertaking—the person who gave the undertaking is taken to be released from the undertaking and the investigation giving rise to the undertaking is terminated;

as the case requires.

(4) If the Minister declares that he or she has decided to secure the continuation of the anti-dumping measures, the continuation of those measures is so secured:

(a) to the extent that the measures comprise the publication of a dumping duty notice—by the Minister determining, in writing, that the notice continues in force after the specified expiry day; and

(b) to the extent that the measures comprise the publication of a countervailing duty notice—by the Minister determining, in writing, that the notice continues in force after the specified expiry day; and

(c) to the extent that the measures involve the acceptance of an undertaking—by the person who gave the undertaking agreeing to extend the undertaking beyond the specified expiry day or, if the person will not so agree, by the Minister publishing a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice to take effect from the day after the specified expiry day in substitution for the undertaking.

(5) If the Minister secures the continuation of anti-dumping measures in accordance with this section, the measures continue in force for 5 years after the specified expiry day unless:

(a) in the case of a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice—the notice is revoked before the end of that period; or

(b) in the case of an undertaking—provision is made for its earlier expiration.

Division 7—Procedural and evidentiary matters

269ZHH What this Division is about

This Division:

- enables extension of the period for placing statements of essential facts on the public record if the Minister is satisfied it is necessary;
- provides for the giving of public notice of decisions and determinations under this Part;
- provides for the CEO to maintain a public record of investigations, reviews and inquiries conducted by the CEO under this Part.

269ZHI Minister may extend time for statements of essential facts

(1) If the CEO becomes satisfied within 110 days after:

(a) the date of initiation of an investigation as specified in a notice published under section 269TC; or

(b) the date of publication, under section 269ZC, of a notice of a review of anti-dumping measures; or

(c) the date of publication, under section 269ZHD, of a notice of an inquiry into the continuation of anti-dumping measures;

that that period is likely to be insufficient for the CEO to place on the public record a statement of essential facts in relation to that investigation, review or inquiry, the CEO may, before the end of that period, give the Minister a written request to extend the period.

(2) If the CEO makes such a request, he or she must supply reasons why the period is likely to be insufficient.

(3) The Minister may, having regard to the request and to the reasons:

(a) if he or she is satisfied that it is reasonable to do so—determine the period by which the 110 days is to be extended and notify the CEO accordingly; and

(b) if he or she is not so satisfied—inform the CEO that the statement must be prepared within the 110 days.

269ZI Public notice

(1) If a person or body is required or empowered to give public notice of a decision or determination but the provision requiring or empowering the giving of that notice does not specify where the notice is to be given, it is to be published:

(a) in a newspaper circulating in each State, in the Australian Capital Territory and in the Northern Territory; and

(b) if it is a decision under Division 3—in the *Gazette*.

(2) If a person or body is required or empowered to give public notice of a decision or determination in a particular publication, whether because of subsection (1) or otherwise, that person or body must:

(a) set out in the notice particulars of the decision or determination made; and

(b) set out in the notice, or in a separate report to which the notice refers, the reasons for the decision or determination including all material findings of fact or law on which the decision or determination is based; and

(c) if a person has a right to have the decision or determination reviewed by another body or referred to another body for review—set out in the notice full particulars of those rights; and

(d) if the material findings of fact or law are contained in a separate report—ensure that copies of the report are freely available and that the manner of obtaining a copy is set out in the notice.

(3) A person or body required or empowered to give public notice of a decision or determination must:

(a) ensure that a copy of the notice and, where appropriate, of a report to which the notice refers, is provided to each country

whose exporters are affected by the decision or determination; and

(b) give a copy of the report to each other interested party known to be affected by the decision or determination.

(4) If the CEO gives public notice of a decision under paragraph 269TD(4)(b) to require securities in respect of interim duty that may become payable, the particulars of the decision to require those securities as set out in the notice should include, in particular:

(a) the names of the exporters of the goods concerned, or, where this is impracticable, the name of the country or countries of export concerned; and

(b) a description of the goods either in terms of an item of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* or otherwise; and

(c) in the case of an application for the publication of a notice under section 269TG or 269TH:

(i) particulars of dumping margins established in relation to each of the exporters involved; and

(ii) an explanation of the methods used to compare export prices and normal values to establish those dumping margins;

(d) in the case of an application for the publication of a notice under section 269TJ or 269TK—the amount of subsidy established in relation to each of the exporters involved; and

(e) the considerations relevant to the determination of material injury to an industry, or of material hindrance to the establishment of an industry, for the purposes of the preliminary affirmative determination.

(5) If the Minister gives public notice:

(a) of a decision under section 269TG or 269TH to publish a dumping duty notice; or

(b) of a decision under section 269TL not to publish such a notice;

then, for the purposes of the public notice:

(c) the particulars of the decision should include:

(i) the matters referred to in paragraphs (4)(a), (b) and (c); and

(ii) particulars of the export price and normal value of the goods concerned ascertained, or last ascertained, for the purposes of subsection 269TG(1) or (2) or 269TH(1) or (2); and

(iii) any considerations relevant to a determination of material injury to an industry, or of material hindrance to the establishment of an industry, for the purposes of the decision; and

(d) if the decision involves any retrospective imposition of duty—the reasons for the decision should include the basis for the retrospective imposition of duty.

(6) If the Minister gives public notice:

(a) of a decision under section 269TJ or 269TK to publish a countervailing duty notice; or

(b) of a decision under section 269TL not to publish such a notice;

then, for the purposes of the public notice:

(c) the particulars of the decision should include:

(i) the matters referred to in paragraphs (4)(a), (b) and (d); and

(ii) particulars of the countervailable subsidy received in respect of the goods concerned ascertained, or last ascertained, for the purposes of subsection 269TJ(1) or (2) or 269TK(1) or (2); and

(iii) any considerations relevant to a determination of material injury, to an industry or of material hindrance to the establishment of an industry, for the purposes of the decision; and

(d) if the decision involves any retrospective imposition of duty—the reasons for the decision should include the basis for the retrospective imposition of duty.

(7) If the Minister gives public notice under subsection 269TG(6) of a decision to accept an undertaking by an exporter of goods, the particulars of the decision to accept that undertaking should include, in particular:

(a) the name of the exporter of the goods concerned; and

(b) a description of the goods either in terms of an item of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* or otherwise; and

(c) the price below which, in accordance with the terms of the undertaking, the goods will not be sold for export to Australia.

(8) If the Minister gives public notice under subsection 269TJ(3C) of a decision to accept an undertaking given by a government of a country of export in relation to the export trade to Australia in like goods, the particulars of the decision to accept that undertaking should include, in particular:

(a) the name of the government of the country of export; and

(b) a description of the goods either in terms of an item of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* or otherwise; and

(c) details of the changes proposed to be made to the countervailable subsidy provided by that government in respect of those goods.

(9) If, a person or body is required or empowered to give public notice of a decision or determination in a particular publication:

(a) the person or body must ensure that the notice given does not contain any information that is claimed to be confidential or to be information whose publication would adversely affect a person's business or commercial interests; but

(b) if it is practicable to do so, the person or body should include in the notice a summary of that information in a form that allows a reasonable understanding of the information without breaching that confidentiality or adversely affecting those interests.

(10) Nothing in this section limits the operation of another provision of this Part that specifies the matters that must be included in a public notice.

269ZJ CEO to maintain public record for certain purposes

(1) The CEO must, in relation to each application received under section 269TB that leads to an investigation, each application or request under section 269ZA that leads to a review and each application under section 269ZHB that leads to an inquiry:

(a) maintain a public record of the investigation, review or inquiry conducted for the purposes of the application or request, containing, subject to subsection (2), a copy of all submissions from interested parties, the statement of essential facts compiled in respect of that investigation, review or inquiry, and a copy of all relevant correspondence between the CEO and other persons; and

(b) draw the attention of all interested parties to the existence of the public record, and to their entitlement to inspect that record; and

(c) at the request of an interested party, make the record available to that party for inspection.

(2) To the extent that information given to the CEO by a person is claimed to be confidential or to be information whose publication would adversely affect a person's business or commercial interests, the person giving that information must ensure that a summary of that information:

(a) that contains sufficient detail to allow a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information; but

(b) that does not breach that confidentiality or adversely affect those interests;

is given to the CEO for inclusion in the public record.

(3) A person is not required to give the CEO a summary of information under subsection (2) for inclusion in the public record if the person satisfies the CEO that there is no way such a summary can be given to allow a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information.

(4) If oral information is given to the CEO by a person, the CEO must not take that information into account unless it is subsequently put in writing by the person or by the CEO and thereby becomes available, subject to considerations of confidentiality and to the

need to protect business and commercial interests, as a part of the public record.

(5) If:

(a) in relation to an application under subsection 269TB(1) or (2) or 269ZA(1) or a request under subsection 269ZA(3), a person claims that information is confidential or would adversely affect a person's business or commercial interests; and

(b) the CEO indicates to the party that he or she disagrees with the claim;

but, despite the opinion of the CEO, the person making the claim will not:

(c) agree to the inclusion of the information in the public record; or

(d) prepare a summary of the information for inclusion in that record;

the CEO may disregard the information unless it is demonstrated that the information is correct.

(6) If:

(a) in relation to an application under subsection 269TB(1) or (2) or 269ZA(1) or a request under subsection 269ZA(3), a person claims that information is confidential or would adversely affect a person's business or commercial interests; and

(b) the CEO indicates to the party that he or she agrees with the claim;

but the person making the claim will not prepare a summary of the information for inclusion in that record, the CEO may disregard the information unless it is demonstrated that the information is correct.

Division 8—Trade Measures Review Officer

269ZK What this Division is about

This Division provides for the establishment of the office of Trade Measures Review Officer. As well as establishing the office, the Division:

- sets out the terms and conditions of appointment to the office;
- sets out the functions and powers of the Review Officer and related matters;
- provides for the appointment of an acting Review Officer;
- provides for the provision of resources to the Review Officer;
- regulates disclosure of information in the control of the Review Officer.

269ZL Trade Measures Review Officer

(1) There is to be a Trade Measures Review Officer, who is to be appointed by the Minister.

(2) A person may be appointed as a Trade Measures Review Officer on a full-time basis or on a part-time basis.

(3) The Minister must not appoint an officer of Customs as the Trade Measures Review Officer.

(4) A person must not be appointed as the Trade Measures Review Officer unless the Minister is satisfied that the person has appropriate qualifications, knowledge or experience.

269ZM Review Officer's powers

The Review Officer has the powers to do all things necessary or convenient to be done for or in connection with performance of the Review Officer's functions under this Part in relation to the review of certain decisions made by the Minister or the CEO.

Note: Sections 269ZZA and 269ZZN set out these reviewable decisions.

269ZN Protection of Review Officer

The Review Officer has, in the performance of his or her duties as the Review Officer, the same protection and immunity as a Justice of the High Court.

269ZO Terms and conditions of appointment

(1) Subject to this section, the Review Officer holds office for a period not exceeding 3 years as is specified in the instrument of appointment.

(2) The Review Officer is eligible for re-appointment.

(3) The Review Officer holds office on such terms and conditions as are determined in writing by the Minister.

269ZOA Disclosure of interests

The Review Officer must give written notice to the Minister of all direct and indirect pecuniary interests that the Review Officer has or acquires in:

(a) any business in Australia or elsewhere; or

(b) any body corporate carrying on such a business.

269ZP Outside employment

The Review Officer must not, except with the Minister's approval:

(a) if appointed on a full-time basis—engage in paid employment outside the duties of the office of Review Officer; or

(b) if appointed on a part-time basis—engage in paid employment that, in the Minister's opinion, conflicts with the proper performance of the Review Officer's functions.

269ZQ Resignation

The Review Officer may resign by giving the Minister a signed notice of resignation.

269ZR Termination of appointment

(1) The Minister may terminate the appointment of the Review Officer:

(a) if the Review Officer, being appointed on a full-time basis, is absent from duty (except on leave of absence) for 14 consecutive days or for 28 days in any period of 12 months; or

(b) because of:

(i) misbehaviour of the Review Officer; or

(ii) a disability of the Review Officer which renders him or her incapable of performing the functions of the office of Review Officer.

(2) The Minister must terminate the appointment of the Review Officer if the Review Officer:

(a) becomes bankrupt, applies to take the benefit of any laws for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors, compounds with creditors or makes an assignment of remuneration for their benefit; or

(b) being appointed on a full-time basis, engages in any paid employment outside the duties of the office of Review Officer; or

(c) being appointed on a part-time basis, engages in any paid employment that, in the Minister's opinion, conflicts with the proper performance of the Review Officer's functions.

269ZS Acting Review Officer

(1) The Minister may appoint a person to act as Review Officer:

(a) during a vacancy in the office of Review Officer (whether or not an appointment has previously been made to the office); or

(b) during any period, or during all periods, when the Review Officer is absent from duty or from Australia or is, for any other reason, unable to perform the functions of the office of Review Officer.

(2) A person appointed to act as the Review Officer during a vacancy under paragraph (1)(a) must not be appointed for a term that is more than 6 months, but the person is eligible for re-appointment.

(3) Anything done by or in relation to a person purporting to act under this section is not invalid because:

(a) the occasion for the appointment had not arisen; or

(b) there was a defect or irregularity in connection with the appointment; or

(c) the appointment had ceased to have effect; or

(d) the occasion to act had not arisen or had ceased.

269ZT Provision of resources to Review Officer

(1) The Minister must arrange with the Review Officer for sufficient resources (including personnel) to be made available to the Review Officer to enable the Review Officer to perform the Review Officer's functions effectively.

(2) If a person is performing services for the Review Officer under such an arrangement, the person must perform those services in accordance with the directions of the Review Officer.

269ZU Review Officer may supply information

(1) Subject to this section, the Review Officer may supply information (including personal information) received by the Review Officer under this Act to a person.

(2) The Review Officer or a person whose services are being made available to the Review Officer under section 269ZT must not:

(a) except for the purposes of this Act, supply information (other than personal information) to a person if the supplying of the information would constitute a breach of confidence; and

(b) supply personal information to a person unless the information is supplied to the CEO, or an officer of Customs designated in writing by the CEO, for purposes relating to a reinvestigation conducted under section 269ZZL.

(3) Paragraph (2)(a) does not apply to the supply of information to:

(a) the Minister; or

(b) the CEO; or

(c) the Secretary to the Department; or

(d) an officer of Customs designated in writing by the CEO; or

(e) a person who is employed in the Department and who is designated in writing by the Secretary to the Department.

269ZV False or misleading information

(1) A person must not give the Review Officer any written information that the person knows to be false or misleading in a material particular.

Penalty: 20 penalty units.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to any written information if, at the time when the person gives it to the Review Officer, the person:

(a) informs the Review Officer that it is false or misleading in a material particular; and

(b) specifies in what respect it is, to the person's knowledge, false or misleading in a material particular.

Division 9—Review by Review Officer

Subdivision A—Preliminary

269ZW What this Division is about

This Division sets out the procedures for review by the Review Officer of certain decisions by the Minister or the CEO. It includes:

- provisions dealing with definitions and other preliminary matters (Subdivision A);
- the mechanism for review of certain Ministerial decisions (Subdivision B);
- the mechanism for review of certain decisions made by the CEO (Subdivision C);
- the keeping of a public record in relation to certain reviews conducted under this Division (Subdivision D).

The right to seek review by the Review Officer of Ministerial decisions is conferred only in respect of original Ministerial decisions and not in respect of subsequent Ministerial decisions arising out of reviews of original decisions under Subdivision B or Division 5 or 6.

269ZX Definitions

In this Division:

application means:

(a) in Subdivision B—an application for a review of a decision by the Minister referred to in section 269ZZA; and

(b) in Subdivision C—an application for a review of a decision by the CEO referred to in section 269ZZN.

approved form means an approved form within the meaning of section 269ZXA.

finding, in relation to a reviewable decision under Subdivision B, means a finding on a material question of fact or on a conclusion based on that fact.

interested party, in relation to a reviewable decision, means any one of the following persons:

(a) if there was an application under section 269TB that led to the making of the reviewable decision—the applicant in relation to that application;

(b) a person representing, or representing a portion of, the industry producing, or likely to be established to produce, like goods to the goods the subject of the reviewable decision;

(c) a person who:

(i) is or is likely to be directly concerned with the importation or exportation into Australia of the goods the subject of the reviewable decision; or

(ii) has been or is likely to be directly concerned with the importation or exportation into Australia of like goods, to the goods the subject to the reviewable decision;

(d) a person who is or is likely to be directly concerned with the production or manufacture of:

(i) the goods the subject of the reviewable decision; or

(ii) like goods to those goods that have been, or are likely to be, exported to Australia;

(e) a trade organisation a majority of whose members are, or are likely to be, directly concerned with:

(i) the production or manufacture of the goods the subject of the reviewable decision or of like goods; or

(ii) the importation or exportation into Australia of those goods; or

(iii) both the activities referred to in subparagraphs (i) and (ii);

(f) the government of the country of export or country of origin:

(i) of goods the subject of the reviewable decision that have been, or are likely to be, exported to Australia; or

(ii) of like goods to those goods that have been, or are likely to be, exported to Australia.

reviewable decision means:

(a) in Subdivision B—a decision by the Minister referred to in section 269ZZA; and

(b) in Subdivision C—a decision by the CEO referred to in section 269ZZN.

269ZXA Approved form

(1) In this Division, a reference to an approved form is a reference to a form that is approved, by instrument in writing, by the Review Officer.

(2) The instrument is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 46A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

269ZY Lodgment of application

For the purposes of this Division, an application for a review under Subdivision B or C is lodged with the Review Officer if:

(a) it is left at a place designated by the Review Officer for the purposes of this paragraph; or

(b) it is posted by prepaid post to a postal address specified by the Review Officer in the approved form for the application; or

(c) it is sent by electronic facsimile to a facsimile number specified by the Review Officer in the approved form for the application.

269ZZ Review Officer to have regard to same considerations as Minister

(1) If the Review Officer is required, in conducting a review under Subdivision B or C, to determine any matter ordinarily required to be determined by the Minister under this Act or the Dumping Duty Act, the Review Officer must determine the matter:

(a) in like manner as if he or she were the Minister; and

(b) having regard to the consideration to which the Minister would be required to have regard if the Minister were determining the matter.

(2) Subsection (1) applies in respect of goods that have not been imported into Australia at the time of the Review Officer's determination in a matter in respect of those goods as if:

(a) the Review Officer's determination of the matter were being made after an importation of those goods into Australia; and

(b) the importation occurred at the time of the anticipated importation of those goods into Australia.

Subdivision B—Review of Ministerial decisions

269ZZA Reviewable decisions

(1) This Subdivision deals with the review by the Review Officer of the following decisions:

(a) a decision by the Minister to publish a dumping duty notice under subsection 269TG(1) or (2) or 269TH(1) or (2), or a countervailing duty notice under subsection 269TJ(1) or (2) or 269TK(1) or (2);

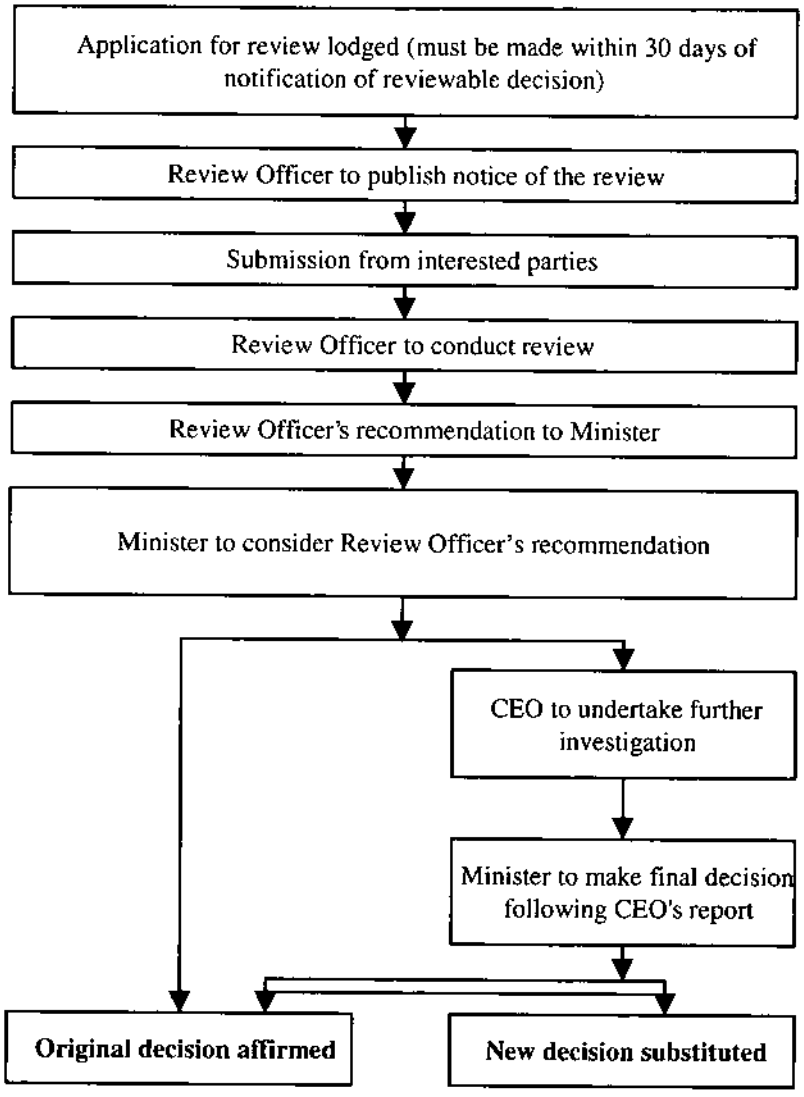
(b) a decision by the Minister under subsection 269TL(1) not to publish such a notice.

(2) A reference to a decision by the Minister in paragraph (1)(a) or (b) does not include a reference to such a decision made by the Minister following a review under Division 5 or 6 or this Subdivision.

Note: The Review Officer only has the power to make certain recommendations to the Minister following a review of a decision under this Subdivision (see section 269ZZK). The Review Officer may not revoke the Minister's decision or substitute another decision.

269ZZB Overview of a review of a ministerial decision

The following diagram outlines and summarises the basic procedures in relation to a review under this Subdivision.



269ZZC Who may seek a review?

A person who is an interested party in relation to a reviewable decision may apply for a review of that decision under this Subdivision.

269ZZD When must an application be made?

An application for a review must be made within 30 days after a public notice of the reviewable decision was first published in a newspaper under section 269ZI.

269ZZE How must an application be made?

(1) An application must:

(a) be in writing; and

(b) be in an approved form; and

(c) contain such information as the form requires; and

(d) be signed in the manner indicated in the form.

(2) Without limiting paragraph (1)(c), an application must:

(a) contain a full description of the goods to which the application relates; and

(b) particularise the ground or grounds that, in the applicant's view, would warrant the reinvestigation of a finding or findings that formed the basis of the reviewable decision; and

(c) specify the finding or findings.

Note: Sections 269ZZX and 269ZZY set out requirements concerning confidential or sensitive commercial information that might be contained in an application, including the need to accompany the application with a summary of such information.

(3) An application is made when it is received by the Review Officer after it has been lodged with the Review Officer in accordance with section 269ZY.

269ZZF Applicant's obligations

An applicant seeking a review under this Subdivision must establish, to the satisfaction of the Review Officer, that, on the

basis of the particulars contained in the application, there are reasonable grounds to warrant the reinvestigation of the finding or findings specified in the application.

269ZZG Rejection of application—failure to provide sufficient particulars

(1) The Review Officer must reject an application if the Review Officer is satisfied that the applicant fails to provide sufficient particulars in relation to the application, including particulars concerning the finding or findings to which the application relates, within the 30 day period referred to in section 269ZZD.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) prevents the Review Officer from seeking further particulars from an applicant within that period.

(3) A reference in subsection (1) to sufficient particulars in relation to an application includes a reference to:

(a) the matters required to be included in the approved form for the application referred to in paragraph 269ZZE(1)(c); and

(b) particulars concerning the application that are sought by the Review Officer from the applicant.

269ZZH Rejection of application—failure to provide summary of confidential information

The Review Officer must reject an application if:

(a) the applicant in respect of the application claims that information included in it is confidential or is information whose publication would adversely affect a person's business or commercial interest; and

(b) the applicant fails to give a summary of that information to the Review Officer in accordance with section 269ZZY.

269ZZI Public notification of review

(1) Before the Review Officer begins to conduct a review, the Review Officer must publish a notice in a newspaper circulating in each State, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory, indicating that the Review Officer proposes to conduct that review.

(2) Without limiting the matters that must be dealt with in a notice under subsection (1), it must:

(a) describe the goods to which the application relates; and

(b) set out the decision that is sought to be reviewed and the ground for seeking the review (including the particular finding or findings the reinvestigation of which is sought by the applicant); and

(c) invite interested parties to lodge with the Review Officer, within 30 days starting from the date of publication of the public notice, submissions concerning the application; and

(d) indicate the address at which, or the manner in which, such submissions can be lodged.

269ZZJ Submissions by interested parties

Interested parties in relation to a reviewable decision may, within 30 days after the publication of the notice under section 269ZZI in relation to a review of that decision, make submissions to the Review Officer in accordance with that notice.

Note: Sections 269ZZX and 269ZZY set out requirements concerning confidential or sensitive commercial information that might be contained in a submission, including the need to accompany the submission with a summary of such information.

269ZZK The review

(1) If an application is not rejected under section 269ZZG or 269ZZH, the Review Officer must make a report to the Minister on the application by:

(a) recommending that the Minister affirm the reviewable decision; or

(b) recommending that the Minister direct the CEO to reinvestigate a finding or findings that formed the basis of the reviewable decision, being the finding or any of the findings specified in the application.

(2) In a report under subsection (1), the Review Officer must:

(a) if the Review Officer is of the view that the finding or findings specified in the application should be affirmed—

recommend that the Minister affirm the reviewable decision; and

(b) if the Review Officer recommends that a finding or findings be reinvestigated—set out the finding or findings; and

(c) set out the reasons for the Review Officer's recommendations.

(3) The report must be made:

(a) at least 30 days after the public notification of the review under section 269ZZI; but

(b) not more than 60 days after that notification, or such longer period allowed by the Minister in writing because of special circumstances.

(4) In making the recommendation, the Review Officer:

(a) must not have regard to any information other than the relevant information; and

(b) subject to subsection (5), must only have regard to the relevant information and any conclusions based on the relevant information that are contained in the application for the review or in any submissions received from interested parties within 30 days as mentioned in section 269ZZJ.

(5) The Review Officer must not have regard to a submission under subsection (4) if:

(a) the person giving the submission claims that information included in it is confidential or is information whose publication would adversely affect a person's business or commercial interest; and

(b) the person fails to give a summary of that information to the Review Officer in accordance with section 269ZZY.

(6) In this section:

relevant information means:

(a) if the reviewable decision was made pursuant to an application under section 269TB—the information to which the CEO had had regard or was, under paragraph 269TEA(3)(a), required to have regard, when making the findings set out in the report under

section 269TEA to the Minister in relation to the making of the reviewable decision; and

(b) if the reviewable decision was made pursuant to an investigation initiated by the Minister as mentioned in section 269TAG—the information:

(i) that was collected for the purposes of that investigation in accordance with the Minister's requirements; and

(ii) that was before the Minister when the Minister made the reviewable decision.

269ZZL What happens after the Minister receives a recommendation?

(1) If:

(a) the Minister receives a recommendation by the Review Officer to affirm a reviewable decision; or

(b) the Minister does not accept a recommendation by the Review Officer to require the CEO to reinvestigate a finding or findings that formed the basis of the reviewable decision;

the Minister must, by public notice, affirm the reviewable decision.

(2) If the Minister accepts a recommendation by the Review Officer to require the CEO to reinvestigate a finding or findings, the Minister must:

(a) in writing, require the CEO to:

(i) make further investigation of the finding or findings; and

(ii) report the result of the further investigation to the Minister within a specified period; and

(b) by public notice indicate the acceptance of that recommendation (including particulars of the requirements made of the CEO).

(3) The CEO must conduct an investigation in accordance with the Minister's requirements under subsection (2) and give the Minister a report of the investigation concerning the finding or findings within the specified period.

(4) In a report under subsection (3), the CEO must:

(a) if the Review Officer is of the view that the finding or any of the findings the subject of reinvestigation should be affirmed—affirm the finding or findings; and

(b) set out any new finding or findings that the CEO made as a result of the reinvestigation; and

(c) set out the evidence or other material on which the new finding or findings are based; and

(d) set out the reasons for the CEO's decision.

269ZZM What happens after a reinvestigation?

(1) After receiving a report by the CEO in respect of a reinvestigation under subsection 269ZZL(3), the Minister must:

(a) affirm the reviewable decision concerned; or

(b) revoke that decision and substitute a new decision.

(2) The Minister's decision under subsection (1) takes effect from the time specified by the Minister.

(3) Without limiting subsection (1), the Minister may, under that subsection:

(a) publish a dumping duty notice or countervailing duty notice; or

(b) vary a dumping duty notice or countervailing duty notice; or

(c) revoke a dumping duty notice or countervailing duty notice and substitute another dumping duty notice or countervailing duty notice (as the case requires).

(4) The Minister must give public notice of his or her decision.

(5) In spite of section 269TM, any new dumping duty notice or countervailing duty notice published in the exercise of a power conferred on the Minister under subsection (3) or any such notice as varied or substituted in the exercise of that power, expires:

(a) in the case of a notice published after a reinvestigation of a decision not to publish such a notice—5 years after the publication of the decision not to publish such a notice; or

(b) in the case of a varied or substituted notice—5 years after the publication of the original notice.

Example: If the reviewable decision relates to a dumping duty notice that was published on 1 July 1998, and if the Minister, following a review under this Division, revokes that notice and substitutes a new dumping duty notice on 1 January 1999, the substituted notice will expire on 1 July 2003.

(6) If:

(a) the Minister makes a decision under subsection (1) to revoke or vary a dumping duty notice or countervailing duty notice (the ***original notice***), or to revoke the original notice and substitute another notice, with effect from a date before the Minister's decision; and

(b) an amount of interim duty has been paid on goods the subject of the original notice in excess of the amount of interim duty that would have been payable on those goods as a result of the Minister's decision;

the person who paid the interim duty may apply for a refund of the excess under Division 3 of Part VIII.

Subdivision C—Review of CEO's decisions

269ZZN Reviewable decisions

This Subdivision deals with the review of the following decisions:

(a) a decision by the CEO under subsection 269TC(1) or (2) to reject an application under subsection 269TB(1) or (2), as the case requires (a ***negative prima facie decision***);

(b) a decision by the CEO to terminate an investigation under subsection 269TDA(1), (2), (3), (7), (13) or (14) (a ***termination decision***);

(c) a decision by the CEO to make recommendations to the Minister under paragraph 269X(6)(b) or (c) (a ***negative preliminary decision***).

269ZZO Who may seek a review

The following table sets out who may make an application for a review under this Subdivision.

Persons who may apply for review		
Item	**Reviewable decision**	**Applicant**
1	A negative prima facie decision under subsection 269TC(1) rejecting an application made under subsection 269TB(1)	The person who made the application under subsection 269TB(1)
2	A negative prima facie decision under subsection 269TC(2) rejecting an application under subsection 269TB(2)	The person who made the application under subsection 269TB(2)
3	A termination decision under subsection 269TDA(1), (2), (3), (7), (13) or (14)	The person who made the application referred to in paragraph (a) of subsection 269TDA(1), (2), (3), (7), (13) or (14) (as the case may be)
4	A negative preliminary decision under paragraph 269X(6)(b) or (c)	The person who made the application for an assessment of duty under section 269V that relates to the decision

269ZZP When must an application be made?

An application for a review must be made within 30 days after the applicant was notified of the reviewable decision concerned by the CEO.

269ZZQ How must an application be made?

(1) An application must:

(a) be in writing; and

(b) be in an approved form; and

(c) contain such information as the form requires; and

(d) be signed in the manner indicated in the form.

Note: Sections 269ZZX and 269ZZY set out requirements concerning confidential or sensitive commercial information that might be contained in an application for a review of a termination decision, including the need to accompany the application with a summary of such information.

(2) An application is made when it is received by the Review Officer after it has been lodged with the Review Officer in accordance with section 269ZY.

Note: Section 269ZY sets out the manner by which an application may be lodged with the Review Officer.

269ZZR Rejection of application for review of termination decision

The Review Officer must reject an application for a review of a termination decision if:

(a) the applicant in respect of the application claims that information included in it is confidential or is information whose publication would adversely affect a person's business or commercial interest; and

(b) the applicant fails to give a summary of that information to the Review Officer in accordance with section 269ZZY.

269ZZS The review of a negative prima facie decision

(1) The Review Officer must make a decision on an application for the review of a negative prima facie decision by:

(a) affirming the reviewable decision; or

(b) revoking the reviewable decision and substituting a new decision accepting the application under subsection 269TB(1) or (2) (as the case requires).

(2) As soon as practicable after a new decision is substituted under subsection (1), the CEO must publish a notice under subsection 269TC(4) in respect of the application referred to in paragraph (1)(b).

(3) In making a decision under this section, the Review Officer must have regard only to information that was before the CEO when the CEO made the reviewable decision.

(4) The Review Officer's decision must be made within 60 days after the receipt of the application for the review or such longer period

allowed by the Minister in writing because of special circumstances.

269ZZT The review of a termination decision

(1) If an application for the review of a termination decision is not rejected under section 269ZZR, the Review Officer must make a decision on the application by:

(a) affirming the reviewable decision; or

(b) revoking the reviewable decision.

(2) As soon as practicable after the Review Officer has revoked a reviewable decision under subsection (1), the CEO must publish a statement of essential facts under section 269TDAA in relation to the application for a dumping duty notice or countervailing duty notice that is related to the review.

(3) Following the publication of the statement of essential facts under subsection (2), the investigation of the application concerned resumes under this Part.

(4) In making a decision under this section, the Review Officer must have regard only to information that was before the CEO when the CEO made the reviewable decision.

(5) The Review Officer's decision must be made within 60 days after the receipt of the application for the review or such longer period allowed by the Minister in writing because of special circumstances.

(6) The Review Officer must publish his or her decision under this section in a newspaper circulating in each State, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory.

269ZZU The review of a negative preliminary decision

(1) The Review Officer must make a decision on an application for the review of a negative preliminary decision by:

(a) affirming the reviewable decision; or

(b) revoking the reviewable decision and substituting a new decision under subsection 269X(6).

(2) If the Review Officer revokes a reviewable decision and substitutes a new decision under subsection 269X(6), the Review Officer must, within 7 days after making the new decision, recommend that the Minister give effect to that decision.

(3) In making a decision under this section, the Review Officer must have regard only to information of the kinds referred to in subsection 269X(5) that was before the CEO when the CEO made the reviewable decision.

(4) The Review Officer's decision must be made within 60 days after the receipt of the application for the review or such longer period allowed by the Minister in writing because of special circumstances.

269ZZV Effect of the Review Officer's decision

The Review Officer's decision on a review:

(a) has effect as if it were a decision made by the CEO; and

(b) takes effect from the time the Review Officer makes the decision.

Subdivision D—Public record in relation to reviews

269ZZW Application

This Subdivision applies only to:

(a) an application for a review of a reviewable decision under Subdivision B; and

(b) an application for a review of a termination decision under Subdivision C.

269ZZX Public record maintained by Review Officer

(1) The Review Officer must, in relation to each application for a review:

(a) maintain a public record containing:

(i) a copy of the application; and

(ii) if the Review Officer seeks further information from the applicant—any such information given to the Review Officer by the applicant; and

(iii) if the application is an application for a review under Subdivision B—any submissions from interested parties concerning the application that were received by the Review Officer under section 269ZZI; and

(b) at the request of an interested party in respect of the reviewable decision concerned, make that record available to that party for inspection.

(2) The public record must not contain any information in respect of which a summary is given to the Review Officer under subsection 269ZZY(1).

269ZZY Confidential and sensitive commercial information

(1) To the extent that information provided to the Review Officer by a person is claimed by the person to be:

(a) confidential; or

(b) information whose publication would adversely affect a person's business or commercial interest;

the person giving that information must, at the time the information is given to the Review Officer, also give a summary of that information to the Review Officer for inclusion in the public record maintained under section 269ZZX.

(2) The summary must:

(a) contain sufficient detail to allow a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information; but

(b) does not breach the confidentiality or adversely affect the interests concerned.

Note: For the consequences of failing to comply with subsection (1), see sections 269ZZG and 269ZZQ and subsection 269ZZJ(5).

Part XVI—Regulations and by-laws [*see* Note 5]

270 Regulations

(1) The Governor-General may make regulations not inconsistent with this Act prescribing all matters which by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed or as may be necessary or convenient to be prescribed for giving effect to this Act or for the conduct of any business relating to the Customs, and in particular for prescribing:

(a) the nature, size, and material of the packages in which imported goods or goods for export, or goods for conveyance coastwise from any State to any other State, are to be packed, or the coverings in which they are to be wrapped;

(b) the maximum or minimum weight or quantity of imported goods, or goods for export, or goods for conveyance coastwise from any State to any other State which may be contained in any one package;

(d) the conditions as to purity, soundness, and freedom from disease to be conformed to by goods for export; and

(e) the conditions of carriage of goods subject to the control of the Customs, and the obligations of persons accepting such goods for carriage.

(2) The regulations may prescribe penalties not exceeding $1,000 in respect of any contravention of any of the regulations.

(3) The power to make regulations for the purposes of the definition of ***airport shop goods*** in subsection 4(1) extends to making regulations that:

(a) declare local use goods to be airport shop goods for the purposes of section 96B; or

(b) declare a class of local use goods, or a class of goods that includes local use goods, to be a class of airport shop goods for the purposes of that section.

(3A) Where, in any regulations made for the purposes of this Act, reference is made to the document known as the Australian Harmonized Export Commodity Classification published by the

Australian Bureau of Statistics, that reference shall, unless the contrary intention appears in those regulations, be read as a reference to that document as so published and as in force from time to time.

(4) The power to make regulations for the purposes of paragraph 96B(3)(b) or (c) extends to making regulations that prescribe quantities in relation to airport shop goods that are local use goods.

(5) In subsections (3) and (4), ***local use goods*** means goods:

(a) that have not been, and are not proposed to be, imported into Australia; and

(b) that have not been, and are not proposed to be, exported from Australia.

271 CEO may make by-laws

Where:

(a) an item of a Customs Tariff, or a proposed item of a Customs Tariff, is expressed to apply to goods, or to a class or kind of goods, as prescribed by by-law; or

(b) under an item of a Customs Tariff, or a proposed item of a Customs Tariff, any matter or thing is expressed to be, or is to be determined, as prescribed or defined by by-law;

the CEO may, subject to the succeeding sections of this Part, make by-laws for the purposes of that item or proposed item.

272 By-laws specifying goods

The CEO may specify in a by-law made for the purposes of an item, or a proposed item, of a Customs Tariff that is expressed to apply to goods, or to a class or kind of goods, as prescribed by by-law:

(a) the goods, or the class or kind of goods, to which that item or proposed item applies;

(b) the conditions, if any, subject to which that item or proposed item applies to those goods or to goods included in that class or kind of goods; and

(c) such other matters as are necessary to determine the goods to which that item or proposed item applies.

273 Determinations

(1) The CEO may determine, by instrument in writing, that, subject to the conditions, if any, specified in the determination, an item, or a proposed item, of a Customs Tariff that is expressed to apply to goods, or to a class or kind of goods, as prescribed by by-laws shall apply, or shall be deemed to have applied, to the particular goods specified in the determination.

(2) The CEO may make a determination under the last preceding subsection for the purposes of an item, or a proposed item, of a Customs Tariff whether or not he has made a by-law for the purposes of that item or proposed item.

(3) Where, under this section, the CEO determines that an item, or a proposed item, of a Customs Tariff shall apply, or shall be deemed to have applied, to goods, that item or proposed item shall, subject to this Part and to the conditions, if any, specified in the determination, apply, or be deemed to have applied, to those goods as if those goods were specified in a by-law made for the purposes of that item or proposed item and in force on the day on which those goods are or were entered for home consumption.

273A By-laws and determinations for purposes of repealed items

The CEO may make a by-law or determination for the purposes of an item of a Customs Tariff notwithstanding that the item has been repealed before the making of the by-law or determination, but the by-law shall not apply to, and the determination shall not be made in respect of, goods entered for home consumption after the repeal of that item.

273B Publication of by-laws and notification of determinations

(1) A by-law made under this Part:

(a) shall be published in the *Gazette*, and has no force until so published;

(b) shall, subject to this Part:

(i) take effect, or be deemed to have taken effect, from the date of publication, or from a date (whether before or after the date of publication) specified by or under the by-law; or

(ii) have effect or be deemed to have had effect, for such period (whether before or after the date of publication) as is specified by or under the by-law; and

(c) shall not be deemed to be a Statutory Rule within the meaning of the *Rules Publication Act 1903-1939*.

(2) Notice of the making of a determination under this Part shall be published in the *Gazette* as soon as practicable after the making of the determination and the notice shall specify:

(a) the kind of goods to which the determination applies;

(b) the conditions, if any, specified in the determination; and

(c) the item or proposed item for the purposes of which the determination was made.

273C Retrospective by-laws and determinations not to increase duty

This Part does not authorize the making of a by-law or determination which has the effect of imposing duty, in relation to goods entered for home consumption before the date on which the by-law is published in the *Gazette* or the determination is made, as the case may be, at a rate higher than the rate of duty payable in respect of those goods on the day on which those goods were entered for home consumption.

273D By-laws and determinations for purposes of proposals

Where:

(a) a by-law or determination is made for the purposes of a Customs Tariff proposed in the Parliament or of a Customs Tariff as proposed to be altered by a Customs Tariff alteration proposed in the Parliament; and

(b) the proposed Customs Tariff becomes a Customs Tariff or the proposed alteration is made, as the case may be;

the by-law or determination shall have effect for the purposes of that Customs Tariff or of that Customs Tariff as so altered, as the

case may be, as if the by-law or determination had been made for those purposes and the proposed Customs Tariff or the Customs Tariff as proposed to be altered, as the case may be, had been in force on the day on which the by-law or the determination was made.

273EA Notification of proposals when House of Representatives is not sitting

(1) The Minister may, at any time when the Parliament is prorogued or the House of Representatives has expired by effluxion of time, has been dissolved or is adjourned otherwise than for a period not exceeding 7 days, publish in the *Gazette* a notice that it is intended, within 7 sitting days of the House of Representatives after the date of the publication of the notice, to propose in the Parliament a Customs Tariff or Customs Tariff alteration in accordance with particulars specified in the notice and operating as from such time as is specified in the notice, not being:

(a) in the case of a Customs Tariff or Customs Tariff alteration that could have the effect of making the duty payable by any person importing goods greater than the duty that would, but for that Customs Tariff or Customs Tariff alteration, be payable—a time earlier than the time of publication of the notice; or

(b) in any other case—a time earlier than 6 months before the time of publication of the notice.

(2) Where notice of intention to propose a Customs Tariff or a Customs Tariff alteration has been published in accordance with this section, the Customs Tariff or Customs Tariff alteration shall, for the purposes of this Act (other than section 226) and any other Act, be deemed to be a Customs Tariff or Customs Tariff alteration, as the case may be, proposed in the Parliament.

273EB [Not in operation—*see* Note 5]

273F Interpretation

(1) In this Part:

proposed item of a Customs Tariff means:

(a) an item of a Customs Tariff proposed in the Parliament; or

(b) an item of a Customs Tariff as proposed to be altered by a Customs Tariff alteration proposed in the Parliament.

(2) Unless the contrary intention appears, a reference in this Part to an item of a Customs Tariff includes a reference to a heading and a subheading in Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*.

Part XVII—Miscellaneous

273G Briefing of Leader of Opposition on certain matters

The Minister shall, from time to time, and not less frequently than once each year, arrange for the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives to be briefed on matters relating to contraventions of this Act in respect of narcotic substances.

273GAA Notices

(1) Where a person makes a decision to which subsection (2) applies in relation to a warehouse licence or a broker's licence, the person shall cause to be served, either personally or by post, on the applicant or the holder of the licence, as the case requires, a notice in writing setting out the decision.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the following decisions are decisions to which this subsection applies:

(a) a decision under Part V refusing to grant a warehouse licence;

(b) a decision under subsection 82(5) refusing to vary the conditions specified in a warehouse licence;

(c) a decision under subsection 84(3) refusing to renew a warehouse licence;

(d) a decision under Division 3 of Part XI refusing to grant a broker's licence;

(e) a decision under subsection 183CF(1) or (2) refusing to vary the endorsements on a broker's licence;

(f) a decision under subsection 183CG(7) refusing to vary the conditions specified in a broker's licence.

(3) Where a Collector makes:

(a) a decision under section 95 refusing to cancel a valuation of warehoused goods and to revalue the goods; or

(b) a decision under subsection 97(1) refusing to grant permission to the owner of warehoused goods;

the Collector shall cause to be served, either personally or by post, on the owner of the goods, a notice in writing setting out the decision.

(4) Where the CEO makes a decision under subsection 119(2) not to grant a Certificate of Clearance, he shall cause to be served, either personally or by post, on the applicant for the Certificate, a notice in writing setting out the decision.

(5) Where a Collector makes a decision under section 126 refusing to allow the export of goods by a person, he shall cause to be served, either personally or by post, a notice in writing setting out the decision on the person.

(6) Where the Commissioner makes a decision under section 164 refusing to pay a rebate, the Commissioner shall cause to be served, either personally or by post, on the applicant for the rebate, a notice in writing setting out the decision.

(7) A notice in accordance with section 86 to the holder of a warehouse licence shall state the ground or grounds on which the notice is given.

(8) A notice under subsection 87(2) of the cancellation by the CEO of a warehouse licence shall set out the CEO's findings on material questions of fact, refer to the evidence or other material on which those findings were based and give the reasons for the cancellation.

(9) A notice under subsection 183CS(1) shall set out the ground or grounds of the decision of the CEO to which the notice relates.

(10) A reference in this section to a notice in writing setting out the decision of a person is a reference to a notice in writing setting out the decision and the person's findings on material questions of fact, referring to the evidence or other material on which those findings were based and giving the reasons for the decision.

273GAB Authorisation to disclose information to Customs

(1) A person may disclose to an officer information about any matter relating to actual or proposed travel:

(a) of any person or goods on the way (directly or indirectly) to Australia; or

(b) involving the departure from Australia of any person or goods;

even if the information is personal information (as defined in the *Privacy Act 1988*).

Note: The Australian Customs Service (including the officer) is obliged to handle personal information in accordance with the *Privacy Act 1988*. Section 16 of the *Customs Administration Act 1985* also limits the recording and disclosure of information disclosed to the officer under this section.

(2) To avoid doubt, this section does not:

(a) require anyone to disclose information to an officer; or

(b) affect a requirement of or under another provision of this Act for a person to disclose information to an officer (whether by answering a question, by providing a document or by other means).

273GA Review of decisions [*see* Note 5]

(1) Subject to this section, applications may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for review of:

(aa) a determination by the CEO for the purposes of subsection 28(2);

(ab) a determination by the CEO for the purposes of subsection 28(3);

(a) a decision of a Collector under section 35A making a demand;

(aaa) a decision by the CEO for the purposes of paragraph 58A(6)(c) refusing to authorise a journey;

(aaaa) a decision by the CEO under section 67C to refuse to register a person as a registered user in relation to a cargo automation system;

(aaab) a decision by the CEO under section 67C to cancel the registration of a person as a registered user in relation to a cargo automation system;

(aaac) a decision by the CEO under section 67ED to refuse to register a person as a special reporter;

(aaad) a decision by the CEO under section 67EK to refuse to renew a person's registration as a special reporter;

(aaae) a decision by the CEO under section 67EM to cancel the registration of a special reporter generally or in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind;

(aab) a decision by an officer under section 69 to refuse to grant a permission under that section;

(aac) a decision by an officer under section 69 to revoke a permission granted under that section;

(aad) a decision by an officer under section 70 to refuse to grant a permission under that section;

(aae) a decision by an officer under section 70 to revoke a permission granted under that section;

(aaf) a decision by an officer under section 71 to refuse to authorise the delivery of goods into home consumption;

(aag) a decision by an officer under section 71B to cancel an authority to deal with goods;

(aah) a decision by an officer under section 71E to refuse an application of a permission to move goods;

(aai) a decision by the CEO under section 77A to refuse to register a person as a registered COMPILE user;

(aaj) a decision by the CEO under section 77A to cancel the allocation to a registered COMPILE user of a PIN number or PIN numbers;

(aak) a decision by an officer under subsection 77D(4) to specify conditions to which a permission under section 77D is subject;

(aal) a decision by an officer under section 77D to refuse to grant a permission under that section;

(aam) a decision by an officer under section 77D to revoke a permission granted under that section;

(aan) a decision by an officer under subsection 77E(4) to specify conditions to which a permission under section 77E is subject;

(aao) a decision by an officer under section 77E to refuse to grant a permission under that section;

(aap) a decision by an officer under section 77E to revoke a permission granted under that section;

(aaq) a decision by the CEO under section 77G not to grant a depot licence;

(aar) a decision by the CEO under section 77J not to extend the period within which further information concerning a depot licence application is to be supplied;

(aara) a decision by the CEO under subsection 77LA(1) not to vary a depot licence;

(aarb) a decision by the CEO under subsection 77LA(3) not to allow a further period;

(aas) a decision by the CEO under section 77P not to grant an extension of time;

(aat) a decision by the CEO under section 77Q to vary the conditions of a depot licence;

(aau) a decision by the CEO under section 77V to revoke a depot licence;

(b) a decision of the CEO or a Collector for the purposes of Part V;

(baa) a decision of the CEO giving an approval, or refusing to give an approval, under paragraph 105(2)(a);

(ba) a decision by the CEO under section 114B to refuse to grant a person confirming exporter status;

(bb) a decision by the CEO under section 114B to cancel or modify a person's status as a confirming exporter;

(bc) a decision by an officer under section 114C to cancel an authority to deal with goods;

(c) a decision by the CEO under section 119 not to grant a Certificate of Clearance;

(ca) a decision by the CEO under section 122A to refuse to register a person as a registered EXIT user;

(cb) a decision by the CEO under section 122A to cancel a person's registration as a registered EXIT user;

(d) a decision by a Collector under section 126 refusing to allow the export of goods;

(e) a decision of the CEO under section 132B making a quota order;

(f) a decision of the CEO under section 132C varying a quota order;

(h) a decision of the CEO under subsection 161J(2) specifying a rate of exchange;

(haaa) a decision of a Collector under section 163 in relation to an application for a refund, rebate or remission of duty;

(j) a decision of the CEO under section 164B;

(ja) a decision of the CEO under subsection 165(3) demanding repayment of the whole or a part of a rebate of duty;

(jb) a decision of a Collector under section 168 in relation to an application for a drawback of duty;

(k) a decision of the Minister, the CEO, or a Collector for the purposes of Part XI;

(m) a decision under subsection 269H(1) to reject an application for a TCO;

(maa) a decision under subsection 269L(4) to the effect that the CEO is not satisfied that a proposed amendment of a description of goods to be covered by a TCO does not contravene subsection 269L(3):

(ma) a decision of the CEO under section 269HA rejecting a TCO application;

(n) a decision of the CEO under section 269SH on a reconsideration of a decision of the CEO under subsection 269P(1);

(o) a decision of the CEO under section 269SH on a reconsideration of a decision of the CEO under subsection 269Q(1);

(p) a decision of the CEO under subsection 269SA(1) or (2);

(q) a decision of the CEO under section 269SH on a reconsideration of a decision of the CEO under subsection 269SC(1);

(r) a decision of the CEO under section 269SH on a reconsideration of a decision of the CEO under subsection 269SC(4);

(s) a decision by the CEO under subsection 269SD(1AB), (1), (1A), (2) or (5).

(2) Where a dispute referred to in subsection 167(1) has arisen and the owner of the goods has, in accordance with that subsection, paid under protest the sum demanded by the Collector, an application may be made to the Tribunal for review of the decision to make that demand and of any other decision forming part of the process of making, or leading up to the making of, that first-mentioned decision.

(3) Subsection 119(3) does not apply where a Certificate of Clearance is granted to the ship or aircraft referred to in that subsection as a result of a review by the Tribunal.

(5) An application may not be made to the Tribunal under subsection (2) unless the application is made within the time specified in paragraph 167(4)(a) or (b), whichever is appropriate.

(6) Where the owner of goods has made an application to the Tribunal under subsection (2), he is not entitled to bring an action under subsection 167(2).

(6A) An application may not be made to the Tribunal in respect of a decision under section 269SH on a reconsideration of a decision of the CEO under subsection 269P(1), 269Q(1) or 269SC(1) or (4) unless the person who makes the application to the Tribunal is:

(a) an affected person within the meaning of section 269SH; and

(b) is adversely affected by the decision on the reconsideration.

(7) Where, on an application made under subsection (2), the Tribunal has made a decision reviewing a demand made by the Collector, the proper duty payable in respect of the goods concerned shall be deemed to be:

(a) the sum determined to be the proper duty by, or ascertained to be the proper duty in accordance with:

(i) the decision of the Tribunal; or

(ii) an order of a court on appeal from that decision; or

(b) the sum paid under protest;

whichever is the less.

(8) In this section, ***decision*** has the same meaning as in the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*.

273H Review of decisions under Customs Tariff Act

(1) Applications may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for review of a decision of the CEO under section 9 of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*.

(2) In subsection (1), ***decision*** has the same meaning as in the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*.

273HA Review of decisions under the *Customs Tariff (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1996*

(1) Applications may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for review of a decision of the CEO to remake a Commercial Tariff Concession Order or Tariff Concession Order under paragraph (5)(d) of item 3 of Schedule 2 to the *Customs Tariff (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1996*.

(2) In subsection (1), ***decision*** has the same meaning as in the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*.

273J Review of decisions under Customs Tariff (Coal Export Duty) Act

(1) Applications may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for review of decisions of a Collector made for the purposes of the definition of ***high quality coking coal*** in section 4 of the *Customs Tariff (Coal Export Duty) Act 1975* or for the purposes of section 7 of that Act and for review of decisions of the Minister for Resources and Energy made for the purposes of section 8 of that Act.

(2) In subsection (1), ***decision*** has the same meaning as in the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*.

273JA Review of decisions relating to Customs Tariff (Stand-By Duty) Act

(1) Applications may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for review of:

(a) a decision of the Minister for Resources and Energy that he or she is satisfied, or not satisfied, of a matter for the purposes of the definition of ***list of eligible importers*** in subsection 4(1) of the *Customs Tariff (Stand-By Duty) Act 1985*;

(b) a decision of that Minister under paragraph 10(1)(b) of that Act that he or she is satisfied, or not satisfied, of a matter; or

(c) a decision of that Minister under paragraph 11(1)(b) of that Act that he or she is satisfied, or not satisfied, of a matter.

(2) In this section, ***decision*** has the same meaning as in the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*.

273JB Review of decisions relating to diesel fuel rebate [*see* Note 4]

(1) A person who is dissatisfied with a decision that applies to the person may object against the decision, in the manner set out in Part IVC of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*, if the decision is one of the following:

(a) a decision of the Commissioner under section 164 refusing to pay a rebate;

(b) a decision of the Commissioner under subsection 164(1G) that the Commissioner is satisfied of the matter referred to in that subsection;

(c) a decision by the Commissioner not to amend an assessment when subparagraph 164AD(3)(a)(i) applies (in the case where an applicant has notified a taxation officer doing duty in relation to diesel fuel rebate of an error, or errors, in accordance with paragraph 164AB(1)(a));

(d) a decision of the Commissioner under section 164AD to amend the assessment of a person's rebate entitlement (other than such a decision that is made in conjunction with the issuing by the Commissioner of a notice under section 164AA in respect of that rebate entitlement).

(2) In subsection (1), ***decision*** has the same meaning as in the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*.

273K Statement to accompany notification of decisions

(1) Where notice in writing of the making of a decision of a kind referred to in subsection 273GA(1) or (2) or section 273H or subsection 273J(1) or 273JA(1) is given to a person whose interests are affected by the decision, that notice shall include a statement to the effect that, subject to the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*, application may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for review of the decision to which the notice relates by or on behalf of the person or persons whose interests are affected by the decision.

(2) Any failure to comply with the requirements of subsection (1) in relation to a decision does not affect the validity of the decision.

273L Entry and transmission of information by computer

If this Act requires or permits information (including information in the form of particular words) to be entered or transmitted by computer, the information may be entered or transmitted by computer in an encoded form chosen by Customs.

274 Commissioned ships and aircraft to be reported

The person in command of any ship or aircraft holding commission from His Majesty or from any foreign State having on board any goods other than ship's or aircraft's stores laden in a place outside Australia or in Australia shall when called upon by the CEO or an authorised officer so to do:

(a) deliver an account in writing of the quantity of such goods, the marks and numbers thereof, and names of the shippers and consignees, and declare to the truth thereof;

(b) answer questions relating to such goods.

275 Commissioned ships and aircraft may be searched

Ships or aircraft under commission from His Majesty or any foreign State having on board any goods other than ship's or

aircraft's stores laden in a place outside Australia or in Australia may be boarded and searched by the CEO or an authorised officer in the same manner as other ships or aircraft, and the CEO or the authorised officer may secure any such goods and for that purpose bring them ashore.

275A Direction not to move a ship or aircraft from a boarding station

(1) Where a Collector considers that it is desirable, for the purposes of the Customs, to hold a ship or aircraft at a boarding station, the Collector may, by notice in writing delivered to the master of the ship or the pilot of the aircraft before it leaves the boarding station, direct the master or pilot not to move the ship or aircraft from the boarding station until the master or pilot receives permission, in writing, from a Collector to do so.

(2) A person shall not disobey a direction given to him, and in force, under this section.

Penalty: $10,000.

(2A) Subsection (2) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(3) Where a direction not to move a ship or aircraft from a boarding station has been given under subsection (1):

(a) the direction ceases to have any force or effect at the expiration of a period of 3 days after the day on which the direction is given; and

(b) no further direction in respect of the ship or aircraft shall be given while the ship or aircraft remains at the boarding station.

(4) Where a Collector (not being the CEO or the Regional Director for a State or Territory) gives a direction under subsection (1) not to move a ship or aircraft from a boarding station, the Collector shall forthwith notify:

(a) where the boarding station is in the Australian Capital Territory—the CEO;

(b) where the boarding station is in a State—the Regional Director for the State; or

(c) where the boarding station is in the Northern Territory—the Regional Director for the Northern Territory;

of the giving of the direction.

(5) Where:

(a) a ship or aircraft is held at a boarding station by virtue of a direction given under subsection (1); and

(b) the CEO or the Regional Director for a State or Territory is satisfied that no purpose of the Customs is served by holding the ship or aircraft at the boarding station;

he shall forthwith revoke the direction.

(6) In proceedings for an offence under this section with respect to a direction, a certificate by a person referred to in the last preceding subsection that he is satisfied that, up to the time the offence is alleged to have been committed:

(a) the permission referred to in the direction had not been given; and

(b) the direction had not been revoked;

is evidence of the matters as to which the person has certified that he is satisfied.

276 Collector's sales

As to sales by the Collector:

(a) The goods shall be sold by auction or by tender and after such public notice as may be prescribed, and where not prescribed after reasonable public notice.

(b) The goods may be sold either subject to duty and charges or at a price that includes duty and charges and the price shall be paid in cash on the acceptance of the bidding or tender.

(c) No bidding or tender shall be necessarily accepted and the goods may be re-offered until sold at a price satisfactory to the Collector.

277 Proceeds of sales

(1) The proceeds of any goods sold by the Collector shall be applied as follows:

Firstly, in the payment of the expenses of the sale.

Secondly, where the price for the goods includes duty, in payment of the duty.

Thirdly, in payment of the warehouse rent and charges.

Fourthly, in payment of the harbour and wharfage dues and freight if any due upon the goods if written notice of such harbour and wharfage dues and freight shall have been given to the Collector.

And the balance if any shall be paid to the Minister for Finance on account of the person entitled thereto.

(2) For the purposes of section 132, goods to which subsection (1) of this section applies on which duty has not been paid shall be taken to have been entered for home consumption on the day on which the goods are sold by the Collector.

277A Jurisdiction of courts

(1) A provision of the *Judiciary Act 1903* by which a court of a State is invested with federal jurisdiction has effect, in relation to matters arising under this Act, as if that jurisdiction were so invested without limitation as to locality other than the limitation imposed by section 80 of the Constitution.

(2) Subject to the Constitution, jurisdiction is conferred on the several courts of the Territories, within the limits of their several jurisdictions, other than limits as to locality, with respect to matters arising under this Act.

(3) The trial of an offence against a provision of this Act not committed within a State may be held by a court of competent jurisdiction at any place where the court may sit.

Schedules

Schedule I—The Commonwealth of Australia

Security to the Customs

By this Security the subscribers are, pursuant to the *Customs Act 1901*, bound to the Customs of the Commonwealth of Australia in the sum of—[here insert amount or mode of ascertaining amount intended to be paid in default of compliance with condition]—subject only to this condition that if—[here insert the condition of the security]—then this security shall be thereby discharged.*

Dated the day of 19 .

Names and descriptions of subscribers	Signatures of subscribers	Signatures of witnesses

*NOTE—If liability is not intended to be joint and several and for the full amount, here state what is intended as, for example, thus—"The liability of the subscribers is joint only," or "the liability of (mentioning subscriber) is limited to (here state amount of limit of liability or mode of ascertaining limit)."

Schedule VI

Section 4

Column 1 Substance	Column 2 Trafficable quantity (grams)	Column 3 Commercial quantity (kilograms)
ACETORPHINE	2.000	
ACETYL-ALPHA-METHYLFENTANYL	0.005	0.005
ACETYLCODEINE	2.0	
ACETYLDIHYDROCODEINE	2.0	
ACETYLMETHADOL	2.0	
ALLYLPRODINE	2.0	
ALPHACETYLMETHADOL	10.0	
ALPHAMEPRODINE	0.2	
ALPHAMETHADOL	0.2	
ALPHA-METHYLFENTANYL	0.005	0.005
ALPHA-METHYLTHIOFENTANYL	0.005	0.005
ALPHAPRODINE	25.0	
AMPHECOLORAL	2.0	
3- (2-AMINOPROPYL) INDOLE	2.0	
AMPHETAMINE	2.0	
ANILERIDINE	25.0	
BARBITURATES	50.0	
BENZETHIDINE	10.0	
BENZYLMORPHINE	5.0	
BETACETYLMETHADOL	5.0	
BETA-HYDROXYFENTANYL	0.005	0.005
BETA-HYDROXY-3-METHYLFENTANYL	0.005	0.005
BETAMEPRODINE	5.0	
BETAMETHADOL	5.0	
BETAPRODINE	5.0	
BEZITRAMIDE	5.0	
4-BROMO-2, 5-DIMETHOXYAMPHETAMINE	0.5	
BUFOTENINE	2.0	
CANNABINOIDS	2.0	
CANNABIS	100.0	100.0
CANNABIS RESIN	20.0	50.0
CHLORPHENTERMINE	2.0	

Column 1 Substance	Column 2 Trafficable quantity (grams)	Column 3 Commercial quantity (kilograms)
CLONITAZENE	5.0	
COCAINE	2.0	2.0
CODEINE	10.0	
CODEINE-N-OXIDE	10.0	
CODOXIME	10.0	
DESOMORPHINE	2.0	
DIAMPROMIDE	5.0	
DIETHYLPROPION	5.0	
DIETHYLTHIAMBUTENE	5.0	
N, N-DIETHYLTRYPTAMINE	2.0	
DIHYDROCODEINE	10.0	
DIHYDROMORPHINE	10.0	
DIMENOXADOL	10.0	
DIMEPHEPTANOL	10.0	
2, 5-DIMETHOXY-4-METHYLAMPHETAMINE	2.0	
DIMETHYLTHIAMBUTENE	20.0	
N, N-DIMETHYLTRYPTAMINE	2.0	
DIOXAPHETYL BUTYRATE	2.0	
DIPHENOXYLATE	2.0	
DIPIPANONE	10.0	
ECGONINE	10.0	
ETHYLMETHYLTHIAMBUTENE	10.0	
ETHYLMORPHINE	2.0	
ETONITAZENE	5.0	
ETORPHINE	5.0	
ETOXERIDINE	5.0	
FENTANYL	0.005	
FURETHIDINE	1.0	
HARMALINE	2.0	
HARMINE	2.0	
HEROIN	2.0	1.5
HYDROCODONE	2.0	
HYDROMORPHINOL	2.0	
HYDROMORPHONE	2.0	
HYDROXYAMPHETAMINE	2.0	
HYDROXYPETHIDINE	5.0	
KETOBEMIDONE	2.0	

Column 1 Substance	Column 2 Trafficable quantity (grams)	Column 3 Commercial quantity (kilograms)
LEVORPHANOL	1.0	
LYSERGAMIDE	0.1	
LYSERGIC ACID	0.002	0.002
LYSERGIDE	0.002	0.002
MESCALINE	7.5	
METAZOCINE	7.0	
METHADONE	2.0	
METHAQUALONE	50.0	
METHORPHAN	2.0	
METHYLAMPHETAMINE	2.0	
3, 4-METHYLENEDIOXYAMPHETAMINE	0.5	
3, 4-METHYLENEDIOXYMETHAMPHETAMINE	0.50	0.50
METHYLDESORPHINE	2.0	
METHYLDIHYDROMORPHINE	2.0	
3-METHYLFENTANYL	0.005	0.005
METHYLPHENIDATE	2.0	
1-METHYL-4-PHENYL-4-PROPIONOXYPIPERIDINE (MPPP)	2.0	2.0
3-METHYLTHIOFENTANYL	0.005	0.005
METOPON	2.0	
MONOACETYLMORPHINES	2.0	
MORAMIDE	2.0	
MORPHERIDINE	2.0	
MORPHINE	2.0	1.5
MORPHINE-N-OXIDE	2.0	
MYROPHINE	20.0	
NICOCODINE	2.0	
NICODICODINE	2.0	
NICOMORPHINE	2.0	
NORACYMETHADOL	2.0	
NORCODEINE	2.0	
NORLEVORPHANOL	2.0	
NORMETHADONE	5.0	
NORMORPHINE	20.0	
NORPIPANONE	10.0	
OPIUM	20.0	20.0
OXYCODONE	5.0	

Column 1 Substance	Column 2 Trafficable quantity (grams)	Column 3 Commercial quantity (kilograms)
OXYMORPHONE	2.0	
PARA-FLUOROFENTANYL	0.005	0.005
PENTAZOCINE	20.0	
PETHIDINE	10.0	
PHENADOXONE	10.0	
PHENAMPROMIDE	10.0	
PHENAZOCINE	1.0	
PHENDIMETRAZINE	5.0	
PHENMETRAZINE	5.0	
PHENOMORPHAN	5.0	
PHENOPERIDINE	1.0	
1-PHENYLETHYL-4-PHENYL-4-ACETOXYPIPERIDINE (PEPAP)	2.0	2.0
PHOLCODINE	5.0	
PIMINODINE	10.0	
PIPRADROL	1.0	
PIRITRAMIDE	1.0	
PROHEPTAZINE	1.0	
PROPERIDINE	25.0	
PSILOCIN	0.1	
PSILOCYBIN	0.1	
TETRAHYDROCANNABINOLS	2.0	5.0
THEBACON	2.0	
THEBAINE	2.0	
THIOFENTANYL	0.005	0.005
TRIMEPERIDINE	10.0	
A substance ("drug analogue") which is, in relation to another substance (being a substance specified elsewhere in this Schedule, or a stereoisomer, a structural isomer (with the same constituent groups) or an alkaloid of such a substance): (a) a stereoisomer; or (b) a structural isomer having the same constituent groups; or (c) an alkaloid; or (d) a structural modification obtained in 1 or more of the following ways: (i) by the replacement of up to 2 carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring structures with different carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring structures; (ii) by the addition of hydrogen atoms to 1 or more unsaturated bonds;		

Column 1 Substance	Column 2 Trafficable quantity (grams)	Column 3 Commercial quantity (kilograms)
(iii) by the addition of 1 or more of the following groups, namely alkoxy, cyclic diether, acyl, acyloxy, mono-amino and dialkylamino groups with up to 6 carbon atoms in any alkyl residue; alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl groups with up to 6 carbon atoms in the group, where the group is attached to oxygen (for example, an ester or an ether group), nitrogen, sulphur or carbon; and halogen, hydroxy, nitro and amino groups; (iv) by the replacement of 1 or more of the groups specified in subparagraph (iii) with another such group or groups; (v) by the conversion of a carboxyl or an ester group into an amide group; or		
(e) otherwise an homologue, analogue, chemical derivative or substance substantially similar in chemical structure; however obtained, except where the drug analogue is separately specified in this Schedule	The minimum trafficable quantity of: (a) that other substance in relation to which the substance is a drug analogue; or (b) if there is more than 1 such other substance—that other substance having the least minimum trafficable quantity	The minimum commercial quantity, if any, of: (a) that other substance in relation to which the substance is a drug analogue; or (b) if there is more than 1 such other substance—that other substance having the least minimum commercial quantity.

Schedule VII—Diagrams and explanatory notes illustrating operation of Division 1A of Part VIII

Section 153A

Diagram 1

Decision diagram for working out whether preference claim goods are the produce or manufacture of New Zealand

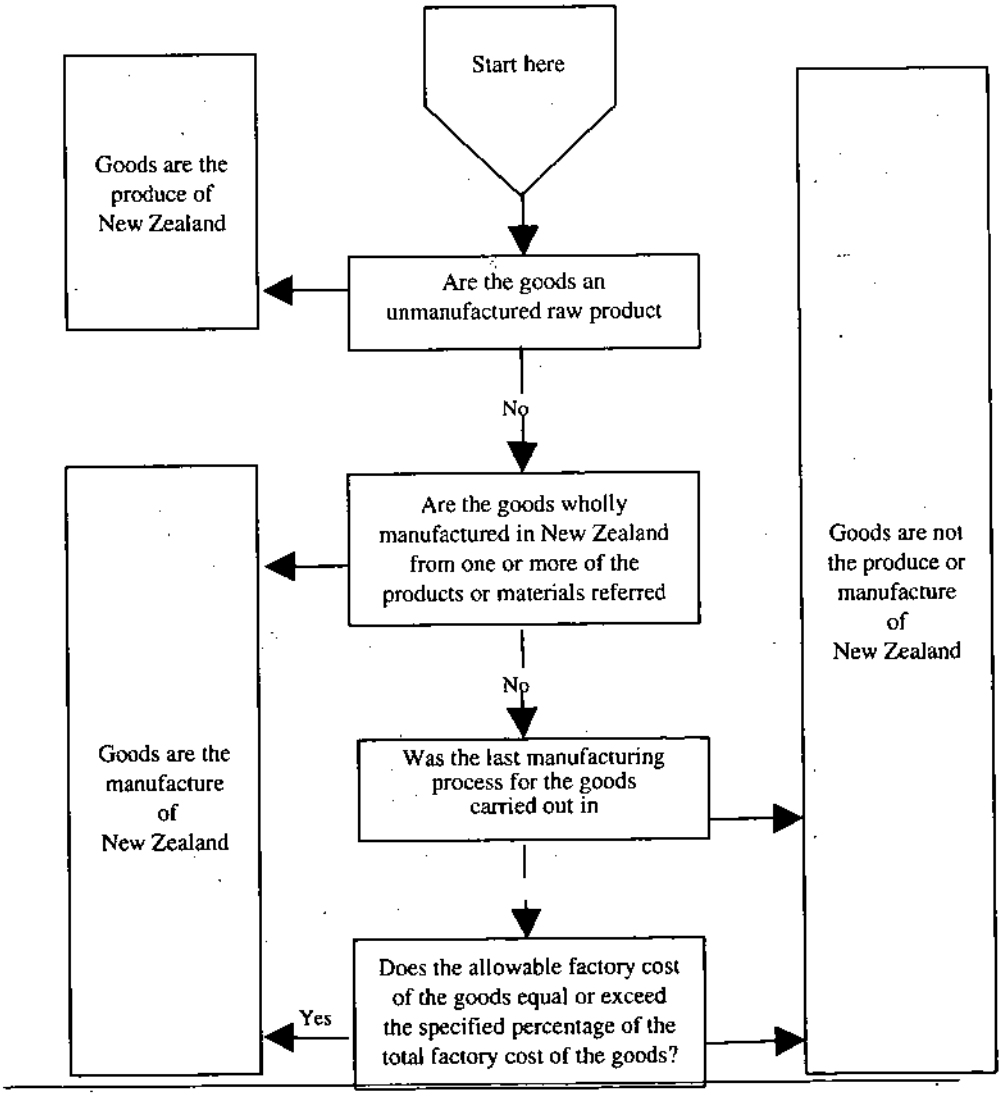
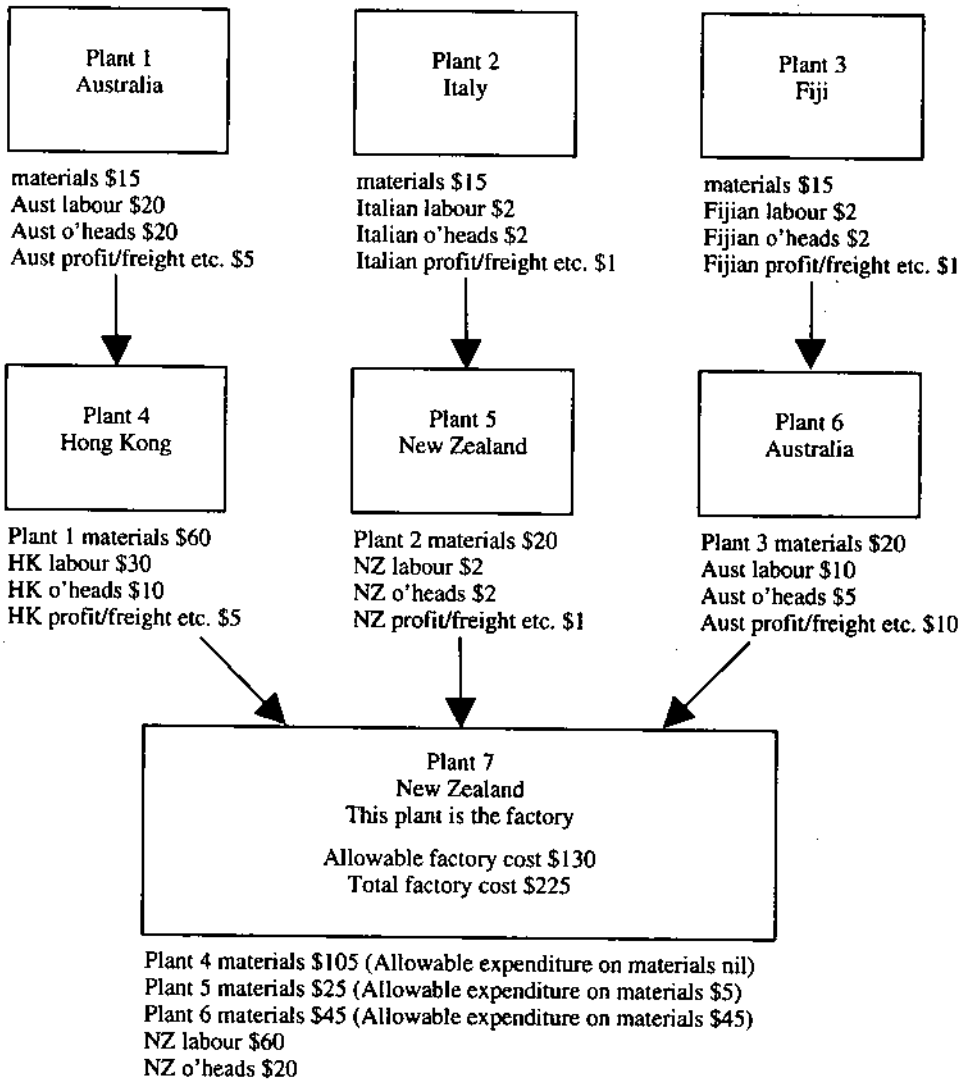


Diagram 2

An example of possible inputs into goods last processed in New Zealand and claimed to be the manufacture of that country

[An explanation of the calculations to determine whether the goods are properly so claimed appears in the notes to the diagram.]



Notes relating to diagram 2

Goods imported into Australia after last process in the factory (ie Plant 7) are claimed to be the manufacture of New Zealand. This claim will be correct if the allowable factory cost of these preference claim goods is at least 50% of their total factory cost.

To work out both of these factory costs, we must first work out the allowable expenditure of the factory on the 3 manufactured materials that make up the preference claim goods. We will also need to take into account 3 other amounts, namely the total expenditure of the factory on materials, and the allowable expenditure of the factory on labour, and on overheads.

Working out allowable expenditure on materials (see section 153D)

- The allowable expenditure of the factory on particular manufactured materials in the form they are received from Plant 4 is nil because the materials are imported from outside the qualifying area (ie Hong Kong). (See subsection 153D (2)). This is so even though the manufactured materials themselves incorporate goods originating inside the qualifying area (ie Plant 1 in Australia).
- The allowable expenditure of the factory on particular manufactured materials in the form they are received from Plant 5 is not $25 but $5. This is because:
  - — the cost of contributing materials imported into the qualifying area from outside that area (ie Plant 2 in Italy) and subsequently processed is excluded under subsection 153D (4) from the working out of that allowable expenditure; and
  - — subsection 153D (6) does not apply.
- The allowable expenditure of the factory on particular manufactured materials in the form they are received from Plant 6 is the full cost to the manufacturer of $45. It is true that contributing materials are imported into the qualifying area from outside that area (ie Plant 3 in Fiji) and subsequently processed. However, the cost of those contributing materials is not required to be excluded under subsection 153D (4) from the working out of that allowable expenditure because subsection 153D (6) applies.

Working out allowable factory cost (see section 153B)

Allowable expenditure of the factory on materials from Plants 4, 5 and 6 (Nil + $5 + $45)	$50
PLUS allowable expenditure of the factory on labour	$60

PLUS allowable expenditure of the factory on overheads		$20
	TOTAL	$130

Working out total factory cost (see section 153B)

Total expenditure of the factory on materials from Plants 4, 5 and 6 ($105 + $25 + $45)		$175
PLUS allowable expenditure of the factory on labour		$60
PLUS allowable expenditure of the factory on overheads		$20
	TOTAL	$255

CONCLUSION: Since allowable factory cost is at least 50% of total factory cost, goods **are** the manufacture of New Zealand. (See subsection 153J (2)).

Notes to the *Customs Act 1901*

Note 1

The *Customs Act 1901* as shown in this compilation comprises Act No. 6, 1901 amended as indicated in the Tables below.

For application, saving or transitional provisions made by the *Corporations (Repeals, Consequentials and Transitionals) Act 2001*, *see* Act No. 55, 2001.

All relevant information pertaining to application, saving or transitional provisions prior to 28 February 1997 is not included in this compilation. For subsequent information *see* Table A.

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Act	Number and year	Date of Assent	Date of commencement	Application, saving or transitional provisions
Customs Act 1901	6, 1901	3 Oct 1901	4 Oct 1901 (*see Gazette* 1901, p. 165)	
Spirits Act 1906	21, 1906	12 Oct 1906	1 Jan 1907 (*see Gazette* 1907)	—
Customs (Inter-State Accounts) Act 1910 (a)	9, 1910	7 Sept 1910	7 Sept 1910	—
Customs Act 1910	36, 1910	1 Dec 1910	1 Dec 1910	—
Customs Act 1914	19, 1914	7 Dec 1914	7 Dec 1914	—
Customs Act 1916	10, 1916	30 May 1916	30 May 1916	—
Customs Act 1920	41, 1920	10 Nov 1920	*(b)*	—
Customs Act 1922	19, 1922	9 Oct 1922	9 Oct 1922	—
Customs Act 1923	12, 1923	17 Aug 1923	17 Aug 1923	—
Customs Act 1925	22, 1925	26 Sept 1925	26 Sept 1925	—
Customs Act 1930	6, 1930	29 Mar 1930	29 Mar 1930	S. 3
Customs Act 1934	7, 1934	24 July 1934	S. 17: 1 Jan 1935 Remainder: Royal Assent	—
Statute Law Revision Act 1934	45, 1934	6 Aug 1934	6 Aug 1934	—
Customs Act 1935	7, 1935	5 Apr 1935	1 Jan 1935	—
Customs Act 1936	85, 1936	7 Dec 1936	7 Dec 1936	—
Customs Act 1947	54, 1947	13 Nov 1947	15 Nov 1947 (*see Gazette* 1947, p. 337)	—

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Act	Number and year	Date of Assent	Date of commencement	Application, saving or transitional provisions
Customs Act 1949	45, 1949	27 Oct 1949	1 Apr 1950 (*see Gazette* 1950, p. 723)	S. 3(2)
Customs Act 1950	56, 1950	14 Dec 1950	30 Nov 1950	—
Statute Law Revision Act 1950	80, 1950	16 Dec 1950	31 Dec 1950	Ss. 16 and 17
Customs Act 1951	56, 1951	11 Dec 1951	11 Dec 1951	S. 7
Customs Act 1952	108, 1952	19 Nov 1952	Ss. 7 and 11: 14 Dec 1956 (*see Gazette* 1956, p. 3889) Remainder: Royal Assent	Ss. 19(2) and 20(2)
Customs Act 1953	47, 1953	26 Oct 1953	23 Nov 1953	—
Customs Act 1954	66, 1954	8 Nov 1954	6 Dec 1954	—
Customs Act 1957	37, 1957	7 June 1957	S. 4: 7 Sept 1957 Remainder: Royal Assent	Ss. 9(2) and 11(2)
Customs Act 1959	54, 1959	22 May 1959	Ss. 6–8 and 17: 1 Jan 1960 Ss. 3, 4, 9–11, 13, 15, 20–24 and 29: 1 Sept 1960 (*see Gazette* 1960, p. 3065) Remainder: Royal Assent	Ss. 5(2) and 28–30
Customs Act 1960	42, 1960	5 Sept 1960	5 Sept 1960	—
Customs Act (No. 2) 1960	111, 1960	19 Dec 1960	S. 3: 30 Nov 1961 (*see Gazette* 1961, p. 4309) Remainder: Royal Assent	S. 2(3)
Customs Act 1963	48, 1963	16 Oct 1963	Ss. 5, 20, 22, 31 and 32: 1 July 1964 (*see Gazette* 1964, p. 2348) Ss. 14(1), 15 and 16: 1 Sept 1965 (*see Gazette* 1965, p. 3767) Remainder: Royal Assent	Ss. 8(2), 12(2), 14(2), 20(2), 22(2), 25(2) and 29(2)
Customs Act 1965	29, 1965	2 June 1965	1 July 1965	—
Customs Act (No. 2) 1965	82, 1965	30 Nov 1965	12 Apr 1966 (*see Gazette* 1966, p. 1963)	—
as amended by				
Customs Act (No. 3) 1965	133, 1965	18 Dec 1965	14 Feb 1966	—

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Act	Number and year	Date of Assent	Date of commencement	Application, saving or transitional provisions
Customs Act (No. 3) 1965	133, 1965	18 Dec 1965	14 Feb 1966	—
Customs Act 1966	28, 1966	24 May 1966	S. 3: 16 June 1966 (*see Gazette* 1966, p. 3185) Remainder: Royal Assent	—
Customs Act 1967	54, 1967	30 May 1967	30 May 1967	S. 11
Customs Act 1968	14, 1968	16 May 1968	13 June 1968	—
Customs Act (No. 2) 1968	104, 1968	2 Dec 1968	Ss. 1, 2, 31 and 37: Royal Assent Ss. 29 and 30: 18 June 1968 Remainder: 1 Oct 1969 (*see Gazette* 1969, p. 5771)	S. 37
Customs Act 1971	12, 1971	5 Apr 1971	Ss. 1–3 and 5: Royal Assent S. 4: 1 July 1974 (*see Gazette* 1974, No. 53D)	S. 5
Customs Act (No. 2) 1971	134, 1971	16 Dec 1971	13 Jan 1972	—
Customs Act 1973	162, 1973	7 Dec 1973	7 Dec 1973	—
Statute Law Revision Act 1973	216, 1973	19 Dec 1973	31 Dec 1973	Ss. 9(1) and 10
Customs Act 1974	28, 1974	1 Aug 1974	1 Aug 1974	—
Customs Act (No. 2) 1974	120, 1974	3 Dec 1974	3 Dec 1974	Ss. 3(2), 4(2), (3), 5(2) and 6(2)
Postal and Telecommunications Commissions (Transitional Provisions) Act 1975	56, 1975	12 June 1975	Ss. 4 and 38: 1 July 1975 (*see* s. 2(1) and *Gazette* 1975, No. S122) Remainder: Royal Assent	—
as amended by				
Customs Act (No. 2) 1975	107, 1975	9 Oct 1975	*(c)*	S. 2
Customs Act 1975	77, 1975	20 June 1975	20 June 1975 (*see* s. 2)	—
Customs Act (No. 2) 1975	107, 1975	9 Oct 1975	*(c)*	S. 2
Customs Amendment Act 1976	41, 1976	2 June 1976	1 July 1976	S. 7
Administrative Changes (Consequential Provisions) Act 1976	91, 1976	20 Sept 1976	S. 3: *(d)*	S. 4

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Customs Amendment Act (No. 2) 1976	174, 1976	13 Dec 1976	S. 4: 1 Feb 1977 (*see Gazette* 1977, No. S8) Remainder: Royal Assent	—
Customs Amendment Act 1977	154, 1977	10 Nov 1977	Ss. 3, 4 and 9: 20 Oct 1978 (*see Gazette* 1978, No. S195) S. 7: 24 Oct 1978 (*see Gazette* 1978, No. S219) Remainder: Royal Assent	Ss. 5(2), 7(2), (3) and 13
Administrative Changes (Consequential Provisions) Act 1978	36, 1978	12 June 1978	12 June 1978	S. 8
Customs Amendment Act 1978	183, 1978	4 Dec 1978	S. 3: 10 July 1978 Remainder: Royal Assent	Ss. 4 and 5
Jurisdiction of Courts (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1979	19, 1979	28 Mar 1979	Parts II–XVII (ss. 3–123): 15 May 1979 (*see Gazette* 1979, No. S86) Remainder: Royal Assent	S. 124
Customs Amendment Act 1979	92, 1979	14 Sept 1979	Ss. 5 and 6: *(e)* Remainder: Royal Assent	Ss. 4(2), (3) and 17
as amended by				
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act 1985	40, 1985	30 May 1985	Part III (ss. 27, 28): 13 Sept 1979 *(f)*	—
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1985	175, 1985	16 Dec 1985	Part III (ss. 14, 15): *(g)*	—
Customs (Detention and Search) Act 1990	79, 1990	23 Oct 1990	23 Apr 1991	—
Customs Amendment Act (No. 2) 1979	116, 1979	25 Oct 1979	1 June 1980 (*see* s. 2 and *Gazette* 1980, No. G21, p. 2)	—
Australian Federal Police (Consequential Amendments) Act 1979	155, 1979	28 Nov 1979	19 Oct 1979 (*see* s. 2 and *Gazette* 1979, No. S206)	—
Customs Amendment Act (No. 3) 1979	177, 1979	4 Dec 1979	1 Nov 1979	—
Customs Amendment Act (No. 4) 1979	180, 1979	4 Dec 1979	4 Dec 1979	S. 14

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Customs Amendment Act (No. 2) 1980	13, 1980	8 Apr 1980	1 Feb 1981 (*see* s. 2 and *Gazette* 1980, No. S282)	Ss. 4(2), 5(2), (3) and 7
Customs Amendment Act 1980	15, 1980	15 Apr 1980	16 Apr 1980 (*see* s. 2)	—
Customs Amendment Act (No. 3) 1980	110, 1980	6 June 1980	Ss. 3(b), 4 and 5: 1 July 1980 (*see Gazette* 1980, No. S146) Remainder: Royal Assent	Ss. 4(2)–(4), 10(2), 23(2) and 32
Customs Amendment Act (No. 4) 1980	171, 1980	17 Dec 1980	1 Jan 1981	—
Customs Amendment (Tenders) Act 1981	45, 1981	14 May 1981	14 May 1981	—
Statute Law Revision Act 1981	61, 1981	12 June 1981	S. 115: Royal Assent *(h)*	—
Customs Amendment Act 1981	64, 1981	12 June 1981	Ss. 6–12, 15–18, 19(2), 20–24 and 27: 21 Dec 1983 (*see Gazette* 1983, No. S332) Ss. 13 and 14: *(i)* Remainder: 10 July 1981	Ss. 28(2), (3) and 38
as amended by				
Off-shore Installations (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1982	51, 1982	16 June 1982	(*see* 51, 1982 below)	—
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 4) 1989	5, 1990	17 Jan 1990	(*see* 5, 1990 below)	—
Customs Amendment (Securities) Act 1981	67, 1981	12 June 1981	10 July 1981	S. 3(2)
Customs (Unlawful Exportation of Food) Amendment Act 1981	152, 1981	26 Oct 1981	26 Oct 1981	—
Customs (Valuations) Amendment Act 1981	157, 1981	27 Oct 1981	S. 4: 14 May 1981 Ss. 5, 8 and 11–13: 30 Nov 1981 (*see Gazette* 1981, No. S246) S. 9: 10 July 1981 Remainder: Royal Assent	Ss. 10(2) and 13
Export Control (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1982	48, 1982	9 June 1982	1 Jan 1983 (*see* s. 2 and *Gazette* 1982, No. G48, p. 2)	—

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Off-shore Installations (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1982	51, 1982	16 June 1982	Ss. 12, 13, 22 and Part III (ss. 26–28): 21 Dec 1983 (*see* s. 2(2) and *Gazette* 1983, No. S332) Remainder: 14 July 1982	S. 25
Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act (No. 2) 1982	80, 1982	22 Sept 1982	Part LXXVII (s. 280): Royal Assent *(j)*	S. 280(2) and (3)
Customs and Excise Amendment Act 1982	81, 1982	23 Sept 1982	Ss. 1–3 and 71: Royal Assent Ss. 4, 16–21, 23, 28, 29, 32–52, 55–65, 67, 68, 69(4), 72 and 73: 26 Apr 1983 (*see Gazette* 1983, No. S80) Ss. 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 25, 54, 66 and 70(3): *(k)* Ss. 6, 8, 11, 13, 26, 27, 30, 31, 53 and 70(1), (2): 22 Dec 1983 (*see Gazette* 1983, No. S333) Ss. 22, 24 and 74–76: 2 Dec 1985 (*see Gazette* 1985, No. S490) Remainder: 1 Apr 1985 (*see Gazette* 1985, No. S96)	Ss. 6(2) and 71
as amended by				
Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1983	39, 1983	20 June 1983	S. 3: 22 Dec 1983 *(l)*	—
Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1984	72, 1984	25 June 1984	S. 3: *(m)*	S. 2(24)
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act 1985	40, 1985	30 May 1985	(*see* 40, 1985 below)	—
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 4) 1989	5, 1990	17 Jan 1990	(*see* 5, 1990 below)	—

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Diesel Fuel Taxes Legislation Amendment Act 1982	108, 1982	5 Nov 1982	*(n)*	S. 5(2)
Customs Tariff (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1982	115, 1982	22 Nov 1982	Ss. 1, 2, 7 and 8(1): Royal Assent Remainder: 1 Jan 1983 (*see* s. 2 and *Gazette* 1982, No. S274, p. 3)	S. 12
Customs Securities (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Act 1982	137, 1982	23 Dec 1982	24 Nov 1982	S. 4(2)
Customs Amendment Act 1983	19, 1983	14 June 1983	Ss. 5 and 6: 1 July 1983 (*see Gazette* 1983, No. S136, p. 3) Remainder: Royal Assent	S. 2(2), (3)
Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1983	39, 1983	20 June 1983	S. 3: *(p)*	S. 7(1)
Customs and Excise Amendment Act 1983	101, 1983	23 Nov 1983	S. 4: *(q)* S. 5: 1 Jan 1983 Ss. 8 and 11: Royal Assent Ss. 10 and 12: 1 July 1983 (*see* s. 2(5)) Remainder: *(q)*	S. 6(2)
Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Miscellaneous Amendments Act 1984	2, 1984	14 Mar 1984	14 Mar 1984	—
Torres Strait Treaty (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1984	22, 1984	26 Apr 1984	15 Feb 1985 (*see* s. 2 and *Gazette* 1985, No. S38)	—
Public Service Reform Act 1984	63, 1984	25 June 1984	S. 151(2): 1 July 1984 (*see Gazette* 1984, No. S245) *(r)*	—
Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1984	72, 1984	25 June 1984	S. 3: *(s)*	Ss. 2(24) and 5(2)
Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 2) 1984	165, 1984	25 Oct 1984	S. 3: 22 Nov 1984 *(t)*	S. 6(1)
Customs Administration (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 1985	39, 1985	29 May 1985	10 June 1985 (*see* s. 2 and *Gazette* 1985, No. S194)	S. 4

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Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act 1985	40, 1985	30 May 1985	Ss. 1, 2, 18–20, 21(2) and 22: Royal Assent Ss. 4, 7, 9–12, 34, 36 and 44: *(u)* S. 8: *(u)* S. 21(1): 1 Jan 1983 Ss. 24 and 25: 16 Dec 1985 (*see* s. 2(6)) Part III (ss. 27, 28): 13 Sept 1979 (*see* s. 2(7)) Ss. 29 and 31: 1 Apr 1985 S. 30: 2 Dec 1985 (*see* s. 2(9)) S. 35: 29 Nov 1985 (*see Gazette* 1985, No. S490) S. 38: 1 July 1984 (*see* s. 2(10)) Ss. 45 and 46: 23 July 1984 (*see* s. 2(11)) Remainder: 27 June 1985	Ss. 2(5) and 26
as amended by				
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 4) 1989	5, 1990	17 Jan 1990	(*see* 5, 1990 below)	—
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1985	175, 1985	16 Dec 1985	Ss. 3 and 8: Royal Assent *(v)* Ss. 4, 7 and 12: 1 May 1986 (*see Gazette* 1986, No. S182) *(v)* Ss. 5, 11 and 13: 13 Jan 1986 *(v)* S. 6: 2 Dec 1985 (*see Gazette* 1985, No. S490) *(v)* Ss. 9 and 10: 1 Nov 1985 *(v)*	Ss. 8(2), 9(2) and 10(2)
Customs Administration (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 1986	10, 1986	13 May 1986	13 May 1986	Ss. 2(2) and 4

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Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act 1986	34, 1986	3 June 1986	Ss. 7, 8(1), 9, 11 and 12: Royal Assent *(w)* Ss. 8(2), 10 and 13–15: 1 July 1987 (*see* s. 2(2) and *Gazette* 1987, No. S138) *(w)* Ss. 16–18: 1 July 1986 *(w)*	—
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1986	149, 1986	11 Dec 1986	Ss. 5 and 16: 8 Jan 1987 S. 11: 21 Oct 1986 S. 12(1): 1 Oct 1983 Remainder: Royal Assent	—
Customs (Valuation) Amendment Act 1987	51, 1987	5 June 1987	1 July 1987	S. 3
Customs Tariff (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1987	76, 1987	5 June 1987	1 Jan 1988 (*see* s. 2 and *Gazette* 1987, No. S351)	Ss. 4 and 8 S. 8(2A) (ad. by 89, 1992, s. 23)
as amended by				
Customs Legislation (Tariff Concessions and Anti-Dumping) Amendment Act 1992	89, 1992	30 June 1992	(*see* 89, 1992 below)	—
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act 1987	81, 1987	5 June 1987	Ss. 1 and 2: Royal Assent Ss. 3(1), 5 and 6: 1 July 1987 Ss. 4 and 7: 14 May 1987 Remainder: 1 Aug 1987 (*see Gazette* 1987, No. S135)	Ss. 3 and 11
Sea Installations (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1987	104, 1987	6 Nov 1987	Parts I–IV (ss. 1–30) and Part VII (s. 57): 15 Oct 1987 Remainder: 6 Nov 1987 (*see* s. 2 (2))	S. 21
Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1987	141, 1987	18 Dec 1987	S. 3: Royal Assent *(x)*	S. 5(1)

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Civil Aviation Act 1988	63, 1988	15 June 1988	Part III (ss. 17–32), s. 98 and Parts IX, X (ss. 99–103): 1 July 1988 (*see Gazette* 1988, No. S189) Remainder: Royal Assent	—
Crimes Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1988	66, 1988	15 June 1988	Ss. 4–11: 13 July 1988 Ss. 13–19: 1 Dec 1988 (*see Gazette* 1988, No. S366) S. 24: 15 June 1988 (*see* s. 2(4)) Part VI (ss. 25–28): 1 Sept 1988 (*see* s. 2(5) and *Gazette* 1988, No. S256) Remainder: Royal Assent	S. 6(2) and (3)
as amended by				
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act 1988	120, 1988	14 Dec 1988	Part VII (ss. 25–27): 15 June 1988 *(y)*	—
Customs Legislation (Anti-Dumping Amendments) Act 1988	76, 1988	24 June 1988	1 Sept 1988 (*see* s. 2 and *Gazette* 1988, No. S217)	—
Statutory Instruments (Tabling and Disallowance) Legislation Amendment Act 1988	99, 1988	2 Dec 1988	2 Dec 1988	—
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act 1988	120, 1988	14 Dec 1988	Part VIII (ss. 28, 29): 11 Jan 1989 *(z)*	—
Telecommunications Amendment Act 1988	121, 1988	14 Dec 1988	Ss. 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 23(2) and 26(1): 1 Jan 1989 (*see Gazette* 1988, No. S402) Ss. 14, 23(3) and 26(2): 30 June 1989 (*see Gazette* 1989, No. S216) Remainder: Royal Assent	—
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act 1989	23, 1989	5 May 1989	1 July 1989	S. 12

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Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1989	24, 1989	5 May 1989	Ss. 4, 9, 10 and 34–38: 1 Feb 1989 S. 6: 8 July 1988 S. 8(1)(a): 27 Aug 1987 S. 18: 15 Oct 1987 Ss. 19, 21, 23, 24, 29, 31 and 32: 1 July 1989 Part IV (ss. 44, 45): 16 June 1982 (*see* s. 2(7)) Remainder: Royal Assent	Ss. 5(2), 8(2) and 28(2)
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 3) 1989	78, 1989	21 June 1989	S. 5(1)(c)–(g): 3 Mar 1989 Ss. 6, 8, 16 and 18: 19 July 1989 Remainder: Royal Assent	Ss. 5(2), (3) and 7(2)
Crimes Legislation Amendment Act 1989	108, 1989	30 June 1989	S. 10: 30 June 1990 Parts 5–7 (ss. 17–35): 28 July 1989 Part 8 (ss. 36–43): 1 July 1989 Remainder: Royal Assent	Ss. 21(2), 22(2), 23(2) and 25(2)
Customs Legislation (Anti-Dumping) Act 1989	174, 1989	21 Dec 1989	Ss. 1 and 2: Royal Assent Remainder: 21 Dec 1989 (*see* s. 2(2) and *Gazette* 1989, No. S395)	—
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 4) 1989	5, 1990	17 Jan 1990	Ss. 1–3 and 25: Royal Assent Ss. 4(1)(b), 16, 26(1)(b), (c) and 33 (in part): 1 July 1989 S. 15: 1 Aug 1989 Remainder: 1 Jan 1990	Ss. 4(2), 17(2), 24 and 34
Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989	6, 1990	17 Jan 1990	17 July 1990	—

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Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act 1989	11, 1990	17 Jan 1990	Part 1 (ss. 1, 2): Royal Assent Part 3 (ss. 6, 7): Royal Assent Ss. 8–10: 17 July 1990 Ss. 12, 13 and 51(1)(b), (2): 17 Jan 1990 (*see* s. 2(5)) Remainder: 14 Feb 1990	—
Petroleum (Australia-Indonesia Zone of Cooperation) (Consequential Provisions) Act 1990	37, 1990	7 June 1990	18 Feb 1991 (*see* s. 2 and *Gazette* 1991, No. S47)	—
Trade Practices (Misuse of Trans-Tasman Market Power) Act 1990	70, 1990	16 June 1990	1 July 1990 (*see Gazette* 1990, No. S172)	S. 20(2)–(7)
Customs (Detention and Search) Act 1990	79, 1990	23 Oct 1990	23 Apr 1991	—
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act 1990	111, 1990	21 Dec 1990	Ss. 1–3, 4(a)–(d), (g), 5, 11, 27, 30, 34(d), (e), 35, 36, 37 (in part), 38, 39 and 47–49: Royal Assent Ss. 4(e), (h), 6–9, 13–23, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34(a)–(c) and 40–46: 1 June 1991 (*see Gazette* 1991, No. S137) S. 26: 18 Jan 1991 S. 33: 21 Dec 1989 Remainder: 21 June 1991	Ss. 15(2), 21(2) and 38
Crimes Legislation Amendment Act 1991	28, 1991	4 Mar 1991	S. 74(1): Royal Assent *(za)*	—
Customs Amendment Act 1991	82, 1991	26 June 1991	26 June 1991	S. 9(2)–(4)
Proceeds of Crime Legislation Amendment Act 1991	120, 1991	27 June 1991	Ss. 1 and 2: Royal Assent Remainder: 27 Dec 1991	—

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Crimes Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1991	123, 1991	23 Aug 1991	Ss. 5–10, Parts 3–7 (ss. 11–34), Part 9 (ss. 38, 39) and ss. 40–50: 20 Sept 1991 Part 8 (ss. 35–37): 6 Dec 1991 (*see Gazette* 1991, No. S330) S. 51: 23 Feb 1992 Remainder: Royal Assent	S. 31(2) and (3)
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act 1992	34, 1992	20 May 1992	Ss. 1–3, 4(c), (d), 21, 40, 48, 49(c), 51, 52 and 56: Royal Assent Ss. 10–14, 24, 30–36, 41, 44, 50, 53–55 and 57: 17 June 1992 Remainder: 1 Sept 1992 (*see Gazette* 1992, No. S251)	Ss. 18(2)–(4), 23(2) and 50
Customs Legislation (Tariff Concessions and Anti-Dumping) Amendment Act 1992	89, 1992	30 June 1992	Ss. 1–3, 9, 11 and 22: Royal Assent Ss. 4–8, 12–18 and 21: 10 July 1992 (*see Gazette* 1992, No. S187, p. 2) S. 23: 1 Jan 1988 Remainder: 1 Nov 1992 (*see Gazette* 1992, No. GN43)	Ss. 12(2), 19(2) and 21 S. 20 (am. by 8, 1994, s. 23)
as amended by				
Customs Legislation Amendment Act 1993	8, 1994	18 Jan 1994	S. 23 (item 3): 1 Nov 1992 *(zb)*	—
Territories Law Reform Act 1992	104, 1992	30 June 1992	S. 24: 1 July 1992 *(zc)*	—
Crimes Legislation Amendment Act 1992	164, 1992	11 Dec 1992	Ss. 3–17: 1 Feb 1993 (*see Gazette* 1993, No. GN1) Remainder: 8 Jan 1993	—
Customs Legislation (Anti-Dumping Amendments) Act 1992	207, 1992	21 Dec 1992	Ss. 1 and 2: Royal Assent S. 8: 10 July 1992 Remainder: 1 Jan 1993 (*see Gazette* 1992, No. S403)	S. 17

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as amended by				
Customs Legislation Amendment Act 1993	8, 1994	18 Jan 1994	S. 23 (item 2): 1 Jan 1993 *(zd)*	—
Customs Legislation Amendment Act 1992	209, 1992	22 Dec 1992	Ss. 4(a), 11, 12, 19, 20 and 22: 1 Sept 1992 Ss. 4(b), (c), 6–10, 13(2), 14, 15(d), 16, 17, 24, 25 and 27: 1 June 1993 (*see Gazette* 1993, No. GN17) Ss. 5 and 23: 19 Jan 1993 S. 21: 18 Aug 1992 Remainder: Royal Assent	—
as amended by				
Customs Legislation Amendment Act 1993	8, 1994	18 Jan 1994	S. 23 (item 1): 18 Aug 1992 *(ze)*	—
Corporate Law Reform Act 1992	210, 1992	24 Dec 1992	S. 125: 23 June 1993 (*see Gazette* 1993, No. S186) *(zf)*	—
Imported Food Control Act 1992	221, 1992	24 Dec 1992	15 June 1993 (*see Gazette* 1993, No. GN22)	S. 10
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act 1993	113, 1993	24 Dec 1993	Ss. 1–4, 7 and 9: Royal Assent Ss. 5(c), 6, 14 and 15(c): 1 Jan 1994 Ss. 8, 10–13 and 17: 1 Apr 1994 (*see Gazette* 1994, No. S112) Remainder: 24 June 1994	—

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Customs Legislation Amendment Act 1993	8, 1994	18 Jan 1994	Ss. 4–7, 14, 16(1) and 18: Royal Assent *(zg)* S. 8: 1 Sept 1992 *(zg)* Ss. 9, 10 and 20: 1 Apr 1994 (*see Gazette* 1994, No. S112) *(zg)* Ss. 11–13: 15 Feb 1994 *(zg)* Ss. 15 and 16(2): 1 Nov 1992 *(zg)* S. 17: 5 Jan 1994 (*see* s. 2(5)) *(zg)* S. 19: 2 May 1994 (*see Gazette* 1994, No. GN15) *(zg)*	S. 3
Maritime Legislation Amendment Act 1994	20, 1994	15 Feb 1994	1 Aug 1994 (*see Gazette* 1994, No. S289)	—
Crimes (Search Warrants and Powers of Arrest) Amendment Act 1994	65, 1994	30 May 1994	30 Nov 1994	—
Customs Legislation (World Trade Organization Amendments) Act 1994	150, 1994	13 Dec 1994	Ss. 1–3: Royal Assent Remainder: 1 Jan 1995 (*see Gazette* 1994, No. S471)	Ss. 3 and 29
Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment Act 1994	182, 1994	19 Dec 1994	S. 31: 16 Jan 1995 *(zh)*	—
Customs, Excise and Bounty Legislation Amendment Act 1995	85, 1995	1 July 1995	S. 6 (items 1, 26–45, 49–53, 56, 67): 1 July 1995 *(zi)* Ss. 6 (items 2–6, 10–15, 17, 57–61, 63–66), 11 (items 51–59) and 13–20: Royal Assent *(zi)* S. 6 (items 7–9, 46–48, 54, 55, 62): 9 Nov 1995 (*see Gazette* 1995, No. GN44) *(zi)* S. 6 (items 16, 18–25): 1 Apr 1994 *(zi)*	Ss. 13–20

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Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act 1995	87, 1995	1 July 1995	S. 3 (items 2, 6, 7, 10, 11): 1 Aug 1986 *(zj)* Remainder: Royal Assent *(zj)*	S. 2(2) (am. by 21, 1996, Sch. 1 (item 1)) S. 2(3) (am. by 21, 1996, Sch. 1 (items 2–4)) S. 5 (am. by Sch. 1 (items 5–7))
as amended by				
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 1996	21, 1996	28 June 1996	1 July 1995	—
Customs Tariff (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1996	15, 1996	24 June 1996	1 July 1996 *(zk)*	—
Customs Amendment Act 1996	30, 1996	9 July 1996	15 July 1996 (*see Gazette* 1996, No. S263)	Sch. 1 (items 36–43)
Statute Law Revision Act 1996	43, 1996	25 Oct 1996	Schedule 2 (item 46): *(zl)* Schedule 4 (item 56): Royal Assent *(zl)*	—
Customs Amendment Act (No. 1) 1997	3, 1997	28 Feb 1997	Ss. 1–3: Royal Assent Remainder: 1 Apr 1997 (*see Gazette* 1997, No. GN12)	Sch. 1 (items 8, 11, 16, 22, 27) [*see* Table A] S. 2(2) (am. by 8, 1998, Sch. 1 [item 7]) S. 2(4) (rep. by 8, 1998, Sch. 1 [item 8])
as amended by				
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 1998	8, 1998	31 Mar 1998	Schedule 1 (items 7–9): Royal Assent *(zla)*	—
Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment Act 1997	20, 1997	7 Apr 1997	Schedule 1 (items 17, 18): Royal Assent *(zm)*	—

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Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 1997	97, 1997	30 June 1997	Schedule 1 (items 1–5, 7–9, 20, 23–26, 28–39, 41): 31 Dec 1997 *(zn)* Schedule 1 (items 6, 10–19, 21, 22, 40): 1 Aug 1997 (*see Gazette* 1997, No. GN30) Schedule 1 (item 27): *(zn)*	Sch. 1 (items 40, 41) [*see* Table A]
Enviroment, Sport and Territories Legislation Amendment Act 1997	118, 1997	7 July 1997	Schedule 1 (item 22): Royal Assent *(zo)*	—
Audit (Transitional and Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 1997	152, 1997	24 Oct 1997	Schedule 2 (items 657–661): 1 Jan 1998 (*see Gazette* 1997, No. GN49) *(zp)*	—
Telecommunications (Interception) and Listening Device Amendment Act 1997	160, 1997	11 Nov 1997	Schedule 3 (items 9, 10): Royal Assent *(zq)* Schedule 3 (items 1–8, 11–13): 1 Feb 1998 (*see Gazette* 1998, No. GN3) *(zq)*	S. 3 (rep. by 151, 1999, Sch. 2)
as amended by				
Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Act 1999	151, 1999	11 Nov 1999	11 Nov 1999	—
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1997	167, 1997	11 Nov 1997	31 Jan 1998 (*see* s. 2 and *Gazette* 1998, GN1)	—
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 1998	8, 1998	31 Mar 1998	Schedule 1 (items 1, 2): Royal Assent *(zr)* Schedule 1 (items 3, 4): 1 Aug 1997 *(zr)* Schedule 1 (items 5, 6): 1 July 1995 *(zr)*	—
Therapeutic Goods Legislation Amendment Act 1998	34, 1998	17 Apr 1998	17 Apr 1998	—

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Customs Legislation (Anti-dumping Amendments) Act 1998	79, 1998	2 July 1998	Schedule 1 (items 1–38, 40–86), Schedules 2 and 4: 24 July 1998 (*see Gazette* 1998, No. GN29) *(zs)* Schedule 1 (item 39): 22 Dec 1998 *(zs)*	Sch. 4 [*see* Table A]
Customs (Anti-dumping Amendments) Act 1999	26, 1999	14 May 1999	Schedule 1 (items 1–3): 1 July 1999 (*see Gazette* 1999, No. S286) Schedule 1 (items 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18): 1 Jan 1993 Schedule 1 (items 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19): 24 July 1998 *(zt)* Remainder: Royal Assent	Sch. 1 (item 20) [*see* Table A]
Customs and Excise Amendment (Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme) Act 1999	87, 1999	8 July 1999	1 July 2000	—
as amended by				
A New Tax System (Indirect Tax and Consequential Amendments) Act (No. 2) 1999	177, 1999	22 Dec 1999	Schedule 6 (item 6): *(zu)*	—
Customs Amendment Act (No. 1) 1999	108, 1999	10 Sept 1999	Schedule 1 (items 4, 5): 1 Sept 1992 *(zv)* Remainder: Royal Assent	Sch. 1 (items 3, 5, 6) [*see* Table A]
Customs Amendment (Temporary Importation) Act 1999	109, 1999	10 Sept 1999	10 Sept 1999	Sch. 1 (item 2) [*see* Table A]
Customs Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 1999	137, 1999	3 Nov 1999	Schedule 1: 16 Dec 1999 (*see Gazette* 1999, No. S627) *(zw)*	—
ACIS Administration Act 1999	139, 1999	3 Nov 1999	Schedule 1: *(zx)*	—

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Customs Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1999	142, 1999	3 Nov 1999	Schedules 1 and 2: 3 May 2000 Schedule 3: 1 July 2000 Remainder: Royal Assent	Sch. 1 (items 9–11), Sch. 2 (item 6) and Sch. 3 (items 131, 132) [*see* Table A]
Public Employment (Consequential and Transitional) Amendment Act 1999	146, 1999	11 Nov 1999	Schedule 1 (item 355): 5 Dec 1999 (*see Gazette* 1999, No. S584) *(zy)*	—
Border Protection Legislation Amendment Act 1999	160, 1999	8 Dec 1999	Schedule 2: 16 Dec 1999 (*see Gazette* 1999, No. S624 *(zz)*	Sch. 2 (item 51) [*see* Table A]
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment Act 1999	161, 1999	10 Dec 1999	Schedule 3 (items 1, 24): *(zza)*	—
A New Tax System (Indirect Tax and Consequential Amendments) Act 1999	176, 1999	22 Dec 1999	Schedule 2 (Part 1): Royal Assent *(zzb)* Schedule 2 (Part 2): *(zzb)* Schedule 2 (Part 3): *(zzb)*	Sch. 2 (items 7, 9, 11, 15, 19, 22, 24, 26, 32) [*see* Table A]
A New Tax System (Indirect Tax and Consequential Amendments) Act (No. 2) 1999	177, 1999	22 Dec 1999	Schedule 6 (items 1–5): *(zzc)*	—
Taxation Laws Amendment Act (No. 9) 1999	181, 1999	22 Dec 1999	*(zzd)*	—
Customs Amendment Act (No. 1) 2000	7, 2000	7 Mar 2000	Schedule 1: 1 Aug 2000 (*see* s. 2(2) and *Gazette* 2000, No. S411) Remainder: Royal Assent	—
Customs Legislation Amendment (Criminal Sanctions and Other Measures) Act 2000	23, 2000	3 Apr 2000	Schedules 1–3: 26 May 2000 (*see Gazette* 2000, No. S269) Remainder: Royal Assent	Sch. 2 (items 5, 11) [*see* Table A]

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Timor Gap Treaty (Transitional Arrangements) Act 2000	25, 2000	3 Apr 2000	Ss. 4–7 and Schedule 2 (items 26–32): *(zze)*	Ss. 4–7 [*see* Table A]
Customs Amendment (Alcoholic Beverages) Act 2000	84, 2000	30 June 2000	1 July 2000	—
A New Tax System (Tax Administration) Act (No. 2) 2000	91, 2000	30 June 2000	Schedule 4B (items 1–5): *(zzf)*	—
as amended by				
Taxation Laws Amendment Act (No. 8) 2000	156, 2000	21 Dec 2000	Schedule 7 (item 11): *(zzfa)*	—
Indirect Tax Legislation Amendment Act 2000	92, 2000	30 June 2000	Schedule 11 (items 16G–16I): *(zzg)*	—
Criminal Code Amendment (Theft, Fraud, Bribery and Related Offences) Act 2000	137, 2000	24 Nov 2000	Ss. 1–3 and Schedule 1 (items 1, 4, 6, 7, 9–11, 32): Royal Assent Remainder: 24 May 2001	Sch. 2 (items 418, 419) [*see* Table A]
Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000	155, 2000	21 Dec 2000	Schedule 3: Royal Assent Remainder: 21 Dec 2001	—
Taxation Laws Amendment Act (No. 8) 2000	156, 2000	21 Dec 2000	Schedule 2 (items 21–24, 25(2)): Royal Assent *(zzh)*	Sch. 2 (item 25(2)) [*see* Table A]
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Act 2001	24, 2001	6 Apr 2001	S. 4(1) and (2): *(zzi)* Schedule 21: 15 Dec 2001 *(zzi)*	S. 4(1) and (2) [*see* Table A]
Taxation Laws Amendment (Excise Arrangements) Act 2001	25, 2001	6 Apr 2001	Schedule 3 (items 1–82, 84–102): 4 May 2001 Schedule 3 (items 83, 103): [*see (zzj)* and Note 4]	Sch. 3 (items 9, 90, 96, 100, 102) [*see* Table A]
Corporations (Repeals, Consequentials and Transitionals) Act 2001	55, 2001	28 June 2001	Ss. 4–14 and Schedule 3 (items 152–165): 15 July 2001 (*see Gazette* 2001, No. S285) *(zzk)*	Ss. 4–14

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Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Act 2001	95, 2001	20 July 2001	Ss. 1–3 and Schedule 3 (items 82, 84, 109, 123, 152–171): Royal Assent *(zzl)* Schedule 1 (items 1–5, 9–14, 16–22), Schedule 2 (items 1A–1C, 2, 4, 5, 5A, 6, 7) and Schedule 3 (items 49, 54–56, 63, 65, 113, 114, 136, 144, 146–149, 151): 1 July 2002 (*see Gazette* 2002, No. S223) *(zzl)* Remainder: [*see (zzl)*, Note 5 and Table A]	Sch. 1 (items 2, 8), Sch. 2 (item 5A) and Sch. 3 (items 45, 82, 84, 99, 121) [*see* Table A]
as amended by				
Border Security Legislation Amendment Act 2002	64, 2002	5 July 2002	Schedule 6 (items 10–15): (*see* 64, 2002 below)	—
Border Protection (Validation and Enforcement Powers) Act 2001	126, 2001	27 Sept 2001	27 Sept 2001	Ss. 4–9 [*see* Table A]
National Crime Authority Legislation Amendment Act 2001	135, 2001	1 Oct 2001	Schedules 1–7 and 9–12: 12 Oct 2001 (*see Gazette* 2001, No. S428) Schedule 8: 13 Oct 2001 (*see Gazette* 2001, No. S428) Remainder: Royal Assent	—
Measures to Combat Serious and Organised Crime Act 2001	136, 2001	1 Oct 2001	Schedule 1 (items 50, 51): 12 Oct 2001 (*see Gazette* 2001, No. S428) *(zzm)* Schedule 4 (items 59–69) and Schedule 5 (items 8, 9): 29 Oct 2001 *(zzm)*	—
Cybercrime Act 2001	161, 2001	1 Oct 2001	21 Dec 2001 (*see Gazette* 2001, No. S529)	Sch. 2 (item 31) [*see* Table A]

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Fuel Legislation Amendment (Grant and Rebate Schemes) Act 2001	165, 2001	1 Oct 2001	Schedule 1 (item 1): Royal Assent *(zzn)*	—
Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme Amendment Act 2002	46, 2002	29 June 2002	29 June 2002	Sch. 1 (item 5) [*see* Table A]
Statute Law Revision Act 2002	63, 2002	3 July 2002	Schedule 1 (item 6): *(zzo)* Schedule 1 (items 7, 8): Royal Assent Schedule 1 (items 9–13): *(zzo)*	—
Border Security Legislation Amendment Act 2002	64, 2002	5 July 2002	Schedules 1, 2, 4 (items 1–27), Schedules 5, 6 (items 1–9, 16–18) and Schedule 8: [*see (zzp)* and Note 6] Schedule 4 (items 28–32): [*see (zzp)* and Note 6] Schedule 6 (items 10–15): [*see (zzp)* and Note 6] Schedules 7 and 10: 2 Aug 2002 Remainder: Royal Assent	Sch. 6 (item 6) and Sch. 9 (item 3) [*see* Table A]
Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Act 2002	67, 2002	5 July 2002	Schedule 1 (items 23, 29, 33, 37, 39): 22 June 2000 Remainder: Royal Assent	—

Act Notes

(a) The *Customs (Inter-State Accounts) Act 1910* was repealed by section 5 of the *Statute Law Revision Act 1973*.

(b) The *Customs Act 1920*, which was expressed to amend section 4 and to insert sections 157A to 157F, was to commence on a day to be fixed by Proclamation. A Proclamation fixing 11 November 1920 as the day of commencement was ineffective as it was published in the *Gazette* on 12 November 1920. The *Customs Act 1920* was later repealed by the *Customs Act 1923*.

(c) Section 2 of the *Customs Act (No. 2) 1975* provides as follows:

> 2 This Act shall be deemed to have come into operation at the same time as the *Customs Tariff (Coal Export Duty) Act 1975*, and the provisions of the Principal Act as amended by this Act shall be deemed to have had effect from that time for all purposes, including purposes related to acts and things done under the Principal Act as proposed to be so amended or under regulations in force under the Principal Act.

Section 2 of the *Customs Tariff (Coal Export Duty) Act 1975* provides as follows:

> 2 This Act shall be deemed to have come into operation at the hour of 8 o'clock in the evening by standard time in the Australian Capital Territory on 19 August 1975.

(d) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by section 3 only of the *Administrative Changes (Consequential Provisions) Act 1976*, subsection 2(7) of which provides as follows:

> (7) The amendments of each other Act specified in the Schedule made by this Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on 22 December 1975.

(e) The proposed amendments of the *Customs Act 1901* made by the *Customs Amendment Act 1979* (as amended by the *Customs (Detention and Search) Act 1990*) were repealed before a date was fixed for their commencement.

(f) The *Customs Amendment Act 1979* was amended by Part III (sections 27 and 28) only of the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act 1985*, subsection 2(7) of which provides as follows:

> (7) Part III shall be deemed to have come into operation immediately before the commencement of section 3 of the *Customs Amendment Act 1979*.

(g) The *Customs Amendment Act 1979* was amended by Part III (sections 14 and 15) only of the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1985*, subsection 2(6) of which provides as follows:

> (6) Part III shall come into operation on the day on which section 5 of the *Customs Amendment Act 1979* comes into operation.

Section 5 of the *Customs Amendment Act 1979* was repealed before a date was fixed for the commencement.

(h) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by section 115 only of the *Statute Law Revision Act 1981*, subsection 2(1) of which provides as follows:

> (1) Subject to this section, this Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

(i) Sections 13 and 14 of the *Customs Amendment Act 1981* were repealed by section 33 of the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 4) 1989* before a date was fixed for their commencement.

(j) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Part LXXVII (section 280) only of the *Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act (No. 2)1982*, subsection 2(1) of which provides as follows:

> (1) Sections 1, 2, 166 and 195 and Parts III, VI, VII, XVI, XXXVI, XLIV, LI, LIII, LIV, LXI and LXXVII shall come into operation on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

Act Notes

(k) Sections 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 25, 54 and 66 of the *Customs and Excise Amendment Act 1982* were repealed by section 33 of the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 4) 1989* before a date was fixed for their commencement.

Subsection 70(3) and Schedule 2, Part III of the *Customs and Excise Amendment Act 1982* were repealed by section 3 of the *Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1984* before a date was fixed for their commencement.

(l) The *Customs and Excise Amendment Act 1982* was amended by section 3 only of the *Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1983*, paragraph 2(5)(a) of which provides as follows:

> (5) The amendments of the *Customs and Excise Amendment Act 1982* made by this Act shall come into operation, or shall be deemed to have come into operation, as the case requires:
>
> (a) in the case of the amendments of section 30 of that Act—on the commencement of that section;

(m) The *Customs and Excise Amendment Act 1982* was amended by section 3 only of the *Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1984*, subsection 2(10) of which provides as follows:

> (10) The amendments of the *Customs and Excise Amendment Act 1982* made by this Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on 23 September 1982.

(n) Section 2 of the *Diesel Fuel Taxes Legislation Amendment Act 1982* provides as follows:

> 2 This Act shall be deemed to have come into operation at the hour of 8 o'clock in the evening by standard time in the Australian Capital Territory on 17 August 1982.

(p) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by section 3 only of the *Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1983*, subsection 2(4) of which provides as follows:

> (4) The amendments of the *Customs Act 1901* made by this Act shall:
>
> (a) in the case of the amendments of section 131A of that Act—come into operation, or be deemed to have come into operation, as the case requires, on the commencement of the *Wildlife Protection (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1982*;
>
> (b) in the case of the amendment of subsection 273F(2) of that Act—come into operation on the twenty-eighth day after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent; and
>
> (c) in the case of the other amendments of that Act—be deemed to have come into operation at the hour of 8 o'clock in the evening by standard time in the Australian Capital Territory on 17 August 1982.

The *Wildlife Protection (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1982* came into operation on 1 May 1984 (*see Gazette* 1984, No. S137).

In pursuance of paragraph 2(4)(b) the date of commencement was 18 July 1983.

(q) Subsections 2(1) and (3) of the *Customs and Excise Amendment Act 1983* provide as follows:

> (1) Subject to this section, this Act shall be deemed to have come into operation at the hour of 8 o'clock in the evening by standard time in the Australian Capital Territory on 23 August 1983.
>
> (3) Section 4 shall come into operation immediately after the commencement of section 25 of the *Customs and Excise Amendment Act 1982*.

In pursuance of subsection 2(3) section 25 was repealed by section 33 of the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 4) 1989* before a date was fixed for the commencement.

Act Notes

(r) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by subsection 151(2) only of the *Public Service Reform Act 1984*, subsection 2(4) of which provides as follows:

(4) The remaining provisions of this Act shall come into operation on such day as is, or on such respective days as are, fixed by Proclamation.

(s) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by section 3 only of the *Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1984*, subsections 2(1) and (7)–(9) of which provide as follows:

(1) Subject to this section, this Act shall come into operation on the twenty-eighth day after the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

(7) The amendments of the definition of ***Australian installation*** in subsection 4(1) and of paragraph 161A(3)(c) of the *Customs Act 1901* made by this Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 January 1983.

(8) If the twenty-eighth day after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent is an earlier day than the day on which section 22 of the *Customs and Excise Amendment Act 1982* comes into operation, the amendment of section 96A of the *Customs Act 1901* made by this Act shall come into operation on the last-mentioned day.

(9) If the twenty-eighth day after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent is an earlier day than the day on which section 25 of the *Customs and Excise Amendment Act 1982* comes into operation, the amendments of sections 111, 111A and 111D of the *Customs Act 1901* made by this Act and the amendment of that Act inserting section 273GAB made by this Act shall come into operation on the last-mentioned day.

In pursuance of subsection 2(8) the date of commencement was 2 December 1985 (*see Gazette* 1985, No. S490).

In pursuance of subsection 2(9) section 25 was repealed by section 33 of the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 4) 1989* before a date was fixed for the commencement.

(t) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by section 3 only of the *Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 2) 1984*, subsection 2(1) of which provides as follows:

(1) Subject to this section, this Act shall come into operation on the twenty-eighth day after the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

(u) Subsections 2(3) and (4) of the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act 1985* provide as follows:

(3) Sections 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 34, 35, 36 and 44 shall come into operation on such day as is, or on such respective days as are, fixed by Proclamation.

(4) Section 8 shall come into operation on the day on which section 4 of the *Customs and Excise Amendment Act 1983* comes into operation. [*see (q)* above]

In pursuance of subsection 2(3) sections 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 34, 36 and 44 were repealed by section 33 of the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 4) 1989* before a date was fixed for their commencement.

(v) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by sections 3–13 only of the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1985*, subsections 2(1)–(5) of which provide as follows:

(1) Sections 1, 2, 3, 8 and 16 shall come into operation on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

(2) Sections 4, 7, 12, 18 and 21 shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by Proclamation.

(3) Sections 5, 11 and 13 shall come into operation on the twenty-eighth day after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

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(4) Section 6 shall come into operation on the day on which section 22 of the *Customs and Excise Amendment Act 1982* comes into operation.

(5) Sections 9, 10, 19 and 20 shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 November 1985.

(w) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by sections 7–18 only of the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act 1986*, subsections 2(1)–(3) of which provide as follows:

(1) Subject to this section, this Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

(2) Subsection 8(2) and sections 10, 13, 14 and 15 shall come into operation on the commencement of the *Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act 1986*.

(3) Sections 16, 17 and 18 shall come into operation on 1 July 1986.

(x) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by section 3 only of the *Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1987*, subsection 2(1) of which provides as follows:

(1) Subject to this section, this Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

(y) The *Crimes Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1988* was amended by Part VII (sections 25–27) only of the *Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act 1988*, subsection 2(4) of which provides as follows:

(4) Part VII shall be taken to have commenced on 15 June 1988.

(z) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Part VIII (sections 28 and 29) only of the *Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act 1988*, subsection 2(3) of which provides as follows:

(3) Parts VIII, IX and XVI (except the provisions referred to in subsection (9)) commence on the twenty-eighth day after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

(za) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by subsection 74(1) only of the *Crimes Legislation Amendment Act 1991*, subsection 2(1) of which provides as follows:

(1) Subject to this section, this Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

(zb) The *Customs Legislation (Tariff Concessions and Anti-Dumping) Amendment Act 1992* was amended by section 23 (item 3) only of the *Customs Legislation Amendment Act 1993*, subsection 2(4) of which provides as follows:

(4) Section 15, subsection 16(2) and section 23, so far as it relates to item 3 of Schedule 2, are taken to have commenced on 1 November 1992.

(zc) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by section 24 only of the *Territories Law Reform Act 1992*, subsection 2(3) of which provides as follows:

(3) The remaining provisions of this Act commence on 1 July 1992.

(zd) The *Customs Legislation (Anti-Dumping Amendments) Act 1992* was amended by section 23 (item 2) only of the *Customs Legislation Amendment Act 1993*, subsection 2(7) of which provides as follows:

(7) Section 23, so far as it relates to item 2 of Schedule 2, is taken to have commenced on 1 January 1993.

(ze) The *Customs Legislation Amendment Act 1992* was amended by section 23 (item 1) only of the *Customs Legislation Amendment Act 1993*, subsection 2(6) of which provides as follows:

(6) Section 23, so far as it relates to item 1 of Schedule 2, is taken to have commenced on 18 August 1992.

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(zf) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by section 125 only of the *Corporate Law Reform Act 1992*, subsection 2(3) of which provides as follows:

(3) Subject to subsection (4), the remaining provisions of this Act commence on a day or days to be fixed by Proclamation.

(zg) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by sections 4–20 only of the *Customs Legislation Amendment Act 1993*, subsections 2(1)–(5) and (8) of which provide as follows:

(1) Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 14, subsection 16(1) and sections 18 and 21 commence on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

(2) Section 8 is taken to have commenced on 1 September 1992.

(3) Sections 11, 12 and 13 commence 28 days after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

(4) Section 15, subsection 16(2) and section 23, so far as it relates to item 3 of Schedule 2, are taken to have commenced on 1 November 1992.

(5) Section 17 commences, or is taken to have commenced, 14 days after the day on which the *Customs Tariff Amendment Act (No. 2) 1993* receives or received the Royal Assent.

(8) Subject to subsection (9), the remaining provisions of this Act commence on a day or days to be fixed by Proclamation.

(zh) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by section 31 only of the *Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment Act 1994*, subsection 2(4) of which provides as follows:

(4) The amendments made by this Act to the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979*, the *Crimes (Aviation) Act 1991* (other than the amendment made to Schedule 5 to that Act), the *Crimes (Hostages) Act 1989*, the *Crimes (Internationally Protected Persons) Act 1976*, the *Crimes (Overseas) Act 1964*, the *Crimes (Superannuation Benefits) Act 1989*, the *Crimes (Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances) Act 1990*, the *Customs Act 1901*, the *Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1983*, the *Extradition Act 1988*, the *Financial Transaction Reports Act 1988* and to sections 23 and 59 of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 1987* commence on the 28th day after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

(zi) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by the *Customs, Excise and Bounty Legislation Amendment Act 1995*, subsections 2(1) and (3)–(6) of which provide as follows:

(1) Subject to subsections (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6), this Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

(3) Items 16 and 18 to 25 of Schedule 4 are taken to have commenced on 1 April 1994.

(4) Items 7 to 9, 46 to 48, and 54, 55 and 62 of Schedule 4 commence on a day to be fixed by Proclamation.

(5) Schedules 2 and 3, items 1, 26 to 45, 49 to 53 and 56 and 67 of Schedule 4, Schedule 6, items 6 to 11 of Schedule 7 and Schedules 8 and 10 commence on 1 July 1995.

(6) If items 7 to 9, 46 to 48, and 54, 55 and 62 of Schedule 4 do not commence under subsection (4) within the period of 6 months commencing on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent, they commence on the first day after the end of that period.

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(zj) Subsections 2(2) and (3) of the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act 1995* provide as follows:

(2) Items 2, 6 (only insofar as that item refers to water) and items 7, 10 and 11 of Schedule 1 are taken to have commenced on 1 August 1986.

(3) Items 1, 1A, 3, 3A, 4, 5, 6 (insofar as that item refers to sand, sandstone, soil, slate, clay (other than bentonite and kaolin), basalt, granite, gravel and limestone (other than agricultural use limestone)) and items 8, 9, 12 and 13 of Schedule 1, and Schedule 2, commence on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

(zk) Section 2 of the *Customs Tariff (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1996* provides as follows:

2 This Act commences on 1 July 1996 immediately after the commencement of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*.

(zl) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 2 (item 46) and Schedule 4 (item 56) only of the *Statute Law Revision Act 1996*, subsections 2(1) and (2) of which provide as follows:

(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), this Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

(2) Each item in Schedule 2 commences or is taken to have commenced (as the case requires) at the time specified in the note at the end of the item.

Item 46 is taken to have commenced immediately after the commencement of item 28 of Schedule 4 to the *Customs, Excise and Bounty Legislation Amendment Act 1995*.

Item 28 of Schedule 4 commenced on 1 July 1995.

(zla) The *Customs Amendment Act (No. 1) 1997* was amended by Schedule 1 (items 7–9) only of the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 1998*, subsection 2(1) of which provides as follows:

(1) Subject to subsections (2) to (5), this Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

(zm) *The Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 1 (items 17, 18) only the *Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment Act 1997*, subsection 2(1) of which provides as follows:

(1) Subject to subsection (2), this Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

(zn) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 1 only of the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 1997*, subsections 2(2)–(4) of which provide as follows:

(2) The items of Schedule 1 (other than item 27) and Schedule 2 (other than item 14) commence on a day or days to be fixed by Proclamation.

(3) If an item to which subsection (2) applies does not commence within a period of 6 months after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent, the item commences on the first day after the end of that period.

(4) Item 27 of Schedule 1 commences immediately after the commencement of item 26 of that Schedule under subsection (2) or (3).

(zo) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 1 (item 22) only of the *Environment, Sport and Territories Legislation Amendment Act 1997*, subsection 2(1) of which provides as follows:

(1) Subject to subsection (2), (3) and (4), this Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

(zp) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 2 (items 657–661) only of the *Audit (Transitional and Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 1997*, subsection 2(2) of which provides as follows:

(2) Schedules 1, 2 and 4 commence on the same day as the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.

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(zq) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 3 only of the *Telecommunications (Interception) and Listening Device Amendment Act 1997*, subsections 2(1) and (2)(c) of which provide as follows:

(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), this Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

(2) The following provisions commence on a day or days to be fixed by Proclamation:

(c) items 1 to 8 (inclusive) and 11 to 13 (inclusive) of Schedule 3.

(zr) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 1 (items 1–6) only of the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 1998*, subsections 2(1)–(3) of which provide as follows:

(1) Subject to subsections (2) to (5), this Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

(2) Items 3 and 4 of Schedule 1 are taken to have commenced on 1 August 1997, immediately after the commencement of item 11 of Schedule 1 to the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 1997*.

(3) Items 5 and 6 of Schedule 1 are taken to have commenced on 1 July 1995.

(zs) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedules 1 and 2 only of the *Customs Legislation (Anti-dumping Amendments) Act 1998*, subsections 2(2), (3) and (5) of which provide as follows:

(2) Subject to subsection (4), the items of Schedule 1 (other than item 39), the items of Schedules 2 and 4 and the items of Schedule 3 (other than item 11) commence on a day to be fixed by Proclamation.

(3) Subject to subsection (5), item 39 of Schedule 1 and item 11 of Schedule 3 commence on a day to be fixed by Proclamation after, but not more than 150 days after, the day fixed for the purposes of subsection (2).

(5) If the items to which subsection (3) applies do not commence within 150 days after the day on which the items to which subsection (2) applies commence, they commence on the first day after the end of that 150 days.

(zt) Subsection 2(4) of the *Customs (Anti-dumping Amendments) Act 1999* provides as follows:

(4) Items 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 of Schedule 1 are taken to have commenced on 24 July 1998, immediately after the commencement of the items (other than item 39) of Schedule 1 to the *Customs Legislation (Anti-dumping Amendments) Act 1998*.

(zu) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 6 (item 6) only of the *A New Tax System (Indirect Tax and Consequential Amendments) Act (No. 2) 1999*, subsection 2(8) of which provides as follows:

Schedule 6—Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme

(8) Schedule 6 commences immediately after the commencement of the *Customs and Excise Amendment (Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme) Act 1999*.

The *Customs and Excise Amendment (Disesl Fuel Rebate Scheme) Act 1999* came into operation on 1 July 2000.

(zv) Subsection 2(2) of the *Customs Amendment Act (No. 1) 1999* provides as follows:

(2) Items 4 and 5 of Schedule 1 are taken to have commenced on 1 September 1992, immediately after section 20 of the *Customs Legislation Amendment Act 1992* is taken to have commenced.

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(zw) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 1 only of the *Customs Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 1999*, subsection 2(2) of which provides as follows:

(2) The items of Schedules 1 and 2 commence on a day or days to be fixed by Proclamation.

(zx) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 1 only of the *ACIS Administration Act 1999*, section 2 of which provides as follows:

2 This Act commences immediately after the commencement of the *Customs Tariff Amendment (ACIS Implementation) Act 1999*.

The *Customs Tariff Amendment (ACIS Implementation) Act 1999* came into operation on 30 December 1999 (*see Gazette* 1999, No. S627).

(zy) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 1 (item 355) only of the *Public Employment (Consequential and Transitional) Amendment Act 1999*, subsections 2(1) and (2) of which provide as follows:

(1) In this Act, ***commencing time*** means the time when the *Public Service Act 1999* commences.

(2) Subject to this section, this Act commences at the commencing time.

(zz) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 2 only of the *Border Protection Legislation Amendment Act 1999*, subsection 2(6) of which provides as follows:

Remaining provisions of this Act

(6) Subject to subsections (7) and (8), the remaining provisions of this Act commence on a day or days to be fixed by Proclamation.

(zza) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 3 (items 1 and 24) only of the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment Act 1999*, subsection 2(2) of which provides as follows:

Schedule 3

(2) Subject to subsections (3) to (6), Schedule 3 commences immediately after the commencement of the other Schedules to this Act.

The other Schedules to this Act commenced on 10 December 1999.

(zzb) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 2 only of the *A New Tax System (Indirect Tax and Consequential Amendments) Act 1999* subsections 2(6)–(8) of which provide as follows:

Schedule 2—Customs Act

(6) Item 5 of Schedule 2 commences on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent if, and only if, this Act receives the Royal Assent before the day on which Schedule 2 to the *Customs Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1999* commences.

Note: The rest of Part 1 of Schedule 2 commences on Royal Assent.

(7) Part 2 of Schedule 2 commences immediately after the commencement of the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999*.

(8) Part 3 of Schedule 2 commences on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent, or immediately after the commencement of Schedule 2 to the *Customs Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1999*, whichever is later.

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 came into operation on 1 July 2000.

Schedule 2 to the *Customs Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1999* commenced on 3 May 2000.

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(zzc) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 2 (items 1–5) only of the *A New Tax System (Indirect Tax and Consequential Amendments) Act (No. 2) 1999*, subsection 2(8) of which provides as follows:

Schedule 6—Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme

(8) Schedule 6 commences immediately after the commencement of the *Customs and Excise Amendment (Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme) Act 1999*.

The *Customs and Excise Amendment (Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme) Act 1999* came into operation on 1 July 2000.

(zzd) Section 2 of the *Taxation Laws Amendment Act (No. 9) 1999* provides as follows:

2 This Act commences, or is taken to have commenced, immediately after the commencement of the *Customs and Excise Amendment (Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme) Act 1999*.

(zze) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 2 (items 26–32) only of the *Timor Gap Treaty (Transitional Arrangements) Act 2000*, subsection 2(2) of which provides as follows:

(2) Sections 3 to 7 and Schedules 1 and 2 (other than items 18 to 25 of Schedule 2) are taken to have commenced at the transition time. [*see* Table A]

(zzf) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 4B (items 1–5) only of the *A New Tax System (Tax Administration) Act (No. 2) 2000*, subsection 3(5A) of which provides as follows:

(5A) Schedule 4B commences, or is taken to have commenced, immediately after the commencement of the *Customs and Excise Amendment (Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme) Act 1999*.

The *Customs and Excise Amendment (Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme) Act 1999* came into operation on 1 July 2000.

(zzfa) The *A New Tax System (Tax Administration) Act (No. 2) 2000* was amended by Schedule 7 (item 11) only of the *Taxation Laws Amendment Act (No. 8) 2000*, subsection 2(6) of which provides as follows:

(6) Items 11 and 12 of Schedule 7 are taken to have commenced immediately after the commencement of Schedule 4B to the *A New Tax System (Tax Administration) Act (No. 2) 2000*.

Schedule 4B commenced on 1 July 2000.

(zzg) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 11 (items 16G–16I) only of the *Indirect Tax Legislation Amendment Act 2000*, subsection 2(1) of which provides as follows:

(1) Subject to this section, this Act commences immediately after the commencement of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the *A New Tax System (Indirect Tax and Consequential Amendments) Act (No. 2) 1999*.

Part 1 of Schedule 1 commenced on 1 July 2000.

(zzh) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 2 (items 21–24) only of the *Taxation Laws Amendment Act (No. 8) 2000*, subsection 2(1) of which provides as follows:

(1) Subject to this section, this Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

(zzi) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 21 only of the *Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Act 2001*, subsections 2(1)(a), (3) and (8) of which provide as follows:

(1) Subject to this section, this Act commences at the later of the following times:

(a) immediately after the commencement of item 15 of Schedule 1 to the *Criminal Code Amendment (Theft, Fraud, Bribery and Related Offences) Act 2000*;

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(3) Schedules 21 and 51 commence on the day mentioned in subsection 2.2(2) of the *Criminal Code*.

(8) If paragraph 234(1)(c) of the *Customs Act 1901* is repealed by another Act on or before the commencement of Schedule 21 to this Act, items 122 and 124 of that Schedule do not commence.

Item 15 commenced on 24 May 2001.

Items 122 and 124 do not commence.

(zzj) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 3 only of the *Taxation Laws Amendment (Excise Arrangements) Act 2001*, subsections 2(1)(b) and (2) of which provide as follows:

(1) Subject to this section, this Act commences on the earlier of:

(b) 28 days after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

(2) Items 69, 106 and 109 of Schedule 2, items 83 and 103 of Schedule 3, item 53 of Schedule 4, item 26 of Schedule 5 and item 22 of Schedule 6 commence:

(a) if Parts 4 to 10 of the *Administrative Review Tribunal Act 2001* have not commenced when the other provisions of this Act commence under subsection (1)—immediately after the commencement of those Parts; or [*see* Note 4]

(zzk) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 3 (items 152–165) only of the *Corporations (Repeals, Consequentials and Transitionals) Act 2001*, subsection 2(3) of which provides as follows:

(3) Subject to subsections (4) to (10), Schedule 3 commences, or is taken to have commenced, at the same time as the *Corporations Act 2001*.

(zzl) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by the *Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Act 2001*, subsections 2(2)–(6) of which provide as follows:

(2) Subject to subsection (6), Part 4 of Schedule 1 commences on a day to be fixed by Proclamation.

(3) Subject to subsection (6), Part 2 of Schedule 3, item 119 in Part 6 of Schedule 3, and Schedule 4, commence on a day to be fixed by Proclamation.

(4) Subject to subsection (6), Part 4 of Schedule 3 (other than items 82 and 84) commences on a day to be fixed by Proclamation.

(5) Subject to subsection (6), the following items in the Schedules commence on a day or days to be fixed by Proclamation:

(a) the items in Schedule 1 other than the items in Part 4 of that Schedule;

(b) the items in Schedule 2;

(c) the items (other than items 109, 119, 123 and 152 to 171) in Parts 1, 3, 5 and 6 of Schedule 3.

(6) If an item in a Schedule does not commence under subsection (2), (3), (4) or (5) within the period of 2 years beginning on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent, it commences on the first day after the end of that period. [*see* Note 5]

(zzm) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 1 (items 50 and 51), Schedule 4 (items 59–69) and Schedule 5 (items 8, 9) only of the *Measures to Combat Serious and Organised Crime Act 2001*, subsections 2(2) and (5) of which provide as follows:

(2) Subject to subsection (3), Schedules 1 and 2 commence on a day or days to be fixed by Proclamation.

(5) The remainder of this Act commences on the 28th day after the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

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(zzn) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 1 (item 1) only of the *Fuel Legislation Amendment (Grant and Rebate Schemes) Act 2001*, subsection 2(1) of which provides as follows:

(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), this Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

(zzo) The *Customs Act 1901* was amended by Schedule 1 (items 6–13) only of the *Statute Law Revision Act 2002*, subsection 2(1) (items 5, 7 and 8) of which provides as follows:

(1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, on the day or at the time specified in column 2 of the table.

Commencement information

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provision(s)	**Commencement**	**Date/Details**
5. Schedule 1, item 6	Immediately after item 13 of Schedule 1 to the *Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Act 2001* commenced	1 July 2002
7. Schedule 1, item 9	Immediately after item 69 of Schedule 1 to the *Customs Legislation (Anti-dumping Amendments) Act 1998* commenced	24 July 1998
8. Schedule 1, items 10, 11, 12 and 13	Immediately after item 70 of Schedule 1 to the *Customs Legislation (Anti-dumping Amendments) Act 1998* commenced	24 July 1998

(zzp) Subsections 2(1) (items 2 and 4–8) and (3) of the *Border Security Legislation Amendment Act 2002* provide as follows:

(1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, on the day or at the time specified in column 2 of the table.

Commencement information

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provision(s)	**Commencement**	**Date/Details**
2. Schedules 1 and 2	A single day to be fixed by Proclamation, subject to subsection (3) [*see* Note 6]	
4. Part 1 of Schedule 4	A single day to be fixed by Proclamation, subject to subsection (3) [*see* Note 6]	
5. Part 2 of Schedule 4	Immediately after item 118 of Schedule 3 to the *Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Act 2001* commences [*see* Note 6]	

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provision(s)	**Commencement**	**Date/Details**
6. Schedule 5	A single day to be fixed by Proclamation, subject to subsection (3) [*see* Note 6]	
7. Schedule 6, Part 1	A single day to be fixed by Proclamation, subject to subsection (3) [*see* Note 6]	
8. Schedule 6, items 10 to 15	Immediately before item 122 of Schedule 3 to the *Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Act 2001* commences [*see* Note 6]	

(3) If a provision covered by item 2, 4, 6, 7 or 11 of the table does not commence within the period of 6 months beginning on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent, then it commences on the first day after the end of that period.

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Provision affected	How affected
Part I	
S. 3	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 108, 1952 rs. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 48, 1963; No. 29, 1965; No. 104, 1968 rep. No. 216, 1973
S. 4	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 7, 1935; No. 56, 1950; No. 108, 1952; No. 47, 1953; No. 37, 1957; No. 54, 1959; No. 48, 1963; No. 29, 1965; No. 82, 1965 (as am. by No. 133, 1965); No. 54, 1967; Nos. 14 and 104, 1968; No. 134, 1971; No. 216, 1973; Nos. 28 and 120, 1974; Nos. 91 and 174, 1976; No. 154, 1977; No. 92, 1979 (as am. by No. 40, 1985); Nos. 155 and 180, 1979; No. 110, 1980; Nos. 64 and 152, 1981; Nos. 48, 51, 80 and 115, 1982; Nos. 72 and 165, 1984; Nos. 39 and 175, 1985; No. 34, 1986; Nos. 81, 76 and 104, 1987; Nos. 23, 24 and 78, 1989; Nos. 5, 37, 79 and 111, 1990; No. 82, 1991; Nos. 34, 104 and 209, 1992; Nos. 8, 20 and 65, 1994; No. 85, 1995; No. 15, 1996; Nos. 3, 97 and 167, 1997; No. 8, 1998; Nos. 87, 137, 142, 160 and 176, 1999; Nos. 7, 25 and 137, 2000; Nos. 24, 25, 95 and 161, 2001; No. 64, 2002
S. 4AA	ad. No. 113, 1993
S. 4AB	ad. No. 160, 1999
S. 4A	ad. No. 5, 1990 am. No. 111, 1990; No. 85, 1995; No. 25, 2001
Ss. 4B, 4C	ad. No. 95, 2001
S. 5	rs. No. 56, 1951 am. No. 216, 1973; No. 28, 1974; No. 81, 1982
S. 5AA	ad. No. 24, 2001
Part II	
S. 5A	ad. No. 51, 1982 am. No. 104, 1987; No. 85, 1995; No. 24, 2001
S. 5B	ad. No. 104, 1987 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 137, 1999; No. 24, 2001
S. 5C	ad. No. 104, 1987
S. 6	rep. No. 28, 1974 ad. No. 118, 1997 rs. No. 8, 1998
S. 7	am. No. 28, 1974; No. 154, 1977; No. 51, 1982; No. 63, 1984 rs. No. 39, 1985 am. No. 85, 1995 rs. No. 25, 2001
S. 8	am. No. 10, 1916 rs. No. 14, 1968 am. No. 51, 1982; No. 39, 1985; No. 34, 1986; No. 85, 1995
S. 8A	ad. No. 12, 1923 rs. No. 14, 1968

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S. 9	rs. No. 92, 1979; No. 24, 1989 am. No. 174, 1989; No. 207, 1992; No. 25, 2001
S. 10	rs. No. 92, 1979 rep. No. 39, 1985
S. 11	rs. No. 92, 1979 am. No. 79, 1990
S. 12	rep. No. 47, 1953
S. 13	rs. No. 56, 1951; No. 48, 1963 am. No. 14, 1968; No. 28, 1974; No. 154, 1977; No. 10, 1986; No. 85, 1995
S. 14	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 64, 1981
S. 15	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 108, 1952; No. 54, 1959 rs. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 10, 1986; No. 85, 1995
S. 16	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 108, 1952 rep. No. 110, 1980
S. 17	am. No. 39, 1985; No. 85, 1995; No. 3, 1997
S. 18	rep. No. 110, 1980
S. 19	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 108, 1952; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; No. 10, 1986; No. 85, 1995
S. 20	rs. No. 54, 1959 rep. No. 104, 1968 ad. No. 209, 1992 am. No. 24, 2001
S. 21	rs. No. 37, 1957 am. No. 54, 1959 rep. No. 104, 1968
S. 22	rep. No. 80, 1950
S. 23	rs. No. 54, 1959 rep. No. 104, 1968
S. 24	rs. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967 rep. No. 104, 1968
S. 25	rs. No. 48, 1963
S. 28	am. No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967 rs. No. 110, 1980 am. Nos. 39 and 175, 1985; No. 85, 1995; No. 3, 1997
S. 29	rep. No. 110, 1980
Part III	
Heading to Part III	am. No. 34, 1992
S. 30	am. No. 36, 1910; No. 104, 1968; No. 64, 1981; No. 34, 1986; No. 111, 1990; Nos. 34 and 221, 1992; Nos. 25 and 95, 2001
S. 30A	ad. No. 22, 1984 am. No. 39, 1985; No. 10, 1986; No. 24, 1989; No. 111, 1990; No. 85, 1995
S. 31	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 108, 1952; No. 64, 1981; No. 111, 1990
S. 32	rep. No. 137, 1999

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S. 33	am. No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 104, 1968 rs. No. 64, 1981 am. Nos. 51 and 81, 1982 rs. No. 95, 2001
S. 33A	ad. No. 51, 1982 am. No. 104, 1987; No. 85, 1995; No. 24, 2001
S. 33B	ad. No. 104, 1987 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 24, 2001
S. 35	am. No. 56, 1975
S. 35A	ad. No. 37, 1957 am. No. 104, 1968; No. 28, 1974; No. 154, 1977; No. 64, 1981; No. 34, 1992
S. 36	am. No. 64, 1981 rs. No. 81, 1982 am. Nos. 5 and 111, 1990 rep. No. 34, 1992
S. 37	am. No. 7, 1934; No. 66, 1954; No. 54, 1959; No. 48, 1963; No. 28, 1966; No. 104, 1968; No. 28, 1974; No. 64, 1981 rs. No. 81, 1982 rep. No. 34, 1992
S. 38	rs. No. 81, 1982 rep. No. 34, 1992
S. 38A	ad. No. 81, 1982 rep. No. 34, 1992
S. 38B	ad. No. 81, 1982 am. No. 23, 1989; No. 111, 1990 rep. No. 34, 1992
S. 39	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 7, 1934 rs. No. 64, 1981 am. No. 23, 1989; No. 111, 1990 rep. No. 34, 1992
S. 40	am. No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967 rs. No. 64, 1981 am. No. 81, 1982 rep. No. 34, 1992
S. 40AA	ad. No. 104, 1968 am. No. 28, 1974; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982 rep. No. 34, 1992
S. 40A	ad. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 28, 1974; No. 64, 1981 rep. No. 81, 1982
S. 40B	ad. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 28, 1966; No. 28, 1974 rs. No. 154, 1977 am. No. 64, 1981 rep. No. 81, 1982
S. 41	am. No. 12, 1923 rep. No. 104, 1968

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S. 42	am. No. 108, 1952; No. 37, 1957; No. 28, 1974; Nos. 45, 64, 67 and 157, 1981; No. 137, 1982; No. 76, 1988; No. 174, 1989; Nos. 34 and 207, 1992; No. 150, 1994; No. 85, 1995; No. 79, 1998
S. 43	am. No. 108, 1952 rs. No. 37, 1957
S. 44	am. No. 85, 1995
S. 45	am. No. 77, 1975; Nos. 64 and 67, 1981; No. 76, 1988; No. 207, 1992; No. 150, 1994; No. 85, 1995
S. 48	am. No. 12, 1923
Part IV	
Division 1A	
Heading to Div. 1A of Part IV	ad. No. 54, 1959
S. 49	am. No. 12, 1923
S. 49A	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 51, 1982; No. 104, 1987
S. 49B	ad. No. 104, 1987
Division 1	
Div. 1 of Part IV	rs. No. 108, 1952
S. 50	rs. No. 108, 1952 am. No. 48, 1963; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 134, 1971; No. 28, 1974; No. 154, 1977; No. 110, 1980; No. 81, 1982; No. 24, 1989; No. 34, 1998; No. 24, 2001
S. 51	am. No. 12, 1923 rs. No. 108, 1952 am. No. 110, 1980
S. 52	am. No. 7, 1934 rep. No. 108, 1952
Ss. 53–56	rep. No. 108, 1952
S. 57	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 7, 1934 rep. No. 108, 1952
Division 2	
Heading to Div. 2 of Part IV	am. No. 12, 1923
S. 58	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 108, 1952; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; No. 51, 1982; No. 104, 1987; No. 24, 2001
Heading to s. 58A	am. No. 137, 1999
S. 58A	ad. No. 104, 1987 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 137, 1999; No. 24, 2001
S. 58B	ad. No. 37, 1990 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 25, 2000; No. 24, 2001
S. 59	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 7, 1934; No. 108, 1952; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 28, 1974; No. 154, 1977 rs. No. 64, 1981 (as am. by No. 51, 1982) am. No. 81, 1982 (as am. by No. 40, 1985); No. 40, 1985; No. 104, 1987; No. 63, 1988; No. 137, 1999 rep. No. 160, 1999

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S. 60	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 108, 1952; No. 37, 1957; No. 48, 1963; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; Nos. 51 and 81, 1982; No. 111, 1990; No. 85, 1995; No. 24, 2001
S. 61	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 108, 1952; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981 rs. No. 51, 1982 am. No. 104, 1987; No. 24, 2001
S. 62	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 108, 1952 rs. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 48, 1963; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 28, 1974; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982; Nos. 24 and 95, 2001
S. 63	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 108, 1952; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982; Nos. 24 and 95, 2001
Division 3	
Heading to Subdiv. A of Div. 3 of Part IV	ad. No. 7, 2000
S. 63A	ad. No. 7, 2000
S. 64	rs. No. 12, 1923 am. No. 108, 1952; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; No. 51, 1982 rs. No. 111, 1990 am. Nos. 34 and 209, 1992
S. 64AA	ad. No. 111, 1990 am. No. 34, 1992; No. 8, 1994
S. 64AB	ad. No. 111, 1990 am. Nos. 34 and 209, 1992; No. 85, 1995; No. 3, 1997; No. 7, 2000
S. 64ABA	ad. No. 209, 1992
S. 64ABB	ad. No. 3, 1997
S. 64ABC	ad. No. 3, 1997 am. No. 7, 2000
S. 64ABD	ad. No. 3, 1997
S. 64AC	ad. No. 111, 1990 am. No. 34, 1992
S. 64AD	ad. No. 111, 1990 am. No. 209, 1992
S. 64ADA	ad. No. 95, 2001
S. 64AE	ad. No. 34, 1992 am. No. 24, 2001
S. 64AF	ad. No. 64, 2002
S. 64A	ad. No. 51, 1982 am. No. 24, 2001
S. 65	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 28, 1974; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982; No. 24, 2001
S. 66	am. No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982
S. 67	am. No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982; No. 24, 2001
Heading to Div. 3A of Part IV	rep. No. 7, 2000

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Provision affected	How affected
Heading to Subdiv. B of Div. 3 of Part IV	ad. No. 7, 2000
Div. 3A of Part IV	ad. No. 209, 1992
Ss. 67A, 67B	ad. No. 209, 1992
S. 67C	ad. No. 209, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995
Ss. 67D, 67E	ad. No. 209, 1992
Subdiv. C of Div. 3 of Part IV	ad. No. 7, 2000
S. 67EA	ad. No. 7, 2000
S. 67EB	ad. No. 7, 2000 am. No. 55, 2001
Ss. 67EC–67EM	ad. No. 7, 2000
Subdiv. D of Div. 3 of Part IV	ad. No. 7, 2000 rep. No. 95, 2001
Ss. 67EN–67ET	ad. No. 7, 2000 rep. No. 95, 2001
S. 67EU	ad. No. 7, 2000 am. No. 161, 2001 rep. No. 95, 2001
Division 4	
S. 68	rs. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 104, 1968 rs. No. 81, 1982; No. 34, 1992
S. 69	rs. No. 81, 1982; No. 34, 1992 am. No. 209, 1992; No. 15, 1996
S. 70	rep. No. 81, 1982 ad. No. 34, 1992 am. No. 209, 1992; No. 176, 1999; No. 24, 2001
S. 71	rs. No. 36, 1910 am. No. 7, 1934 rs. No. 64, 1981 am. No. 81, 1982 rs. No. 34, 1992 am. No. 3, 1997; No. 108, 1999; No. 92, 2000
S. 71A	ad. No. 104, 1968 am. No. 64, 1981 rs. No. 34, 1992 am. No. 3, 1997
S. 71AA	ad. No. 3, 1997 am. No. 142, 1999
S. 71AB	ad. No. 3, 1997
S. 71B	ad. No. 104, 1968 am. No. 28, 1974; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982 rs. No. 34, 1992 am. No. 209, 1992; No. 8, 1994; No. 85, 1995; No. 3, 1997; Nos. 142 and 176, 1999
S. 71C	ad. No. 34, 1992
S. 71D	ad. No. 34, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 71E	ad. No. 34, 1992 am. No. 209, 1992; No. 85, 1995; No. 24, 2001
S. 71F	ad. No. 34, 1992 am. No. 8, 1994; Nos. 142 and 176, 1999
Ss. 71G, 71H	ad. No. 34, 1992
S. 71J	ad. No. 34, 1992 rs. No. 142, 1999
S. 71K	ad. No. 34, 1992
S. 71L	ad. No. 34, 1992 am. No. 209, 1992; No. 85, 1995
S. 72	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 111, 1960; No. 104, 1968 rs. No. 64, 1981 am. No. 72, 1984; No. 111, 1990; No. 34, 1992
S. 73	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 7, 1934; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982 rs. No. 40, 1985 am. No. 34, 1992; No. 137, 1999; No. 24, 2001
S. 74	am. No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981 rs. No. 111, 1990 am. No. 209, 1992
S. 74A	ad. No. 209, 1992 am. No. 3, 1997
S. 75	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 108, 1952; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967 rep. No. 104, 1968
S. 76	am. No. 12, 1923
Division 4A	
Div. 4A of Part IV	ad. No. 34, 1992
S. 77A	ad. No. 34, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 142, 1999
S. 77B	ad. No. 34, 1992
S. 77C	ad. No. 34, 1992 rs. No. 85, 1995
Ss. 77D, 77E	ad. No. 85, 1995 am. No. 176, 1999
Part IVA	
Part IVA	ad. No. 3, 1997
S. 77F	ad. No. 3, 1997 am. No. 7, 2000; No. 95, 2001
Ss. 77G–77J	ad. No. 3, 1997
S. 77K	ad. No. 3, 1997 am. No. 55, 2001
S. 77L	ad. No. 3, 1997
S. 77LA	ad. No. 95, 2001
S. 77M	ad. No. 3, 1997
S. 77N	ad. No. 3, 1997 am. Nos. 55 and 95, 2001
Ss. 77O–77Z	ad. No. 3, 1997

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 77ZA	ad. No. 3, 1997
Part V	
Part V	rs. No. 110, 1980
S. 78	rs. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 85, 1995
S. 79	am. No. 54, 1959 rs. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 5, 1990; No. 85, 1995
S. 80	rs. No. 12, 1923; No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 85, 1995
S. 81	am. No. 12, 1923 rs. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 210, 1992; No. 85, 1995; No. 55, 2001
S. 82	rep. No. 80, 1950 ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 210, 1992; No. 85, 1995; No. 55, 2001
S. 83	am. No. 12, 1923 rep. No. 104, 1968 ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 10, 1986; No. 85, 1995
S. 84	rep. No. 104, 1968 ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 85, 1995
S. 85	rs. No. 12, 1923; No. 110, 1980
S. 86	rep. No. 104, 1968 ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 72, 1984; No. 10, 1986; No. 85, 1995; No. 24, 2001
S. 87	rs. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 72, 1984; No. 85, 1995; No. 24, 2001
S. 88	rep. No. 104, 1968 ad. No. 110, 1980
S. 89	rs. No. 110, 1980
S. 90	rep. No. 21, 1906 ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 72, 1984; No. 24, 2001
S. 91	rep. No. 21, 1906 ad. No. 110, 1980
S. 92	am. No. 66, 1954; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 104, 1968 rs. No. 110, 1980
S. 92A	ad. No. 111, 1960 am. No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967 rep. No. 110, 1980
S. 93	am. No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967 rs. No. 110, 1980
S. 94	rs. No. 110, 1980
S. 95	rs. No. 111, 1960; No. 110, 1980 am. No. 157, 1981

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 96	am. No. 104, 1968 rs. No. 110, 1980
S. 96A	ad. No. 81, 1982 am. No. 72, 1984; No. 175, 1985; No. 111, 1990; No. 85, 1995; No. 24, 2001
S. 96B	ad. No. 175, 1985 am. No. 111, 1990; No. 24, 2001
S. 97	rs. No. 108, 1952 am. No. 28, 1974 rs. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 72, 1984
S. 98	rs. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 5, 1990
S. 99	am. No. 104, 1968 rs. No. 110, 1980; No. 81, 1982 am. No. 111, 1990; No. 34, 1992
Ss. 100–102	rs. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 24, 2001
Part VA	
Heading to Part VA	rs. No. 84, 2000
Part VA	ad. No. 5, 1990
S. 103	am. No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967 rep. No. 110, 1980 ad. No. 5, 1990 am. No. 84, 2000
Heading to s. 104	am. No. 84, 2000
S. 104	rs. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 28, 1974 rep. No. 110, 1980 ad. No. 5, 1990 am. No. 34, 1992; No. 84, 2000
Heading to s. 105	am. No. 85, 1995; No. 84, 2000
S. 105	rs. No. 54, 1959 rep. No. 110, 1980 ad. No. 5, 1990 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 84, 2000
Ss. 106, 107	rep. No. 110, 1980
S. 108	rep. No. 48, 1963
Ss. 109, 110	rep. No. 110, 1980
S. 111	rep. No. 108, 1952
Part VI	
Division 1	
Heading to Div. 1 of Part VI	ad. No. 111, 1990
S. 112	rs. No. 36, 1910 am. No. 19, 1914; No. 7, 1934 rs. No. 56, 1951 am. No. 154, 1977; No. 81, 1982; No. 24, 1989; No. 34, 1992; No. 38, 1998; No. 24, 2001

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 112A	ad. No. 36, 1910 am. No. 7, 1934 rep. No. 56, 1951
Division 2	
Heading to Div. 2 of Part VI	ad. No. 111, 1990
Heading to Subdiv. A of Div. 2 of Part VI	ad. No. 95, 2001
S. 113	am. No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982 rs. No. 111, 1990 am. No. 95, 2001
S. 114	am. No. 12, 1923 rs. No. 54, 1959; No. 104, 1968 am. No. 107, 1975 rs. No. 154, 1977 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 149, 1986 rs. No. 111, 1990 am. No. 34, 1992
S. 114A	ad. No. 12, 1923 am. No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 28, 1974 rs. No. 154, 1977 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 39, 1985 rs. No. 111, 1990
S. 114B	ad. No. 111, 1990 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 24, 2001
S. 114C	ad. No. 111, 1990 am. Nos. 34 and 209, 1992; No. 25, 2001
S. 114D	ad. No. 111, 1990 am. No. 209, 1992; No. 25, 2001
S. 115	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 108, 1952; No. 54, 1959; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967 rep. No. 104, 1968 ad. No. 154, 1977 am. No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982 rs. No. 111, 1990 am. No. 34, 1992
S. 116	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982 rs. No. 111, 1990
S. 117	rs. No. 81, 1982
S. 117A	ad. No. 111, 1990 am. No. 34, 1992; No. 85, 1995
S. 118	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 108, 1952; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; Nos. 51 and 81, 1982
S. 119	rs. No. 12, 1923 am. No. 48, 1963; No. 28, 1974; No. 154, 1977; No. 64, 1981; No. 10, 1986; No. 111, 1990 am. No. 34, 1992; No. 85, 1995
S. 119A	ad. No. 111, 1990 am. No. 34, 1992

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Provision affected	How affected
Ss. 119B, 119C	ad. No. 111, 1990
S. 119D	ad. No. 111, 1990 am. No. 34, 1992
S. 120	am. No. 12, 1923 rs. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 104, 1968; No. 28, 1974; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982; No. 111, 1990; No. 95, 2001
S. 121	rep. No. 111, 1960
S. 122	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 108, 1952
Division 3	
Heading to Div. 3 of Part VI	am. No. 34, 1992
Div. 3 of Part VI	ad. No. 111, 1990
S. 122A	ad. No. 111, 1990 am. No. 85, 1995
Ss. 122B–122E	ad. No. 111, 1990
Division 3A	
Div. 3A of Part VI	ad. No. 95, 2001
Ss. 122F–122R	ad. No. 95, 2001
Division 4	
Heading to Div. 4 of Part VI	ad. No. 111, 1990
S. 123	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 108, 1952; No. 48, 1963; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; No. 24, 2001
S. 124	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982; No. 24, 2001
S. 125	am. No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982; No. 24, 2001
S. 126	am. No. 85, 1995
Division 5	
Heading to Div. 5 of Part VI	ad. No. 111, 1990
S. 126A	ad. No. 104, 1987
S. 126B	ad. No. 104, 1987 am. No. 111, 1990
S. 126C	ad. No. 111, 1990 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 24, 2001
Part VII	
Heading to Part VII	am. No. 12, 1923
Part VII	rs. No. 108, 1952
S. 127	am. No. 12, 1923 rs. No. 108, 1952 am. No. 104, 1968; No. 28, 1974; No. 81, 1982; No. 111, 1990; No. 24, 2001
S. 128	am. No. 12, 1923 rs. No. 108, 1952

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 129	am. No. 12, 1923 rs. No. 108, 1952; No. 48, 1963; No. 104, 1968 am. No. 28, 1974; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982; No. 24, 2001
S. 130	rep. No. 45, 1934 ad. No. 108, 1952 am. No. 48, 1963 rs. No. 104, 1968
S. 130A	ad. No. 108, 1952 am. No. 47, 1953; No. 54, 1959 rs. No. 104, 1968 am. No. 28, 1974; No. 64, 1981
S. 130B	ad. No. 48, 1963 rs. No. 104, 1968 am. No. 28, 1974; No. 81, 1982; No. 149, 1986; No. 34, 1992; No. 24, 2001
S. 130C	ad. No. 104, 1968 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 111, 1990
S. 131	am. No. 12, 1923 rep. No. 29, 1965
Part VIII	
Division 1	
S. 131A	ad. No. 7, 1934 am. No. 162, 1973; No. 64, 1981; No. 39, 1983
S. 131AA	ad. No. 37, 1990 am. No. 25, 2000
S. 131B	ad. No. 81, 1987
S. 132	rs. No. 48, 1963 am. No. 28, 1974; No. 81, 1982 (as am. by No. 39, 1983); Nos. 34 and 209, 1992; No. 108, 1999; No. 92, 2000
S. 132AA	ad. No. 142, 1999 am. No. 92, 2000
S. 132A	ad. No. 104, 1968
S. 132B	ad. No. 28, 1974 am. No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982; No. 10, 1986; No. 34, 1992; No. 85, 1995
Ss. 132C, 132D	ad. No. 28, 1974 am. No. 10, 1986; No. 85, 1995
S. 132E	ad. No. 28, 1974 rep. No. 61, 1981
S. 133	am. No. 107, 1975; No. 177, 1979; No. 15, 1980; No. 72, 1984
S. 136	am. No. 24, 1989
S. 137	am. No. 54, 1947 rep. No. 12, 1971 ad. No. 24, 1989 am. No. 85, 1995
Ss. 138, 139	rep. No. 29, 1965
S. 140	am. No. 7, 1934 rep. No. 29, 1965
S. 141	rep. No. 28, 1966

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 143	rep. No. 41, 1976
S. 144	rep. No. 29, 1965
S. 146	am. No. 85, 1995
S. 149	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 81, 1982; No. 111, 1990; No. 142, 1999
S. 150	am. No. 104, 1968
S. 151	rs. No. 29, 1965 am. No. 133, 1965 rs. No. 82, 1965 (as am. by No. 133, 1965) am. No. 104, 1968; Nos. 28 and 120, 1974; No. 174, 1976; No. 171, 1980; No. 157, 1981; No. 81, 1982 rs. No. 115, 1982 am. No. 19, 1983; No. 175, 1985; Nos. 10 and 149, 1986 rs. No. 76, 1987 am. No. 24, 1989; No. 70, 1990 rep. No. 8, 1994
S. 151A	ad. No. 22, 1925 rs. No. 7, 1934 am. No. 45, 1934; No. 85, 1936 rs. No. 29, 1965 am. No. 133, 1965 rs. No. 82, 1965 (as am. by No. 133, 1965) am. No. 104, 1968; Nos. 28 and 120, 1974; No. 174, 1976; Nos. 61 and 157, 1981 rs. No. 115, 1982 rep. No. 76, 1987
S. 151B	ad. No. 85, 1936 am. No. 111, 1960 rep. No. 29, 1965
S. 152	am. No. 56, 1950; No. 107, 1975; No. 15, 1980
Division 1A	
Div. 1A of Part VIII	ad. No. 8, 1994
S. 153A	ad. No. 56, 1950 rs. No. 29, 1965 am. No. 133, 1965 rep. No. 41, 1976 ad. No. 8, 1994
S. 153B	ad. No. 8, 1994 am. No. 15, 1996
S. 153C	ad. No. 8, 1994
S. 153D	ad. No. 8, 1994 am. No. 85, 1995
Subheads. to s. 153E(4)–(6)	am. No. 85, 1995
S. 153E	ad. No. 8, 1994 am. No. 85, 1995
Ss. 153F–153H	ad. No. 8, 1994
S. 153J	ad. No. 8, 1994 am. No. 85, 1995
Subhead. to s. 153K(3)	am. No. 85, 1995

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 153K	ad. No. 8, 1994 am. No. 85, 1995
Subhead. to s. 153L(2)	am. No. 85, 1995
S. 153L	ad. No. 8, 1994 am. No. 85, 1995
S. 153LA	ad. No. 85, 1995
Ss. 153M, 153N	ad. No. 8, 1994
Ss. 153P, 153Q	ad. No. 8, 1994 am. No. 85, 1995
Subhead. to s. 153R(1)	am. No. 85, 1995
S. 153R	ad. No. 8, 1994 am. No. 85, 1995
Ss. 153S, 153T	ad. No. 8, 1994
Division 2	
Div. 2 of Part VIII	rs. No. 157, 1981; No. 23, 1989
S. 154	rs. No. 19, 1922 am. No. 54, 1947; No. 29, 1965; No. 120, 1974 rs. No. 41, 1976 am. No. 183, 1978 rs. No. 157, 1981 am. No. 2, 1984; No. 51, 1987 rs. No. 23, 1989 am. No. 142, 1999
S. 155	rs. No. 19, 1922 rep. No. 54, 1959 ad. No. 29, 1965 rep. No. 41, 1976 ad. No. 157, 1981 rs. No. 23, 1989
S. 156	rs. No. 19, 1922 rep. No. 54, 1959 ad. No. 157, 1981 am. No. 115, 1982; No. 76, 1987 rs. No. 23, 1989
S. 157	rs. No. 54, 1947 am. No. 28, 1974 rs. No. 157, 1981 am. No. 72, 1984 rs. No. 23, 1989
S. 158	rep. No. 41, 1976 ad. No. 157, 1981 am. No. 72, 1984; No. 51, 1987 rs. No. 23, 1989
S. 159	am. No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967 rep. No. 41, 1976 ad. No. 157, 1981 am. No. 101, 1983; Nos. 51 and 76, 1987 rs. No. 23, 1989

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 160	am. No. 29, 1965 rep. No. 41, 1976 ad. No. 157, 1981 rs. No. 23, 1989
S. 161	am. No. 133, 1965; No. 216, 1973 rep. No. 41, 1976 ad. No. 157, 1981 am. No. 51, 1987 rs. No. 23, 1989
S. 161A	ad. No. 157, 1981 am. No. 72, 1984; Nos. 51 and 76, 1987 rs. No. 23, 1989
S. 161B	ad. No. 157, 1981 am. No. 10, 1986 rs. No. 23, 1989
S. 161C	ad. No. 157, 1981 rs. No. 23, 1989
S. 161D	ad. No. 157, 1981 am. No. 51, 1987 rs. No. 23, 1989
Ss. 161E–161H	ad. No. 23, 1989
Ss. 161J–161L	ad. No. 23, 1989 am. No. 85, 1995
Division 3	
Heading to Div. 3 of Part VIII	am. No. 108, 1982
Heading to s. 162	am. No. 176, 1999
S. 162	am. No. 7, 1934; No. 56, 1950 rs. No. 108, 1952 am. No. 28, 1974; No. 64, 1981; No. 39, 1985; No. 34, 1986; No. 85, 1995; No. 176, 1999; No. 156, 2000
Heading to s. 162A	am. No. 176, 1999
S. 162A	ad. No. 48, 1963 am. No. 14, 1968; No. 28, 1974; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982; No. 39, 1985; No. 34, 1986; No. 85, 1995; Nos. 109 and 176, 1999; No. 156, 2000
S. 162AA	ad. No. 109, 1999
S. 162B	ad. No. 104, 1968 am. No. 28, 1974; No. 81, 1982; No. 23, 1989; No. 109, 1999
S. 163	am. No. 6, 1930; No. 7, 1934; No. 108, 1952; No. 47, 1953; No. 104, 1968 rs. No. 12, 1971 am. No. 165, 1984; No. 81, 1987; No. 34, 1992; No. 3, 1997; Nos. 139 and 142, 1999
Note to s. 163(1D)	rep. No. 142, 1999

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ad. = added or inserted am. = amended rep. = repealed rs. = repealed and substituted

Provision affected	How affected
S. 164	rep. No. 12, 1971 ad. No. 108, 1982 am. Nos. 39 and 101, 1983; No. 175, 1985; No. 81, 1987; No. 99, 1988; Nos. 24 and 78, 1989; No. 5, 1990; No. 34, 1992; No. 209, 1992 (as am. by No. 8, 1994); No. 113, 1993; No. 85, 1995; No. 87, 1995 (as am. by No. 21, 1996); No. 97, 1997; No. 8, 1998; Nos. 87, 177 and 181, 1999; No. 91, 2000; Nos. 25 and 165, 2001; No. 46, 2002
Note to s. 164(4B)	am. No. 25, 2001
S. 164A	ad. No. 45, 1949 rep. No. 12, 1971 ad. No. 40, 1985 rep. No. 175, 1985 ad. No. 81, 1987 am. No. 34, 1992 rs. No. 97, 1997 am. No. 25, 2001
S. 164AA	ad. No. 81, 1987 am. No. 78, 1989; No. 34, 1992 rs. No. 97, 1997 am. No. 25, 2001
S. 164AB	ad. No. 97, 1997 am. No. 25, 2001
S. 164AC	ad. No. 97, 1997 am. Nos. 24 and 25, 2001; No. 46, 2002
Heading to s. 164AD	am. No. 25, 2001
S. 164AD	ad. No. 97, 1997 am. No. 25, 2001
Heading to s. 164AE	am. No. 25, 2001
S. 164AE	ad. No. 97, 1997 am. No. 25, 2001
S. 164AF (formerly s. 165A)	am. No. 25, 2001
S. 164B	ad. No. 56, 1950 am. No. 10, 1986; No. 85, 1995
S. 165	am. No. 104, 1968; Nos. 81 and 108, 1982; No. 78, 1989; No. 85, 1995; No. 97, 1997
S. 165A	ad. No. 78, 1989 am. No. 113, 1993; No. 85, 1995; No. 97, 1997
Renumbered s. 164AF	No. 97, 1997
Division 4	
S. 167	rs. No. 36, 1910 am. No. 12, 1923; No. 48, 1963; No. 28, 1974; No. 64, 1981; No. 78, 1989; Nos. 34 and 209, 1992
Part IX	
S. 168	rs. No. 108, 1952; No. 104, 1968; No. 139, 1999
S. 169	rep. No. 12, 1923
S. 170	am. No. 108, 1952 rep. No. 54, 1959

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Provision affected	How affected
Ss. 171–174	rep. No. 54, 1959
Part X	
S. 175	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 108, 1952 rs. No. 81, 1982 am. No. 72, 1984; Nos. 137 and 160, 1999; No. 24, 2001
S. 176	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981 rep. No. 81, 1982
S. 177	am. No. 12, 1923 rep. No. 81, 1982
Ss. 178, 179	rep. No. 81, 1982
Part XI	
Heading to Part XI	rs. No. 142, 1999
Division 1	
Div. 1 of Part XI	ad. No. 54, 1959 rs. No. 110, 1980
S. 179A	ad. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 28, 1974 rep. No. 110, 1980
S. 180	am. No. 54, 1959 rs. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 24, 1989; No. 85, 1995; No. 142, 1999
Division 2	
Heading to Div. 2 of Part XI	ad. No. 54, 1959
Div. 2 of Part XI	rs. No. 110, 1980
S. 181	rs. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 10, 1986; No. 85, 1995; No. 142, 1999; Nos. 24 and 95, 2001
Ss. 182, 183	rs. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 142, 1999
S. 183A	ad. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 28, 1974 rs. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 142, 1999
Division 3	
Heading to Div. 3 of Part XI	rs. No. 142, 1999
Div. 3 of Part XI	ad. No. 54, 1959 rs. No. 110, 1980
S. 183B	ad. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 216, 1973; No. 28, 1974 rs. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 142, 1999
S. 183C	ad. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 216, 1973 rs. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 142, 1999

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 183CA	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 85, 1995; No. 142, 1999
S. 183CB	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 142, 1999
S. 183CC	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 10, 1986; No. 210, 1992; No. 85, 1995; No. 142, 1999; No. 55, 2001
Ss. 183CD, 183CE	ad. No. 110, 1980 rs. No. 81, 1982 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 142, 1999
S. 183CF	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 85, 1995; No. 142, 1999
S. 183CG	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 210, 1992; No. 85, 1995; No. 142, 1999; No. 55, 2001
S. 183CH	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 142, 1999
S. 183CJ	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 10, 1986; No. 24, 1989; No. 85, 1995; No. 142, 1999
S. 183CK	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 142, 1999
S. 183CL	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 142, 1999
Ss. 183CM–183CP	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 85, 1995; No. 142, 1999
Division 4	
Div. 4 of Part XI	ad. No. 110, 1980
Heading to s. 183CQ	am. No. 142, 1999
S. 183CQ	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 10, 1986; No. 24, 1989; No. 85, 1995; No. 142, 1999
Heading to s. 183CR	am. No. 85, 1995
S. 183CR	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 72, 1984; No. 10, 1986; No. 24, 1989; No. 85, 1995; No. 142, 1999
Heading to s. 183CS	am. No. 85, 1995
S. 183CS	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 72, 1984; No. 10, 1986; No. 85, 1995; No. 142, 1999
S. 183CT	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 142, 1999
S. 183CU	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 142, 1999
Heading to Div. 4 of Part XI	rep. No. 110, 1980

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Provision affected	How affected
Division 5	
Heading to Div. 5 of Part XI	ad. No. 110, 1980 rs. No. 142, 1999
Div. 4 of Part XI	ad. No. 54, 1959
Heading to s. 183D	am. No. 142, 1999
S. 183D	ad. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 216, 1973; No. 28, 1974 rs. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 10, 1986; No. 24, 1989; No. 85, 1995; No. 142, 1999
S. 183DA	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. Nos. 80 and 81, 1982; No. 10, 1986; No. 85, 1995; No. 152, 1997; No. 142, 1999
S. 183DB	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 43, 1996
S. 183DC	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 10, 1986; No. 85, 1995; No. 152, 1997
S. 183DD	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. Nos. 80 and 81, 1982; No. 10, 1986; No. 85, 1995
Ss. 183E–183H	ad. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 110, 1980
Heading to s. 183J	am. No. 142, 1999
S. 183J	ad. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 28, 1974; No. 110, 1980; No. 152, 1997
S. 183K	ad. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 110, 1980; No. 152, 1997
S. 183L	ad. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 64, 1981
S. 183M	ad. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 28, 1974 rep. No. 110, 1980
S. 183N	ad. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 110, 1980
S. 183P	ad. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 28, 1966; No. 110, 1980; No. 24, 2001
S. 183Q	ad. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 28, 1974 rs. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982
S. 183R	ad. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 216, 1973; No. 110, 1980; No. 152, 1997; No. 142, 1999
S. 183S	ad. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 110, 1980; No. 10, 1986; No. 85, 1995; No. 142, 1999
Ss. 183T, 183U	ad. No. 54, 1959 am. No. 110, 1980
Part XII	
Division 1	
Subdiv. A of Div. 1 of Part XII	ad. No. 85, 1995

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 183UA	ad. No. 85, 1995 am. No. 3, 1997; No. 137, 1999; No. 137, 2000; Nos. 25 and 161, 2001
Ss. 183UB, 183UC	ad. No. 85, 1995
Heading to Subdiv. B of Div. 1 of Part XII	ad. No. 85, 1995
S. 184	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 108, 1952 rs. No. 64, 1981 (as am. by No. 51, 1982) am. No. 81, 1982 rep. No. 160, 1999
S. 184A	ad. No. 160, 1999 am. Nos. 24 and 126, 2001
Ss. 184B, 184C	ad. No. 160, 1999
S. 184D	ad. No. 160, 1999 am. No. 24, 2001
Heading to s. 185	rs. No. 160, 1999
Subheads. to s. 185(2), (4), (6)	ad. No. 160, 1999
S. 185	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 7, 1934; No. 108, 1952; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967 rs. No. 64, 1981 (as am. by No. 51, 1982) am. No. 85, 1995; Nos. 137 and 160, 1999; Nos. 24 and 126, 2001
S. 185A	ad. No. 160, 1999
Ss. 185AA, 185AB	ad. No. 126, 2001
S. 185B	ad. No. 160, 1999 am. No. 126, 2001
Heading to s. 186	rs. No. 137, 1999
S. 186	am. No. 137, 1999
S. 186A	ad. No. 137, 1999 am. No. 160, 1999
S. 186B	ad. No. 137, 1999
S. 187	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 64, 1981 rs. No. 51, 1982 am. No. 104, 1987; No. 24, 1989; No. 111, 1990; No. 160, 1999
S. 188	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; Nos. 51 and 81, 1982; No. 24, 2001
S. 189	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 64, 1981; No. 51, 1982
S. 189A	ad. No. 160, 1999 am. No. 64, 2002
S. 190	am. No. 110, 1980
S. 191	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; Nos. 51 and 81, 1982; No. 24, 2001
S. 192	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 108, 1952; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982; No. 24, 2001
S. 193	am. No. 64, 2002
S. 194	am. No. 64, 1981

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 195	am. No. 36, 1910; No. 12, 1923 rs. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 51, 1982; No. 104, 1987; No. 79, 1990; No. 24, 2001
S. 196	am. No. 36, 1910; No. 61, 1981; No. 175, 1985 rep. No. 79, 1990
S. 196C	ad. No. 64, 1981 am. No. 34, 1992; No. 24, 2001
S. 197	am. No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982 rs. No. 209, 1992; No. 85, 1995 am. No. 137, 1999
S. 197A	ad. No. 111, 1960 am. No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982 rep. No. 85, 1995
Heading to Subdiv. C of Div. 1 of Part XII	ad. No. 85, 1995
S. 198	am. No. 14, 1968; No. 216, 1973; No. 19, 1979 rs. No. 85, 1995 am. Nos. 25 and 136, 2001
S. 199	am. No. 36, 1910; No. 66, 1954; No. 37, 1957 rs. No. 48, 1963 am. No. 14, 1968; No. 28, 1974 rs. No. 85, 1995
Ss. 200, 201	am. No. 12, 1923 rs. No. 85, 1995 am. No. 161, 2001
Ss. 201A, 201B	ad. No. 161, 2001
S. 202	am. No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982 rs. No. 85, 1995 am. No. 161, 2001
S. 202A	ad. No. 85, 1995 am. No. 161, 2001
Heading to Subdiv. D of Div. 1 of Part XII	ad. No. 85, 1995
S. 203	am. No. 12, 1923 rs. No. 64, 1981; No. 85, 1995 am. No. 136, 2001
S. 203A	ad. No. 34, 1986
Renumbered s. 203T	No. 85, 1995
S. 203A	ad. No. 85, 1995
S. 203B	ad. No. 85, 1995 am. No. 137, 1999
Note to s. 203B(1)	rep. No. 137, 1999
Notes 1–3 to s. 203B	ad. No. 137, 1999
S. 203C	ad. No. 85, 1995 am. No. 43, 1996; No. 137, 1999
S. 203D	ad. No. 85, 1995 am. No. 137, 1999
Heading to Subdiv. E of Div. 1 of Part XII	ad. No. 85, 1995

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Provision affected	How affected
Ss. 203E–203L	ad. No. 85, 1995
S. 203M	ad. No. 85, 1995 am. No. 136, 2001
Ss. 203N–203P	ad. No. 85, 1995
S. 203Q	ad. No. 85, 1995 am. No. 24, 2001
Heading to Subdiv. F of Div. 1 of Part XII	ad. No. 85, 1995
Ss. 203R, 203S	ad. No. 85, 1995 am. No. 23, 2000
Heading to Subdiv. G of Div. 1 of Part XII	ad. No. 85, 1995 rs. No. 137, 1999
S. 203T (formerly s. 203A)	
S. 204	rs. No. 110, 1980; No. 64, 1981 am. No. 34, 1986 rs. No. 85, 1995
S. 205	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 48, 1963; No. 14, 1968 rs. No. 64, 1981 am. No. 81, 1982 rs. No. 85, 1995 am. No. 137, 1999
S. 205A	ad. No. 85, 1995
Ss. 205B, 205C	ad. No. 85, 1995 am. No. 137, 1999
S. 205D	ad. No. 85, 1995 am. No. 23, 2000; No. 25, 2001
Heading to s. 205E	am. No. 137, 1999
S. 205E	ad. No. 85, 1995 am. No. 137, 1999; No. 23, 2000
Ss. 205F–205G	ad. No. 85, 1995
S. 206	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 14, 1968 rs. No. 64, 1981 am. No. 81, 1982 rs. No. 85, 1995 am. No. 137, 1999
S. 207	am. No. 110, 1980; No. 64, 1981 rs. No. 64, 1981; No. 85, 1995 am. Nos. 137 and 160, 1999
S. 208	am. No. 12, 1923 rs. No. 64, 1981 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 85, 1995 rs. No. 85, 1995
S. 208A	ad. No. 64, 1981 am. No. 157, 1981; No. 81, 1982; No. 182, 1994 rep. No. 85, 1995
S. 208B	ad. No. 64, 1981 rep. No. 85, 1995

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 208C	ad. No. 64, 1981 am. No. 85, 1995
S. 208D	ad. No. 64, 1981 am. No. 120, 1991; No. 164, 1992; No. 85, 1995; Nos. 137 and 160, 1999
S. 208DA	ad. No. 120, 1991 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 164, 1992; No. 85, 1995; Nos. 20 and 152, 1997; Nos. 137 and 146, 1999
S. 208E	ad. No. 64, 1981 am. No. 85, 1995
S. 209	rs. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 24, 1989; No. 111, 1990; No. 85, 1995; No. 8, 1998; No. 64, 2002
S. 209A	ad. No. 85, 1995
Heading to Subdiv. H of Div. 1 of Part XII	ad. No. 85, 1995
S. 210	rs. No. 36, 1910 am. No. 54, 1959; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 92, 1979; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982; No. 23, 2000; No. 64, 2002
S. 211	rep. No. 54, 1959
S. 214	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 56, 1950; No. 48, 1963; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 14, 1968; No. 28, 1974; No. 64, 1981 rep. No. 85, 1995
Heading to Subdiv. J of Div. 1 of Part XII	ad. No. 85, 1995 rs. No. 95, 2001
S. 214AA	ad. No. 23, 1989 am. No. 5, 1990; No. 34, 1992; No. 8, 1994; No. 85, 1995 rs. No. 95, 2001
S. 214AB	ad. No. 23, 1989 am. No. 5, 1990; No. 8, 1994; No. 85, 1995 rs. No. 95, 2001
S. 214AC	ad. No. 23, 1989 am. No. 85, 1995 rs. No. 95, 2001
S. 214ACA	ad. No. 95, 2001
S. 214AD	ad. No. 95, 2001
S. 214AE	ad. No. 95, 2001 am. No. 63, 2002
Ss. 214AF–214AJ	ad. No. 95, 2001
S. 214A	ad. No. 108, 1982 am. No. 39, 1983; No. 2, 1984; No. 5, 1990; No. 34, 1992 rep. No. 97, 1997
S. 214B	ad. No. 2, 1984 am. No. 5, 1990; No. 24, 2001
Heading to Subdiv. K of Div. 1 of Part XII	ad. No. 85, 1995
S. 214BA	ad. No. 85, 1995
S. 216	am. No. 64, 1981 rep. No. 81, 1982

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 218A	ad. No. 23, 2000
Division 1A	
Div. 1A of Part XII	ad. No. 92, 1979
S. 219A	ad. No. 92, 1979 am. No. 180, 1979; No. 66, 1988; No. 11, 1990; No. 85, 1995; No. 160, 1997; No. 137, 1999; No. 135, 2001; No. 67, 2002
S. 219AA	ad. No. 11, 1990 am. No. 67, 2002
S. 219AB	ad. No. 160, 1997
S. 219AB	ad. No. 11, 1990 rep. No. 82, 1991
Subheads. to s. 219B(1), (4A), (5), (7), (9), (10), (12)	ad. No. 136, 2001
S. 219B	ad. No. 92, 1979 am. Nos. 116 and 180, 1979; Nos. 66 and 121, 1988; No. 11, 1990; No. 160, 1997; No. 136, 2001
S. 219C	ad. No. 92, 1979 am. No. 81, 1982; No. 160, 1997; No. 136, 2001
S. 219D	ad. No. 92, 1979 am. No. 180, 1979 rs. No. 66, 1988
S. 219E	ad. No. 92, 1979 am. No. 180, 1979; No. 66, 1988
S. 219F	ad. No. 92, 1979 am. Nos. 116 and 180, 1979; No. 66, 1988; No. 11, 1990; No. 160, 1997; No. 161, 1999
S. 219G	ad. No. 92, 1979 am. No. 180, 1979; No. 81, 1982; No. 66, 1988; No. 11, 1990
S. 219H	ad. No. 92, 1979 am. No. 180, 1979; No. 66, 1988; No. 160, 1997
S. 219J	ad. No. 92, 1979 rep. No. 180, 1979
S. 219K	ad. No. 92, 1979 am. No. 180, 1979; No. 66, 1988 (as am. by No. 120, 1988); No. 160, 1997
Division 1B	
Div. 1B of Part XII	ad. No. 79, 1990
S. 219L	ad. No. 79, 1990 am. Nos. 137 and 160, 1999
S. 219M	ad. No. 79, 1990 am. No. 85, 1995; Nos. 137 and 160, 1999
S. 219N	ad. No. 79, 1990 rs. No. 137, 1999
S. 219NA	ad. No. 137, 1999 am. No. 160, 1999
S. 219P	ad. No. 79, 1990 am. Nos. 137 and 160, 1999

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 219Q	ad. No. 79, 1990 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 137, 1999
S. 219R	ad. No. 79, 1990 am. No. 34, 1992; No. 85, 1995; No. 137, 1999; No. 23, 2000
Ss. 219RAA–219RAF	ad. No. 23, 2000
S. 219RA	ad. No. 82, 1991
S. 219S	ad. No. 79, 1990
Ss. 219T–219V	ad. No. 79, 1990 am. No. 85, 1995
S. 219W	ad. No. 79, 1990
Ss. 219X, 219Y	ad. No. 79, 1990 am. No. 85, 1995
S. 219Z	ad. No. 79, 1990
S. 219ZA	ad. No. 79, 1990 am. No. 85, 1995
S. 219ZB	ad. No. 79, 1990
S. 219ZC	ad. No. 79, 1990 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 137, 1999
S. 219ZD	ad. No. 79, 1990
S. 219ZE	ad. No. 79, 1990 am. Nos. 137 and 160, 1999
Ss. 219ZF, 219ZG	ad. No. 79, 1990
S. 219ZH	ad. No. 79, 1990 am. No. 85, 1995
S. 219ZJ	ad. No. 79, 1990
Division 1C	
Div. 1C of Part XII	ad. No. 79, 1990
S. 219ZK	ad. No. 79, 1990
S. 219ZL	ad. No. 79, 1990 rs. No. 82, 1991 am. No. 160, 1997; No. 137, 1999
Division 2	
S. 220	am. No. 12, 1923
S. 221	am. No. 216, 1973; No. 19, 1979
S. 225	am. No. 64, 1981
S. 226	am. No. 7, 1934; No. 42, 1960; No. 48, 1963; No. 28, 1974; No. 64, 1981
S. 227	am. No. 216, 1973; No. 19, 1979
Part XIIA	
Part XIIA	ad. No. 137, 1999
Ss. 227A–227D	ad. No. 137, 1999
S. 227E	ad. No. 137, 1999 am. No. 24, 2001
Ss. 227F, 227G	ad. No. 137, 1999

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Provision affected	How affected
Part XIII	
Division 1	
S. 228	am. No. 36, 1910 rs. No. 12, 1923 am. No. 7, 1934; No. 108, 1952; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 216, 1973; No. 64, 1981; No. 51, 1982; No. 24, 1989; No. 160, 1999
S. 228A	ad. No. 51, 1982 am. No. 104, 1987; No. 85, 1995
S. 228B	ad. No. 104, 1987 am. No. 85, 1995
S. 229	am. No. 21, 1906; No. 12, 1923; No. 7, 1934; No. 56, 1950; No. 108, 1952; No. 104, 1968; No. 216, 1973; No. 110, 1980; No. 64, 1981; No. 34, 1986; No. 24, 1989; Nos. 5, 6 and 111, 1990; No. 85, 1995; No. 64, 2002
S. 229A	ad. No. 154, 1977 am. No. 92, 1979; No. 110, 1980; No. 64, 1981; No. 85, 1995; No. 8, 1998
S. 230	am. No. 92, 1979
Division 2	
S. 231	rs. No. 7, 1934 am. No. 54, 1967; No. 134, 1971; No. 28, 1974; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982; No. 24, 2001
S. 232	am. No. 7, 1934; No. 64, 1981 rep. No. 137, 2000
S. 232A	ad. No. 7, 1934 am. No. 54, 1959; No. 48, 1963; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 64, 1981; No. 137, 2000; No. 24, 2001
S. 233	rs. No. 36, 1910 am. No. 12, 1923; No. 108, 1952; No. 48, 1963; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 134, 1971; Nos. 64 and 152, 1981; Nos. 48 and 81, 1982; Nos. 24 and 136, 2001
S. 233AA	ad. No. 152, 1981 rep. No. 48, 1982
Heading to s. 233A	rs. No. 24, 2001
S. 233A	ad. No. 36, 1910 am. No. 12, 1923; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 134, 1971; No. 28, 1974; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982; No. 24, 2001
S. 233AB	ad. No. 81, 1982 am. No. 23, 2000
S. 233AC	ad. No. 24, 2001
S. 233B	ad. No. 36, 1910 am. No. 12, 1923; No. 54, 1967; No. 134, 1971; No. 28, 1974; No. 92, 1979; No. 64, 1981; No. 149, 1986; No. 111, 1990; No. 24, 2001
Ss. 233BAA, 233BAB	ad. No. 23, 2000 am. No. 24, 2001
S. 233BAC	ad. No. 23, 2000

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 233BA	ad. No. 24, 1989 am. No. 111, 1990; No. 85, 1995; No. 23, 2000
S. 234	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 154, 1977; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982; No. 24, 1989; No. 111, 1990; No. 34, 1992; No. 85, 1995; Nos. 97 and 167, 1997; Nos. 109 and 142, 1999; Nos. 24, 25 and 95, 2001; No. 63, 2002
Note to s. 234(6)	rep. No. 24, 2001
Note to s. 234(7)	rep. No. 24, 2001
S. 234AA	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 40, 1985
S. 234A	ad. No. 108, 1952 am. No. 37, 1957; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 110, 1980; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982; No. 40, 1985; No. 24, 2001
S. 234AB	ad. No. 40, 1985 am. No. 24, 2001
S. 234AC	ad. No. 111, 1990 am. Nos. 34 and 209, 1992
S. 235	rep. No. 48, 1963 ad. No. 54, 1967 am. No. 134, 1971; No. 28, 1974 rs. No. 154, 1977 am. No. 92, 1979; No. 81, 1982; No. 165, 1984; No. 111, 1990; No. 23, 2000; No. 24, 2001
Ss. 236, 237	am. No. 24, 2001
S. 238	am. No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; No. 61, 1981 rep. No. 81, 1982
S. 240	am. No. 64, 1981 rep. No. 81, 1982 ad. No. 23, 1989 am. No. 111, 1990; No. 8, 1994; No. 85, 1995; No. 95, 2001
S. 240A	ad. No. 34, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 97, 1997; No. 25, 2001
Ss. 240AA–240AC	ad. No. 95, 2001
S. 240B	ad. No. 34, 1992 rep. No. 95, 2001
S. 241	rep. No. 81, 1982 ad. No. 111, 1990 am. No. 34, 1992
S. 242	am. No. 64, 1981 rep. No. 81, 1982
S. 243	am. No. 133, 1965; No. 28, 1974 rep. No. 81, 1982
Division 3	
Div. 3 of Part XIII	ad. No. 92, 1979
S. 243A	ad. No. 92, 1979 am. No. 180, 1979; No. 13, 1980; No. 64, 1981; No. 80, 1982; No. 108, 1989; No. 120, 1991; No. 152, 1997
S. 243AB	ad. No. 108, 1989

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 243B	ad. No. 92, 1979 am. No. 64, 1981; No. 108, 1989; No. 85, 1995
S. 243C	ad. No. 92, 1979 am. No. 180, 1979; No. 108, 1989; No. 28, 1991
S. 243CA	ad. No. 108, 1989 am. No. 85, 1995
S. 243D	ad. No. 92, 1979
S. 243E	ad. No. 92, 1979 am. No. 180, 1979; No. 13, 1980; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982; No. 108, 1989; No. 123, 1991; No. 85, 1995
S. 243F	ad. No. 92, 1979 am. No. 13, 1980; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982; No. 120, 1988; No. 108, 1989; No. 123, 1991; No. 85, 1995
S. 243G	ad. No. 92, 1979 am. No. 13, 1980; No. 64, 1981 rs. No. 108, 1989 am. No. 120, 1991; No. 164, 1992; No. 85, 1995; No. 152, 1997
Ss. 243H, 243J	ad. No. 92, 1979 am. No. 13, 1980; No. 108, 1989
S. 243K	ad. No. 92, 1979 am. No. 13, 1980 rs. No. 108, 1989 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 24, 2001
S. 243L	ad. No. 92, 1979 am. No. 13, 1980; No. 64, 1981; No. 108, 1989; No. 85, 1995
S. 243M	ad. No. 92, 1979 rs. No. 13, 1980 am. No. 108, 1989; No. 120, 1991
S. 243N	ad. No. 92, 1979 am. No. 13, 1980; No. 108, 1989
Ss. 243NA, 243NB	ad. No. 141, 1987
Ss. 243P, 243Q	ad. No. 92, 1979 am. No. 13, 1980 rs. No. 108, 1989
Ss. 243R, 243S	ad. No. 92, 1979
Division 4	
Heading to Div. 4 of Part XIII	rs. No. 95, 2001
Div. 4 of Part XIII	ad. No. 24, 1989
Ss. 243SA–243SC	ad. No. 95, 2001
S. 243T	ad. No. 24, 1989 am. No. 34, 1992; No. 85, 1995 rs. No. 95, 2001
S. 243U	ad. No. 24, 1989 am. No. 5, 1990; No. 85, 1995 rs. No. 95, 2001
S. 243V	ad. No. 24, 1989 am. No. 34, 1992 rs. No. 95, 2001
S. 243W	ad. No. 95, 2001

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Provision affected	How affected
Division 5	
Div. 5 of Part XIII	ad. No. 95, 2001
S. 243X	ad. No. 95, 2001
S. 243XA	ad. No. 95, 2001
Ss. 243Y, 243Z	ad. No. 95, 2001
Ss. 243ZA–243ZE	ad. No. 95, 2001
Part XIV	
S. 244	am. No. 108, 1952; No. 92, 1979 rs. No. 25, 2001
S. 245	am. No. 28, 1966; No. 216, 1973; No. 19, 1979; No. 64, 1981 rs. No. 81, 1982 am. No. 24, 1989; No. 5, 1990; No. 85, 1995; No. 23, 2000
S. 245A	ad. No. 36, 1910 am. No. 149, 1986 rep. No. 24, 1989
S. 246	am. No. 28, 1966; No. 216, 1973; No. 19, 1979; No. 64, 1981 rep. No. 81, 1982
S. 247	am. No. 216, 1973; No. 19, 1979; No. 81, 1982
S. 248	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 19, 1979
S. 249	am. No. 64, 1981
S. 250	am. No. 81, 1982
S. 250A	ad. No. 36, 1910
S. 251	am. No. 81, 1982
S. 253	am. No. 10, 1986; No. 85, 1995
S. 255	rs. No. 12, 1923
S. 256	am. No. 14, 1968; No. 85, 1995
S. 257	rep. No. 81, 1982 ad. No. 40, 1985
S. 258	rep. No. 37, 1957
S. 258A	ad. No. 7, 1934 rep. No. 37, 1957
S. 260	rep. No. 37, 1957
S. 262	rep. No. 85, 1995
S. 263	rs. No. 48, 1963 am. No. 216, 1973; No. 28, 1974
S. 264	am. No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982; No. 10, 1986; No. 85, 1995
Part XV	
Heading to Part XV	rs. No. 40, 1985
Part XV	rep. No. 110, 1980 ad. No. 45, 1981
S. 265	am. No. 36, 1910 rep. No. 110, 1980 ad. No. 45, 1981 am. No. 19, 1983; No. 40, 1985

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S. 266	rep. No. 110, 1980 ad. No. 45, 1981 am. No. 157, 1981; No. 40, 1985
S. 267	rep. No. 110, 1980 ad. No. 45, 1981 am. No. 76, 1987; No. 24, 1989; No. 85, 1995; No. 15, 1996
S. 268	am. No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967 rep. No. 110, 1980 ad. No. 45, 1981 am. Nos. 39 and 40, 1985; No. 85, 1995
S. 268A	ad. No. 48, 1963 am. No. 28, 1966 rep. No. 110, 1980
S. 269	rep. No. 110, 1980 ad. No. 45, 1981 am. No. 39, 1985; No. 85, 1995
S. 269A	ad. No. 45, 1981
Part XVA	
Part XVA	ad. No. 19, 1983 rs. No. 89, 1992
Division 1	
S. 269B	ad. No. 19, 1983 am. No. 39, 1985; No. 34, 1986; No. 76, 1987 rs. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995; Nos. 15 and 30, 1996
S. 269C	ad. No. 19, 1983 am. No. 39, 1985; No. 34, 1986 rs. No. 89, 1992; No. 30, 1996
S. 269D	ad. No. 19, 1983 am. No. 39, 1985; No. 76, 1987 rs. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995
S. 269E	ad. No. 19, 1983 am. No. 39, 1985; No. 34, 1986; No. 5, 1990 rs. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 30, 1996
Division 2	
S. 269F	ad. No. 19, 1983 am. No. 39, 1985 rs. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 30, 1996; No. 79, 1998
S. 269FA	ad. No. 30, 1996
S. 269G	ad. No. 19, 1983 am. No. 39, 1985 rs. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995
S. 269H	ad. No. 39, 1985 rs. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 30, 1996
S. 269HA	ad. No. 85, 1995

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 269J	ad. No. 19, 1983 am. No. 39, 1985; No. 149, 1986 rs. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995
Ss. 269K, 269L	ad. No. 19, 1983 am. No. 39, 1985 rs. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 30, 1996
S. 269M	ad. No. 19, 1983 rs. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 30, 1996
S. 269N	ad. No. 19, 1983 am. No. 39, 1985; No. 5, 1990 rs. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 30, 1996
Division 3	
S. 269P	ad. No. 19, 1983 am. Nos. 39 and 40, 1985; No. 10, 1986; No. 5, 1990 rs. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 30, 1996
S. 269Q	ad. No. 19, 1983 rs. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995
S. 269R	ad. No. 19, 1983 am. No. 39, 1985 rs. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995
S. 269S	ad. No. 19, 1983 am. No. 39, 1985; No. 99, 1988 rs. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 30, 1996
S. 269SA	ad. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 30, 1996
Division 4	
S. 269SB	ad. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 30, 1996; No. 79, 1998
S. 269SC	ad. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 8, 1994; No. 85, 1995; No. 30, 1996
Ss. 269SD, 269SE	ad. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 30, 1996
S. 269SF	ad. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995
S. 269SG	ad. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 8, 1994; No. 30, 1996
Division 5	
S. 269SH	ad. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 8, 1994; No. 85, 1995
S. 269SHA	ad. No. 30, 1996
Heading to s. 269SJ	am. No. 85, 1995; No. 30, 1996

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 269SJ	ad. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 30, 1996
S. 269SK	ad. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995
S. 269SL	ad. No. 89, 1992
Part XVB	
Part XVB	ad. No. 2, 1984
S. 269SM	ad. No. 79, 1998
Division 1	
Heading to Div. 1 of Part XVB	ad. No. 174, 1989
S. 269SN	ad. No. 79, 1998
S. 269T	ad. No. 2, 1984 rs. No. 76, 1988 am. No. 174, 1989; Nos. 5 and 111, 1990; No. 82, 1991; No. 89, 1992; No. 207, 1992 (as am. by No. 8, 1994); No. 150, 1994; No. 85, 1995; No. 79, 1998
S. 269TAAA	ad. No. 70, 1990 am. No. 79, 1998
Ss. 269TAAB–269TAAD	ad. No. 150, 1994
S. 269TAA	ad. No. 174, 1989 am. No. 79, 1998
S. 269TAB	ad. No. 174, 1989 am. No. 150, 1994; No. 79, 1998
S. 269TAC	ad. No. 174, 1989 am. No. 150, 1994; No. 79, 1998; No. 26, 1999
S. 269TACA	ad. No. 207, 1992
S. 269TACB	ad. No. 150, 1994 am. No. 79, 1998
S. 269TACC	ad. No. 150. 1994
S. 269TAD	ad. No. 174, 1989 rep. No. 207, 1992
S. 269TAE	ad. No. 174, 1989 am. No. 150, 1994
S. 269TAF	ad. No. 174, 1989 rs. No. 150, 1994 am. No. 79, 1998
S. 269TAG	ad. No. 174, 1989 rep. No. 150, 1994 ad. No. 79, 1998
S. 269TAH	ad. No. 174, 1989 am. No. 207, 1992 rep. No. 150, 1994
S. 269TAJ	ad. No. 174, 1989 am. No. 150, 1994; No. 79, 1998 rep. No. 79, 1998
Heading to s. 269TA	am. No. 85, 1995

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 269TA	ad. No. 76, 1988 am. No. 85, 1995
Division 2	
Heading to Div. 2 of Part XVB	ad. No. 174, 1989 am. No. 85, 1995
S. 269TBA	ad. No. 79, 1998
Heading to s. 269TB	am. No. 79, 1998
S. 269TB	ad. No. 76, 1988 am. No. 89, 1992; No. 150, 1994; No. 79, 1998
S. 269TC	ad. No. 76, 1988 am. No. 174, 1989; Nos. 89 and 207, 1992; No. 150, 1994; No. 85, 1995; No. 79, 1998
S. 269TD	ad. No. 76, 1988 am. No. 207, 1992; No. 150, 1994; No. 85, 1995 rs. No. 79, 1998
S. 269TDAA	ad. No. 79, 1998
Subheads. to s. 269TDA(1)–(3), (7), (14) and (15)	am. No. 79, 1998
S. 269TDA	ad. No. 150, 1994 am. No. 79, 1998
Heading to s. 269TE	am. No. 85, 1995
S. 269TE	ad. No. 76, 1988 am. No. 82, 1991; Nos. 89 and 207, 1992; No. 85, 1995 rs. No. 79, 1998
Ss. 269TEA, 269TEB	ad. No. 79, 1998
Division 3	
Heading to Div. 3 of Part XVB	ad. No. 174, 1989
S. 269TF	ad. No. 76, 1988 am. No. 150, 1994; No. 85, 1995 rs. No. 79, 1998
S. 269TG	ad. No. 174, 1989 am. Nos. 89 and 207, 1992; No. 150, 1994; No. 85, 1995; No. 79, 1998; No. 26, 1999
S. 269TH	ad. No. 174, 1989 am. No. 207, 1992; No. 150, 1994; No. 85, 1995; No. 79, 1998; No. 26, 1999
S. 269TJ	ad. No. 174, 1989 am. Nos. 89 and 207, 1992; No. 150, 1994; No. 85, 1995; No. 79, 1998; No. 26, 1999
S. 269TJA	ad. No. 89, 1992 am. No. 150, 1994
S. 269TK	ad. No. 174, 1989 am. No. 207, 1992; No. 150, 1994; No. 85, 1995; No. 79, 1998; No. 26, 1999
S. 269TL	ad. No. 174, 1989 am. No. 150, 1994; No. 79, 1998

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 269TM	ad. No. 174, 1989 am. No. 82, 1991; Nos. 89 and 207, 1992
S. 269TN	ad. No. 174, 1989 am. No. 207, 1992; No. 150, 1994; No. 79, 1998
S. 269TP	ad. No. 174, 1989
S. 269U	ad. No. 2, 1984 am. No. 39, 1985; No. 76, 1988; No. 174, 1989; No. 85, 1995; No. 79, 1998
Division 4	
Div. 4 of Part XVB	ad. No. 207, 1992
S. 269UA	ad. No. 79, 1998
S. 269V	ad. No. 2, 1984 rep. No. 76, 1988 ad. No. 207, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 79, 1998
S. 269W	ad. No. 207, 1992 am. No. 150, 1994; No. 85, 1995; No. 79, 1998
S. 269X	ad. No. 207, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 79, 1998
S. 269Y	ad. No. 207, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995; No. 79, 1998; No. 63, 2002
Division 5	
Div. 5 of Part XVB	ad. No. 207, 1992 rs. No. 79, 1998
S. 269Z	ad. No. 207, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995 rs. No. 79, 1998
S. 269ZA	ad. No. 207, 1992 rs. No. 79, 1998
Ss. 269ZB, 269ZC	ad. No. 207, 1992 am. No. 85, 1995 rs. No. 79, 1998
S. 269ZD	ad. No. 207, 1992 rs. No. 79, 1998
Ss. 269ZDA, 269ZDB	ad. No. 79, 1998
Division 6	
Heading to Div. 6 of Part XVB	rs. No. 79, 1998
Div. 6 of Part XVB	ad. No. 150, 1994
S. 269ZDC	ad. No. 79, 1998
Ss. 269ZE–269ZH	ad. No. 150, 1994 am. No. 79, 1998
Division 6A	
Div. 6A of Part XVB	ad. No. 79, 1998
Ss. 269ZHA–269ZHG	ad. No. 79, 1998
Division 7	
Div. 7 of Part XVB	ad. No. 150, 1994

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Provision affected	How affected
Ss. 269ZHH, 269ZHI	ad. No. 79, 1998
S. 269ZI	ad. No. 150, 1994 am. No. 15, 1996; No. 79, 1998
Heading to s. 269ZJ	am. No. 79, 1998
S. 269ZJ	ad. No. 150, 1994 am. No. 79, 1998; No. 63, 2002
Division 8	
Div. 8 of Part XVB	ad. No. 79, 1998
Ss. 269ZK–269ZO	ad. No. 79, 1998
S. 269ZOA	ad. No. 79, 1998
Ss. 269ZP–269ZV	ad. No. 79, 1998
Division 9	
Div. 9 of Part XVB	ad. No. 79, 1998
Ss. 269ZW, 269ZX	ad. No. 79, 1998
S. 269ZXA	ad. No. 79, 1998
S. 269ZY, 269ZZ	ad. No. 79, 1998
Ss. 269ZZA–269ZZY	ad. No. 79, 1998
Part XVI	
Heading to Part XVI	am. No. 108, 1952
S. 270	am. No. 36, 1910; No. 12, 1923; No. 28, 1966; No. 54, 1967; Nos. 64 and 152, 1981; Nos. 48 and 81, 1982; No. 175, 1985; No. 24, 1989
Heading to s. 271	am. No. 85, 1995
S. 271	rep. No. 12, 1923 ad. No. 108, 1952 rs. No. 47, 1953 am. No. 29, 1965; No. 39, 1985; No. 85, 1995
Ss. 272, 273	rep. No. 9, 1910 ad. No. 47, 1953 am. No. 29, 1965; No. 39, 1985; No. 85, 1995
S. 273A	ad. No. 47, 1953 am. No. 39, 1985; No. 85, 1995
Ss. 273B–273D	ad. No. 47, 1953
S. 273E	ad. No. 47, 1953 rep. No. 29, 1965
S. 273EA	ad. No. 42, 1960 am. No. 48, 1963; No. 28, 1974; No. 64, 1981
S. 273F	ad. No. 47, 1953 am. No. 29, 1965; No. 39, 1983; No. 76, 1987; No. 8, 1994; No. 15, 1996
Part XVII	
S. 273G	ad. No. 92, 1979
S. 273GAA	ad. No. 72, 1984 am. No. 34, 1992; No. 85, 1995; No. 142, 1999; No. 25, 2001

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Provision affected	How affected
S. 273GAB	ad. No. 155, 2000
S. 273GA	ad. No. 110, 1980 am. No. 157, 1981; Nos. 81 and 108, 1982; No. 19, 1983; No. 72, 1984; Nos. 39 and 175, 1985; No. 10, 1986; Nos. 81 and 104, 1987; Nos. 23, 24 and 78, 1989; No. 111, 1990; Nos. 34, 89 and 209, 1992; No. 85, 1995; No. 30, 1996; Nos. 3 and 97, 1997; Nos. 7 and 84, 2000; Nos. 25 and 95, 2001
S. 273H	ad. No. 110, 1980 rs. No. 115, 1982 am. No. 72, 1984; No. 10, 1986; No. 76, 1987; No. 85, 1995; No. 15, 1996
S. 273HA	ad. No. 15, 1996
S. 273J	ad. No. 72, 1984
S. 273JA	ad. No. 40, 1985
S. 273JB	ad. No. 25, 2001
S. 273K	ad. No. 72, 1984 am. No. 40, 1985
S. 273L	ad. No. 8, 1994
S. 274	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 56, 1950; No. 14, 1968; No. 10, 1986; Nos. 5 and 111, 1990; No. 85, 1995
S. 275	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 56, 1950; No. 110, 1980; Nos. 5 and 111, 1990; No. 85, 1995
S. 275A	ad. No. 48, 1963 am. No. 28, 1966; No. 14, 1968; No. 28, 1974; No. 64, 1981; No. 81, 1982; No. 85, 1995; No. 24, 2001
S. 276	am. No. 81, 1982
S. 277	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 36, 1978; No. 81, 1982
S. 277A	ad. No. 51, 1982
S. 278	ad. No. 7, 1934 rep. No. 80, 1950 ad. No. 104, 1968 rep. No. 137, 1999
Schedule I	
Schedule I	am. No. 28, 1974; No. 154, 1977
Schedule II	rep. No. 12, 1923
Schedule III	am. No. 14, 1968; No. 28, 1974; No. 154, 1977; No. 110, 1980 rep. No. 85, 1995
Schedule IV	am. No. 12, 1923; No. 66, 1954; No. 37, 1957; No. 48, 1963; No. 28, 1974; No. 154, 1977; No. 110, 1980 rep. No. 85, 1995
Schedule V	ad. No. 12, 1923 am. No. 56, 1950; No. 48, 1963; No. 28, 1974; No. 154, 1977 rep. No. 85, 1995
Schedule VI	
Schedule VI	ad. No. 134, 1971 rs. No. 154, 1977; No. 111, 1990

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Provision affected	How affected
Schedule VII	
Schedule VII	ad. No. 41, 1976 rep. No. 157, 1981 ad. No. 8, 1994
Schedule VIII	ad. No. 92, 1979 rep. No. 111, 1990

Note 2

Note 2

Section 164(1A)—Schedule 1 (item 6) of the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 1997* (No. 97, 1997) provides as follows:

Schedule 1

6 Paragraph 164(1)(a)

Omit "a road", substitute "any".

The proposed amendment was misdescribed and is not incorporated in this compilation.

Note 3

Section 269U(1)(b)—Schedule 1 (item 61) of the *Customs Legislation (Anti-dumping Amendments) Act 1998* (No. 79, 1998) provides as follows:

Schedule 1

61 Paragraph 269U(1)(b)

Omit "paragraph 289TJ(3)(a)", substitute "subsection 269TJ(2A)".

The proposed amendment was misdescribed and is not incorporated in this compilation.

Note 4

Taxation Laws Amendment (Excise Arrangements) Act 2001 (No. 25, 2001)

The following amendments commence immediately after the commencement of Parts 4-10 of the *Administrative Review Tribunal Act 2001*:

Schedule 3

83 Subparagraph 164AF(3)(a)(ii)

Omit "Administrative Appeals Tribunal", substitute "Administrative Review Tribunal".

103 Subsection 273JB(2)

Omit "*Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*", substitute "*Administrative Review Tribunal Act 2001*".

As at 25 September 2002 the amendments are not incorporated in this compilation.

Note 5

Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Act 2001 (No. 95, 2001)

The following amendments commence on 20 July 2003 unless proclaimed earlier:

Schedule 1

6 Subsection 165(1)

Omit "twelve months", substitute "4 years".

7 Subsection 165(3)

Omit "12 months", substitute "4 years".

15 Subsection 240(1AA)

Omit ", 70 or 77D", substitute "or 70".

Schedule 2

1 Subsection 234(2A)

Omit "subsection 119D(3)", substitute "section 119D".

3 Paragraph 234(8)(a)

After "71A", insert "or 71DB".

Note 5

Schedule 3

Part 1

1 After Part VI

Insert:

Part VIA—Maintenance of electronic communications systems by Customs

126D CEO to maintain information systems

The CEO must establish and maintain such information systems as are necessary to enable persons to communicate electronically with Customs.

126DA Communications standards and operation

(1) After consulting with persons likely to be affected, the CEO must determine, and cause to be published in the *Gazette*:

(a) the information technology requirements that have to be met by persons who wish to communicate with Customs electronically; and

(b) the action that a person has to take in order to verify the receipt of information communicated to Customs electronically; and

(c) the information technology requirements that have to be met to satisfy a requirement that a person's signature be given to Customs in connection with information when the information is communicated electronically; and

(d) the information technology requirements that have to be met to satisfy a requirement that a document be produced to Customs when the document is produced electronically.

(2) The CEO may:

(a) determine alternative information technology requirements that may be used; and

(b) without limiting paragraph (a), determine different information technology requirements that may be used in different circumstances or by different classes of persons.

126E Communication to Customs when information system is temporarily inoperative

(1) If:

(a) an information system becomes temporarily inoperative; or

(b) an information system that has become temporarily inoperative again becomes operative;

the CEO must cause notice of the occurrence to be given:

(c) on the website maintained by Customs on the Internet; and

(d) where practicable, by e-mail to persons who communicate with Customs electronically.

(2) If an information system is temporarily inoperative, information that a person could otherwise have communicated electronically to Customs by means of the system may be communicated to Customs in either of the following ways:

(a) if another information system by means of which the person can communicate information to Customs is operative—electronically by means of that other system;

(b) by document given or sent to an officer doing duty in relation to the matter to which the information relates.

(3) If:

(a) because an information system is temporarily inoperative, a person communicates information to an officer by document in accordance with paragraph (2)(b); and

(b) the CEO causes notice to be given under paragraph (1)(b) stating that the information system has again become operative;

the person must communicate the information electronically to Customs within 24 hours after the notice was given.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

Note 5

126F Payment to Customs when information system is temporarily inoperative

(1) This section applies when a person who is liable to make a payment to Customs and would ordinarily make the payment electronically is unable to do so because an information system is temporarily inoperative.

(2) The person may give an undertaking to Customs to make the payment as soon as practicable after, and in any case not later than 24 hours after, the CEO causes notice to be given under paragraph 126E(1)(b) stating that the information system has again become operative.

(3) If the person is notified by Customs that the undertaking is accepted:

(a) this Act has the effect that it would have if the payment had been made; and

(b) the person must comply with the undertaking.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

126G Meaning of *temporarily inoperative*

An information system that has become inoperative is not taken to be ***temporarily inoperative*** for the purposes of this Part unless the CEO is satisfied that the period for which it has been, or is likely to be, inoperative is significant.

Part 2

2 Subsection 4(1) (paragraph (b) of the definition of *authority to deal*)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

(b) in relation to goods the subject of an import declaration—an authority of the kind referred to in subsection 71C(4); or

(c) in relation to goods the subject of an RCR—an authority of the kind referred to in subsection 71DE(3); or

(d) in relation to goods the subject of a warehouse declaration—an authority of the kind referred to in subsection 71DJ(4).

3 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

> ***cargo release advice*** means a cargo release advice given under subsection 71DE(1).

4 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *cargo report processing charge*)

Repeal the definition.

5 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

> ***customs broker*** means a customs broker within the meaning of Part XI.

6 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *entry processing charge*)

Repeal the definition.

7 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

> ***import declaration*** means an import declaration communicated to Customs by document or electronically as mentioned in section 71A.

8 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

> ***import declaration advice*** means an import declaration advice given under subsection 71C(1).

9 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

> ***import declaration processing charge*** means import declaration processing charge payable as set out in section 71B.

10 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *import entry*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

Note 5

import entry means an entry of goods for home consumption made as mentioned in subsection 68(3A) or an entry of goods for warehousing made as mentioned in subsection 68(3B).

11 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *import entry advice*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

import entry advice means an import declaration advice, a cargo release advice or a warehouse declaration advice.

12 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

import information contract means a contract made under section 71DD.

13 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

periodic declaration has the meaning given by section 71DF.

14 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

periodic declaration processing charge means a periodic declaration processing charge payable as set out in section 71DG.

15 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

RCR means a request for cargo release communicated to Customs under section 71DB.

16 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

RCR processing charge means an RCR processing charge payable as set out in section 71DC.

17 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *screening charge*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

screening charge means the charge payable as set out in section 64ABC.

18 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

self-assessed clearance declaration means a declaration communicated to Customs under subsection 71(2).

19 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

self-assessed clearance declaration charge means a self-assessed clearance declaration charge payable as set out in section 71AAA.

20 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *visual examination application*)

Omit "71C", substitute "71D or 71DK".

21 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

warehouse declaration means a warehouse declaration communicated to Customs by document or electronically under section 71DH.

22 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

warehouse declaration advice means a warehouse declaration advice given under section 71DJ.

23 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

warehouse declaration processing charge means a warehouse declaration processing charge payable as set out in section 71DI.

24 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

warehoused goods declaration fee means a fee payable under section 71BA for the processing of an import declaration in respect of warehoused goods.

Note 5

25 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *warehoused goods entry fee*)

Repeal the definition.

26 Subparagraphs 30(1)(a)(ii) to (iv)

Repeal the subparagraphs, substitute:

(ii) if the goods are not examinable food that has been entered for home consumption or warehousing—until either they are delivered into home consumption in accordance with an authority to deal or in accordance with a permission under section 69, 70 or 162A or they are exported to a place outside Australia, whichever happens first; and

(iii) if the goods are examinable food that has been entered for home consumption—until a food control certificate is delivered to the person who has possession of the food; and

(iv) if the goods are examinable food that has been entered for warehousing—until there is delivered to the person who has possession of the food an imported food inspection advice requiring its treatment, destruction or exportation or, if no such advice is delivered, until the goods are entered for home consumption or the food is exported to a place outside Australia, whichever happens first;

27 Paragraphs 30(1)(ab) and (ad)

Omit "(2)", substitute "(4) or (5)".

28 After paragraph 30(1)(ad)

Insert:

(ae) as to goods referred to in paragraph 68(1)(j)—from the time of their importation until they are exported to a place outside Australia;

29 Paragraph 35A(1A)(a)

Omit "given under section 71B", substitute "to deal".

30 Subsection 42(1)

Omit "under section 71B".

31 After the heading to Division 4 of Part IV

Insert:

Subdivision A—Preliminary

32 At the end of subsection 68(1)

Add:

; and (j) goods stated in a cargo report to be goods whose destination is a place outside Australia.

33 Paragraphs 68(2)(b) and (c)

Repeal the paragraphs, substitute:

(b) for warehousing.

34 After subsection 68(3)

Insert:

(3A) An entry of goods for home consumption is made by communicating to Customs:

(a) an import declaration in respect of the goods; or

(b) an RCR in respect of the goods.

(3B) An entry of goods for warehousing is made by communicating to Customs a warehouse declaration in respect of the goods.

35 After section 68

Insert:

68A Goods imported for transhipment

If a cargo report in relation to goods states that the destination of the goods is a place outside Australia, an officer may direct a person who has possession of the goods:

(a) not to move the goods; or

(b) to move them to a place specified in the direction.

36 Subsection 70(9)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

(9) In this section, a reference to the hours of business for dealing with import entries is a reference to a time when, under

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regulations made for the purposes of section 28, the applicant would be able to give a documentary import declaration to Customs.

37 Section 71

Repeal the section, substitute:

71 Report and clearance of goods not requiring import entry

(1) The owner of goods of a kind referred to in paragraph 68(1)(d) must, in any circumstances specified in the regulations, provide such information:

(a) at such time; and

(b) in such manner and form;

as the regulations specify.

(2) Despite section 181, the owner of goods of a kind referred to in paragraph 68(1)(e), (f) or (i), or a person acting on behalf of the owner, must communicate electronically to Customs a declaration (a ***self-assessed clearance declaration***):

(a) stating:

(i) whether the value of the goods is less than $250, or such other amount as is prescribed; and

(ii) whether the goods are subject to quarantine; and

(b) containing such other particulars (if any) of the goods as are set out in an approved statement.

(3) The regulations may exempt from subsection (2):

(a) a person who is, or is included in a class of persons who are, specified in the regulations; or

(b) goods that are, or are included in a class of goods that are, specified in the regulations.

(4) Subject to subsection (7), if goods of a kind referred to in paragraph 68(1)(d) are imported into Australia, Customs must, having regard to any information given to Customs in accordance with the regulations and any further information supplied under section 196C:

(a) authorise the delivery of the goods into home consumption; or

(b) refuse to authorise the delivery of the goods into home consumption and give reasons for its refusal.

(5) If goods of a kind referred to in paragraph 68(1)(e), (f) or (i) are imported into Australia, Customs must, having regard to any information contained in a self-assessed clearance declaration, any further information supplied under section 196C or any other information given to or obtained by Customs:

(a) authorise the delivery of the goods into home consumption; or

(b) refuse to authorise the delivery of the goods into home consumption and give reasons for its refusal.

(6) A decision of Customs under subsection (4) or (5) may be communicated by notice in writing, electronically or in any other way permitted by the regulations.

(7) Customs must not authorise the delivery of goods referred to in subsection (4) or (5) unless the duty (if any) and any other charge (other than self-assessed clearance charge payable under an arrangement made under subsection 71AAB(2)) or tax (if any) payable on the importation of goods has been paid.

(8) If, after Customs has authorised delivery of goods into home consumption under paragraph (4)(a) or (5)(a) and before the goods are so dealt with, an officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that the goods were imported into Australia in contravention of a Customs-related law, the officer may suspend the authority for a specified period by:

(a) signing a notice:

(i) stating that the authority is so suspended; and

(ii) setting out the reasons for the suspension;

and serving a copy of the notice on the owner of the goods or, if the owner does not have possession of the goods, on the person who has possession of the goods; or

(b) by sending electronically to the person who made the self-assessed clearance declaration a message stating that the authority is so suspended and setting out the reasons for the suspension.

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(9) If, during the suspension under subsection (8) of an authority, an officer becomes satisfied that there are no longer reasonable grounds to suspect that the goods were imported into Australia in contravention of a Customs-related law, the officer must revoke the suspension by:

(a) signing a notice stating that the suspension is revoked and serving a copy of the notice on the owner of the goods or, if the owner does not have possession of the goods, on the person who has possession of the goods; or

(b) by sending electronically to the person who made the self-assessed clearance declaration a message stating that the suspension is revoked.

(10) A suspension of an authority, or the revocation of a suspension of an authority, has effect from the time when the relevant notice was given or the relevant message was sent, as the case may be.

71AAA Liability for self-assessed clearance declaration charge

(1) Subject to this section, when a self-assessed clearance declaration is communicated to Customs in accordance with subsection 71(2), the person who sent the communication becomes liable to pay self-assessed clearance declaration charge in respect of the declaration.

(2) If a person pays self-assessed clearance declaration charge in respect of a self-assessed clearance declaration relating to goods, no other person is liable to pay charge in respect of the declaration.

(3) Self-assessed clearance declaration charge is not payable in respect of a declaration relating to goods if:

(a) the owner of the goods, or a person acting on behalf of the owner, communicated an abbreviated cargo report (as defined by section 63A) in respect of the goods; or

(b) the owner of the goods is a person, or is a person included in a class of persons, declared by the regulations to be exempt from payment of self-assessed clearance declaration charge.

71AAB Payment of self-assessed clearance declaration charge

(1) If:

(a) the CEO has not made an arrangement with a person under subsection (2); or

(b) an arrangement made under subsection (2) with a person is terminated in the circumstances set out in subsection (4);

the person must, within 21 days after the person is notified by Customs of the total amount of all the self-assessed clearance declaration charges for which the person becomes liable during each month, pay that amount to the Commonwealth.

(2) The CEO may make an arrangement with a person under which the person agrees to pay self-assessed clearance declaration charge to the Commonwealth in the manner provided in the arrangement.

(3) An amount payable by a person:

(a) in accordance with subsection (1); or

(b) under an arrangement made under subsection (2);

may be recovered by the Commonwealth by action against that person in a court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due to the Commonwealth.

(4) If:

(a) a person has entered into an arrangement under subsection (2); and

(b) the person refuses or fails to pay the self-assessed clearance declaration charge in accordance with the arrangement;

the arrangement is terminated by this subsection.

38 Sections 71A to 71D

Repeal the sections, substitute:

Subdivision B—Import declarations

71A Making an import declaration

(1) An import declaration is a communication to Customs in accordance with this section of information about:

(a) goods to which section 68 applies; or

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(b) warehoused goods;

that are intended to be entered for home consumption.

(2) An import declaration can be communicated by document or electronically.

(3) A documentary import declaration must:

(a) be made by the owner of the goods concerned; and

(b) be communicated to Customs:

(i) by giving or sending it to an officer doing duty in relation to import declarations; or

(ii) by leaving it at a place that has been allocated for lodgment of import declarations in a Customs Office;

at the place at which the goods are to be delivered for home consumption.

(4) An electronic import declaration can be communicated only by the owner of the goods concerned.

(5) If the information communicated to Customs in an import declaration relating to goods adequately identifies any permission (however it is described) that has been given for the importation of those goods, the identification of the permission in that information is taken, for the purposes of any law of the Commonwealth (including this Act), to be the production of the permission to an officer.

(6) However, subsection (5) does not affect any power of an officer, under this Act, to require the production of a permission referred to in that subsection.

(7) If:

(a) an import declaration is, or is taken under section 71L to have been, communicated to Customs; and

(b) before the time when the declaration is, or is so taken to have been, communicated to Customs, the goods to which the declaration relates have been imported or have been brought to the first port or airport in Australia at which any goods are to be discharged;

the goods are taken to have been entered for home consumption.

(8) If:

(a) an import declaration is, or is taken under section 71L to have been, communicated to Customs; and

(b) at the time when the declaration is, or is so taken to have been, communicated to Customs, the goods to which the declaration relates have not been brought to the first port or airport in Australia at which any goods are to be discharged;

the goods are taken to be entered for home consumption only when they are brought to that port or airport.

71B Liability for import declaration processing charge

(1) When an import declaration (including an altered import declaration) in respect of goods to which section 68 applies (other than warehoused goods) is, or is taken to have been, communicated to Customs under section 71A, the owner of the goods becomes liable to pay import declaration processing charge in respect of the declaration.

(2) If a person who is an owner of goods pays import declaration processing charge in respect of an import declaration relating to particular goods, any other person who is an owner of those goods ceases to be liable to pay charge in respect of that declaration.

(3) If an import declaration is withdrawn under subsection 71F(1), or is taken, under subsection 71F(2) or (7), to have been withdrawn, before the issue of an authority to deal in respect of goods covered by the declaration, then, despite subsection (1), the owner of the goods is not liable to pay import declaration processing charge in respect of the declaration.

71BA Warehoused goods declaration fee

(1) An owner of warehoused goods who makes an import declaration in respect of the goods is liable to pay a fee (the ***warehoused goods declaration fee***) for the processing by Customs of the declaration.

(2) The amount of the warehoused goods declaration fee is:

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(a) if the import declaration is made electronically—$23.20 or, if another amount (not exceeding $34.80) is prescribed by the regulations, the amount so prescribed; or

(b) if the import declaration is made by document—$60.00 or, if another amount (not exceeding $90.00) is prescribed by the regulations, the amount so prescribed.

(3) If a person who is an owner of warehoused goods pays the warehoused goods declaration fee for the processing of an import declaration in respect of the goods, any other person who is an owner of the goods ceases to be liable to pay the fee for the processing of the import declaration.

(4) In this section:

warehoused goods includes goods that, under section 100, may be dealt with as warehoused goods.

71C Authority to deal with goods in respect of which an import declaration has been made

(1) If an import declaration in respect of goods has been communicated to Customs, Customs must give an import declaration advice, by document or electronically, in accordance with this section.

(2) An import declaration advice relating to goods entered by documentary import declaration:

(a) must be given to the owner of the goods or be made available for collection by leaving it at a place in a Customs office that has been allocated for collection of such advices; and

(b) must contain:

(i) a statement to the effect that the goods are cleared for home consumption; or

(ii) a statement that the goods are directed to be held in their current location or are directed for further examination.

(3) An import declaration advice relating to goods entered by an electronic import declaration:

(a) must refer to the number given by Customs to identify the particular import declaration; and

(b) must be communicated electronically to the person who made the declaration; and

(c) must contain:

(i) a statement to the effect that the goods are cleared for home consumption; or

(ii) a statement that the goods are directed to be held in their current location or are directed for further examination.

(4) Subject to subsection (5), if:

(a) an import declaration advice is given or communicated under this section; and

(b) a payment is made of any duty, GST, luxury car tax, wine tax, import declaration processing charge or other charge or fee payable at the time of entry of, or in respect of, the goods covered by the import declaration advice;

Customs must:

(c) if the advice was given under subsection (2)—give the person to whom the advice was given an authority, in writing, to take the goods into home consumption; and

(d) if the advice was communicated electronically under subsection (3)—communicate electronically, to the person to whom the advice was communicated, an authority to take the goods into home consumption.

(5) Customs is not required to give or communicate an authority under subsection (4) while the goods concerned are subject to a direction referred to in subparagraph (2)(b)(ii) or (3)(c)(ii).

(6) Customs must give an authority under subsection (4) in relation to goods covered by item 2 of the table in subsection 132AA(1) if subsection (4) would require Customs to do so apart from paragraph (4)(b).

Note: Subsection 132AA(1) provides that import duty on goods covered by item 2 of the table in that subsection must be paid by a time worked out under the regulations.

(7) Customs must give an authority under subsection (4) in relation to goods if:

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(a) that subsection would require Customs to do so apart from the fact that any or all of the following were not paid when duty on the goods was paid (or would have been payable if the goods had been subject to duty):

(i) the GST payable on the taxable importation (as defined in the GST Act), if any, that is associated with the import of the goods;

(ii) if a taxable importation of a luxury car (as defined in the Luxury Car Tax Act) is associated with the import of the goods—the luxury car tax payable on that taxable importation;

(iii) if a taxable dealing (as defined in the Wine Tax Act) is associated with the import of the goods—the wine tax payable on that dealing; and

(b) because of the following provisions, the unpaid GST, luxury car tax or wine tax (as appropriate) was not payable until after duty on the goods was payable (or would have been payable if the goods had been subject to duty):

(i) paragraph 33-15(b) of the GST Act;

(ii) paragraph 13-20(b) of the Luxury Car Tax Act;

(iii) paragraph 23-5(b) of the Wine Tax Act.

(8) If goods are authorised to be taken into home consumption, the authority to deal, whether given by a document or electronically, must set out:

(a) any condition of the kind referred to in subsection (9) to which the authority is subject; and

(b) the date on which the authority is given; and

(c) such other information as is prescribed.

(9) An authority to deal with goods may be expressed to be subject to a condition that a specified permission for the goods to be dealt with (however it is described) be obtained under another law of the Commonwealth.

(10) If an authority to deal with goods is expressed to be subject to the condition that a specified permission be obtained, the authority is taken not to have been given until the permission has been obtained.

(11) An officer may, at any time before goods authorised to be taken into home consumption are so dealt with, cancel the authority:

(a) if the authority was given in respect of a documentary declaration, by:

(i) signing a notice stating that the authority is cancelled and setting out the reasons for the cancellation; and

(ii) serving a copy of the notice on the person who made the declaration or, if that person does not have possession of the goods, on the person who has possession of the goods; or

(b) if the authority was given in respect of an electronic declaration—by sending electronically, to the person who made the declaration, a message stating that the authority is cancelled and setting out the reasons for the cancellation.

(12) If, at any time before goods authorised to be taken into home consumption are so dealt with, an officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that the goods were imported into Australia in contravention of any Customs-related law, the officer may suspend the authority for a specified period:

(a) if the authority was given in respect of a documentary declaration, by:

(i) signing a notice stating that the authority is so suspended and setting out the reasons for the suspension; and

(ii) serving a copy of the notice on the person who made the declaration or, if that person does not have possession of the goods, on the person who has possession of the goods; or

(b) if the authority was given in respect of an electronic declaration—by sending electronically, to the person who made the declaration, a message stating that the authority is so suspended and setting out the reasons for the suspension.

(13) If, during the suspension under subsection (12) of an authority, an officer becomes satisfied that there are no longer reasonable grounds to suspect that the goods were imported into Australia in contravention of a Customs-related law, the officer must revoke the suspension:

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(a) if the authority was given in respect of a documentary declaration, by:

(i) signing a notice stating that the suspension is revoked; and

(ii) serving a copy of the notice on the person to whom the notice of the suspension was given; or

(b) if the authority was given in respect of an electronic declaration—by sending electronically, to the person to whom the message notifying the suspension was sent, a message stating that the suspension is revoked.

(14) A cancellation or suspension of an authority, or a revocation of a suspension of an authority, has effect from the time when the relevant notice is served or the relevant message is sent, as the case may be.

71D Visual examination in presence of officer

(1) If a person who is permitted or required to make an import declaration in respect of goods to which section 68 applies does not have the information to complete the declaration, the person may apply to Customs, by document or electronically, for permission to examine the goods in the presence of an officer.

(2) A documentary application must be communicated to Customs by giving it to an officer doing duty in relation to import declarations.

(3) When an application is given to an officer under subsection (2) or is sent electronically, an officer must, by writing or by message sent electronically, give the applicant permission to examine the goods on a day and at a place specified in the notice.

(4) A person who has received a permission may examine the goods in accordance with the permission in the presence of an officer.

71DA An officer may seek additional information

(1) Without limiting the information that may be required to be included in an import declaration, if an import declaration has been made in respect of goods, authority to deal with the goods may be refused until an officer doing duty in relation to import declarations:

(a) has verified particulars of the goods shown in the import declaration; or

(b) is satisfied of any other matter that may be relevant to the granting of an authority to deal.

(2) If an officer doing duty in relation to import declarations believes, on reasonable grounds, that the owner of goods to which an import declaration relates has custody or control of commercial documents, or has, or can obtain, information, relating to the goods that will assist the officer to determine whether this Act has been or is being complied with in respect of the goods, the officer may require the owner:

(a) to deliver to the officer the commercial documents in respect of the goods that are in the owner's custody or control (including any such documents that had previously been delivered to an officer and had been returned to the owner); or

(b) to deliver to the officer such information, in writing, relating to the goods (being information of a kind specified in the notice) as is within the knowledge of the owner or as the owner is reasonably able to obtain.

(3) A documentary requirement for the delivery of documents or information in respect of an import declaration must:

(a) be communicated to the person by whom, or on whose behalf, the declaration was communicated; and

(b) be in an approved form and contain such particulars as the form requires.

(4) An electronic requirement for the delivery of documents or information in respect of an import declaration must:

(a) be communicated electronically to the person who made the declaration; and

(b) contain such particulars as are set out in an approved statement.

(5) An officer doing duty in relation to import declarations may ask:

(a) the owner of goods in respect of which an import declaration has been made; and

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(b) if another person made the declaration on behalf of the owner—that other person;

any questions relating to the goods.

(6) If an officer doing duty in relation to import declarations believes, on reasonable grounds, that the owner of goods to which an import declaration relates has custody or control of documents, or has, or can obtain, information, relating to the goods that will assist the officer to verify the particulars shown in the import declaration, the officer may require the owner to produce the documents or supply the information to the officer.

(7) If:

(a) the owner of goods has been required to deliver documents or information in relation to the goods under subsection (2); or

(b) the owner of, or the person making an import declaration in respect of, goods has been asked a question in respect of the goods under subsection (5); or

(c) the owner of goods has been required to verify a matter in respect of the goods under subsection (6);

authority to deal with the relevant goods in accordance with the declaration must not be granted unless:

(d) the requirement referred to in paragraph (a) has been complied with or withdrawn; or

(e) the question referred to in paragraph (b) has been answered or withdrawn; or

(f) the requirement referred to in paragraph (c) has been complied with or withdrawn, or a security has been taken for compliance with the requirement;

as the case requires.

(8) Subject to section 215, if a person delivers a commercial document to an officer doing duty in relation to import declarations under this section, the officer must deal with the document and then return it to the person.

Subdivision C—Requests for cargo release

71DB Making a request for cargo release

(1) A request for cargo release (an ***RCR***) in respect of goods is a communication to Customs in accordance with this section of a request for the release of goods to which section 68 applies that are intended to be entered for home consumption.

(2) An RCR must be communicated electronically.

(3) An RCR can be made only:

(a) by a person who has entered into an import information contract or by a customs broker nominated in the contract to make communications to Customs on behalf of the person; and

(b) while the contract is in force.

(4) An RCR must contain the information contained in an approved statement.

(5) If the information communicated to Customs in an RCR in respect of goods adequately identifies any permission (however it is described) that has been given for the importation of those goods, the identification of the permission in that information is taken, for the purposes of any law of the Commonwealth (including this Act), to be the production of the permission to an officer.

(6) However, subsection (5) does not affect any power of an officer, under this Act, to require the production of a permission referred to in that subsection.

(7) If:

(a) an RCR in respect of goods is, or is taken under section 71L to have been, communicated to Customs; and

(b) before the time when the RCR is, or is so taken to have been, communicated to Customs, the goods to which the RCR relates have been imported or have been brought to the first port or airport in Australia at which any goods are to be discharged;

the goods are taken to have been entered for home consumption.

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(8) If:

(a) an RCR in respect of goods is, or is taken under section 71L to have been, communicated to Customs; and

(b) at the time when the RCR is, or is so taken to have been, communicated to Customs, the goods have not been brought to the first port or airport in Australia at which any goods are to be discharged;

the goods are taken to be entered for home consumption only when they are brought to that port or airport.

71DC Liability for an RCR processing charge

(1) When a person who has entered into an import information contract sends an RCR to Customs, the person becomes liable to pay an RCR processing charge in respect of the RCR.

(2) The charge is payable when the person is taken to have sent to Customs a periodic declaration in respect of goods to which the RCR relates.

(3) If an RCR is withdrawn under subsection 71F(1), or is taken to be withdrawn under subsection 71F(2) or (7), before the issue of an authority to deal in respect of goods covered by the RCR, then, despite subsection (1), the person is not liable to pay an RCR processing charge in respect of the RCR.

71DD Making of import information contracts

(1) Subject to subsection (2), the CEO may enter into a contract (an ***import information contract***) with a person for the purpose of enabling the person to make RCRs in respect of goods.

(2) The CEO must not enter into an import information contract with a person (other than a company specified in subsection (3)) unless the CEO is satisfied, as a result of an audit carried out by a person chosen in accordance with the business rules, that the person can provide Customs with accurate information that is necessary to enable Customs to perform duties in relation to goods imported into Australia.

(3) The following companies are specified for the purposes of subsection (2):

(a) Colorado Group Limited (ABN 8500 432 7566);
(b) Du Pont (Australia) Pty Limited (ABN 5900 071 6469);
(c) Ericsson Australia Pty Limited (ABN 5600 407 185);
(d) Grocery Holdings Pty Limited (ABN 27007 427 581);
(e) K mart Australia Limited (ABN 73004 700 485);
(f) Kodak (Australasia) Pty Limited (ABN 4900 405 7621);
(g) Liquorland (Australia) Pty Limited (ABN 82007 512 414);
(h) My Car Automotive Pty Limited (ABN 94061 462 593);
(i) Myer Stores Limited (ABN 83004 143 239);
(j) Nortel Networks Australia Pty Limited (ABN 400 031 64145);
(k) NS Komatsu Pty Limited (ABN 630 535 14739);
(l) Officeworks Superstores Pty Limited (ABN 36004 763 526);
(m Panasonic Australia Pty Limited (ABN 8300 159 2187);
(n) Target Australia Pty Limited (ABN 75004 250 944);
(o) Tyremaster (Wholesale) Pty Limited (ABN 18000 781 037).

(4) The provisions in an import information contract are to include provisions relating to:
(a) the goods covered by the contract; and
(b) how the person's compliance with the business rules is to be reported, monitored and audited; and
(c) the power of the CEO to terminate the contract if the person fails to comply with any of the business rules or with any of the requirements of this Act.

(5) The existence of an import information contract does not affect the exercise by the CEO of any powers conferred on him or her by or under this Act.

71DE Authority to deal with goods in respect of which an RCR has been made

(1) If an RCR in respect of goods has been communicated to Customs, Customs must give a cargo release advice electronically in accordance with this section.

(2) A cargo release advice:

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(a) must refer to the number given by Customs to identify the particular RCR; and

(b) must be communicated electronically to the person who made the RCR; and

(c) must contain:

(i) a statement to the effect that the goods are cleared for home consumption; or

(ii) a statement that the goods are directed to be held in their current location or are directed for further examination.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), if a cargo release advice is communicated under this section, Customs must communicate electronically, to the person to whom the advice was communicated, an authority to take the goods into home consumption.

(4) Customs is not required to communicate an authority under subsection (3) while the goods concerned are subject to a direction referred to in subparagraph (2)(c)(ii).

(5) If goods are authorised to be taken into home consumption, the authority to deal must set out:

(a) any condition of the kind referred to in subsection (6) to which the authority is subject; and

(b) the date on which the authority is given; and

(c) such other information as is prescribed.

(6) An authority to deal with goods may be expressed to be subject to a condition that a specified permission for the goods to be dealt with (however it is described) be obtained under another law of the Commonwealth.

(7) If an authority to deal with goods is expressed to be subject to the condition that a specified permission be obtained, the authority is taken not to have been given until the permission has been obtained.

(8) An officer may, at any time before goods authorised to be taken into home consumption are so dealt with, cancel the authority by sending electronically, to the person to whom the cargo release

advice was sent, a message stating that the authority is cancelled and setting out the reasons for the cancellation.

(9) If, at any time before goods authorised to be taken into home consumption are so dealt with, an officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that the goods were imported into Australia in contravention of a Customs-related law, the officer may suspend the authority for a specified period by sending electronically, to the person to whom the cargo release advice was sent, a message stating that the authority is so suspended and setting out the reasons for the suspension.

(10) If, during the suspension under subsection (9) of an authority, an officer becomes satisfied that there are no longer reasonable grounds to suspect that the goods were imported into Australia in contravention of a Customs-related law, the officer must revoke the suspension by sending electronically, to the person to whom the message notifying the suspension was sent, a message stating that the suspension is revoked.

(11) A cancellation or suspension of an authority, or a revocation of a suspension of an authority, has effect from the time when the relevant notice is served or the relevant message is sent, as the case may be.

71DF Periodic declarations by persons who are parties to import information contracts

If a person who is a party to an import information contract makes, during a particular month, one or more RCRs in respect of goods, the person:

(a) may, from time to time during the month, send electronically to Customs declarations (***periodic declarations***) containing such information in relation to the goods as is set out in an approved statement; but

(b) must send electronically to Customs at least one periodic declaration not later than the first day of the following month or such other day of that month as is prescribed.

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71DG Liability for periodic declaration processing charge

When a person sends to Customs a periodic declaration under section 71DF, the person becomes liable to pay periodic declaration processing charge in respect of the declaration.

Subdivision D—Warehouse declarations

71DH Making a warehouse declaration

(1) A warehouse declaration is a communication to Customs in accordance with this section of information about goods to which section 68 applies that are intended to be entered for warehousing.

(2) A warehouse declaration may be communicated by document or electronically.

(3) A documentary warehouse declaration must:

(a) be made by the owner of the goods concerned; and

(b) be communicated to Customs:

(i) by giving or sending it to an officer doing duty in relation to warehouse declarations; or

(ii) by leaving it at a place that has been allocated for lodgment of warehouse declarations in a Customs Office;

at the place at which the goods are to be delivered for warehousing.

(4) A warehouse declaration in respect of particular goods can be communicated electronically only by the owner of the goods.

(5) If the information communicated to Customs in a warehouse declaration relating to goods adequately identifies any permission (however it is described) that has been given for the importation of those goods, the identification of the permission in that information is taken, for the purposes of any law of the Commonwealth (including this Act), to be the production of the permission to an officer.

(6) However, subsection (5) does not affect any power of an officer, under this Act, to require the production of a permission referred to in that subsection.

(7) If:

(a) a warehouse declaration is, or is taken under section 71L to have been, communicated to Customs; and

(b) before the time when the declaration is, or is so taken to have been, communicated to Customs, the goods to which the declaration relates have been imported or have been brought to the first port or airport in Australia at which any goods are to be discharged;

the goods are taken to have been entered for warehousing.

(8) If:

(a) a warehouse declaration is, or is taken under section 71L to have been, communicated to Customs; and

(b) at the time when the warehouse declaration is, or is so taken to have been, communicated to Customs, the goods to which the declaration relates have not been brought to the first port or airport in Australia at which any goods are to be discharged;

the goods are taken to be entered for warehousing only when they are brought to that port or airport.

71DI Liability for warehouse declaration processing charge

(1) When a warehouse declaration (including an altered warehouse declaration) in respect of goods is, or is taken to have been, communicated to Customs under section 71DH, the owner of the goods becomes liable to pay warehouse declaration processing charge in respect of the declaration.

(2) If a person who is an owner of goods pays warehouse declaration processing charge in respect of a warehouse declaration relating to particular goods, any other person who is an owner of those goods ceases to be liable to pay charge in respect of that declaration.

(3) If a warehouse declaration is withdrawn under subsection 71F(1), or is taken, under subsection 71F(2) or (7), to have been withdrawn, before the issue of an authority to deal in respect of goods covered by the declaration, then, despite subsection (1), the owner of the goods is not liable to pay warehouse declaration processing charge in respect of the declaration.

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71DJ Authority to deal with goods in respect of which a warehouse declaration has been made

(1) If a warehouse declaration in respect of goods has been communicated to Customs, Customs must give a warehouse declaration advice, by document or electronically, in accordance with this section.

(2) A warehouse declaration advice relating to goods entered by documentary warehouse declaration:

(a) must be given to the owner of the goods or be made available for collection by leaving it at a place in a Customs office that has been allocated for collection of such advices; and

(b) must contain:

(i) a statement to the effect that the goods are cleared for warehousing; or

(ii) a statement that the goods are directed to be held in their current location or are directed for further examination.

(3) A warehouse declaration advice relating to goods entered by an electronic warehouse declaration:

(a) must refer to the number given by Customs to identify the particular warehouse declaration; and

(b) must be communicated electronically to the person who made the declaration; and

(c) must contain:

(i) a statement to the effect that the goods are cleared for warehousing; or

(ii) a statement that the goods are directed to be held in their current location or are directed for further examination.

(4) Subject to subsection (5), if:

(a) a warehouse declaration advice is given or communicated under this section; and

(b) a payment is made of any warehouse declaration processing charge or other charge or fee payable at the time of entry of,

or in respect of, the goods covered by the warehouse declaration advice;

Customs must:

(c) if the advice was given under subsection (2)—give the person to whom the advice was given an authority, in writing, to take the goods into warehousing; and

(d) if the advice was communicated electronically under subsection (3)—communicate electronically, to the person to whom the advice was communicated, an authority to take the goods into warehousing.

(5) Customs is not required to give or communicate an authority under subsection (4) while the goods concerned are subject to a direction referred to in subparagraph (2)(b)(ii) or (3)(c)(ii).

(6) If goods are authorised to be taken into warehousing, the authority to deal, whether given by a document or electronically, must set out:

(a) any condition of the kind referred to in subsection (7) to which the authority is subject; and

(b) the date on which the authority is given; and

(c) such other information as is prescribed.

(7) An authority to deal with goods may be expressed to be subject to a condition that a specified permission for the goods to be dealt with (however it is described) be obtained under another law of the Commonwealth.

(8) If an authority to deal with goods is expressed to be subject to the condition that a specified permission be obtained, the authority is taken not to have been given until the permission has been obtained.

(9) An officer may, at any time before goods authorised to be taken into warehousing are so dealt with, cancel the authority:

(a) if the authority was given in respect of a documentary declaration, by:

(i) signing a notice stating that the authority is cancelled and setting out the reasons for the cancellation; and

(ii) serving a copy of the notice on the person who made the declaration or, if that person does not have

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possession of the goods, on the person who has possession of the goods; or

(b) if the authority was given in respect of an electronic declaration—by sending electronically, to the person who made the declaration, a message stating that the authority is cancelled and setting out the reasons for the cancellation.

(10) If, at any time before goods authorised to be taken into warehousing are so dealt with, an officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that the goods were imported into Australia in contravention of any Customs-related law, the officer may suspend the authority for a specified period:

(a) if the authority was given in respect of a documentary declaration, by:

(i) signing a notice stating that the authority is so suspended and setting out the reasons for the suspension; and

(ii) serving a copy of the notice on the person who made the declaration or, if that person does not have possession of the goods, on the person who has possession of the goods; or

(b) if the authority was given in respect of an electronic declaration—by sending electronically, to the person who made the declaration, a message stating that the authority is so suspended and setting out the reasons for the suspension.

(11) If, during the suspension under subsection (10) of an authority, an officer becomes satisfied that there are no longer reasonable grounds to suspect that the goods were imported into Australia in contravention of a Customs-related law, the officer must revoke the suspension:

(a) if the authority was given in respect of a documentary declaration, by:

(i) signing a notice stating that the suspension is revoked; and

(ii) serving a copy of the notice on the person to whom the notice of the suspension was given; or

(b) if the authority was given in respect of an electronic declaration—by sending electronically, to the person to

whom the message notifying the suspension was sent, a message stating that the suspension is revoked.

(12) A cancellation or suspension of an authority, or a revocation of a suspension of an authority, has effect from the time when the relevant notice is served or the relevant message is sent, as the case may be.

71DK Visual examination in presence of officer

(1) If a person who is permitted or required to make a warehouse declaration in respect of goods to which section 68 applies does not have the information to complete the declaration, the person may apply to Customs, by document or electronically, for permission to examine the goods in the presence of an officer.

(2) A documentary application must be communicated to Customs by giving it to an officer doing duty in relation to warehouse declarations.

(3) When an application is given to an officer under subsection (2) or is sent electronically, an officer must, by writing or by message sent electronically, give the applicant permission to examine the goods on a day and at a place specified in the notice.

(4) A person who has received a permission may examine the goods in accordance with the permission in the presence of an officer.

71DL An officer may seek additional information

(1) Without limiting the information that may be required to be included in a warehouse declaration, if a warehouse declaration has been made in respect of goods, authority to deal with the goods may be refused until an officer doing duty in relation to warehouse declarations:

(a) has verified particulars of the goods shown in the warehouse declaration; or

(b) is satisfied of any other matter that may be relevant to the granting of an authority to deal.

(2) If an officer doing duty in relation to warehouse declarations believes, on reasonable grounds, that the owner of goods to which

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a warehouse declaration relates has custody or control of commercial documents, or has, or can obtain, information, relating to the goods that will assist the officer to determine whether this Act has been or is being complied with in respect of the goods, the officer may require the owner:

(a) to deliver to the officer the commercial documents in respect of the goods that are in the owner's custody or control (including any such documents that had previously been delivered to an officer and had been returned to the owner); or

(b) to deliver to the officer such information, in writing, relating to the goods (being information of a kind specified in the notice) as is within the knowledge of the owner or as the owner is reasonably able to obtain.

(3) A documentary requirement for the delivery of documents or information in respect of a warehouse declaration must:

(a) be communicated to the person by whom, or on whose behalf, the declaration was communicated; and

(b) be in an approved form and contain such particulars as the form requires.

(4) An electronic requirement for the delivery of documents or information in respect of a warehouse declaration must:

(a) be communicated electronically to the person who made the declaration; and

(b) contain such particulars as are set out in an approved statement.

(5) An officer doing duty in relation to warehouse declarations may ask:

(a) the owner of goods in respect of which a warehouse declaration has been made; and

(b) if another person made the declaration on behalf of the owner—that other person;

any questions relating to the goods.

(6) If an officer doing duty in relation to warehouse declarations believes, on reasonable grounds, that the owner of goods to which a warehouse declaration relates has custody or control of

commercial documents, or has, or can obtain, information, relating to the goods that will assist the officer to verify the particulars shown in the warehouse declaration, the officer may require the owner to produce the documents or supply the information to the officer.

(7) If:

(a) the owner of goods has been required to deliver documents or information in relation to the goods under subsection (2); or

(b) the owner of, or the person making a warehouse declaration in respect of, goods has been asked a question in respect of the goods under subsection (5); or

(c) the owner of goods has been required to verify a matter in respect of the goods under subsection (6);

authority to deal with the relevant goods in accordance with the declaration must not be granted unless:

(d) the requirement referred to in paragraph (a) has been complied with or withdrawn; or

(e) the question referred to in paragraph (b) has been answered or withdrawn; or

(f) the requirement referred to in paragraph (c) has been complied with or withdrawn, or a security has been taken for compliance with the requirement;

as the case requires.

(8) Subject to section 215, if a person delivers a commercial document to an officer doing duty in relation to warehouse declarations under this section, the officer must deal with the document and then return it to the person.

Subdivision E—General

39 Sections 71F to 71L

Repeal the sections, substitute:

71F Withdrawal of import entries

(1) At any time after an import entry is communicated to Customs and before the goods to which it relates are dealt with in accordance

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with the entry, a withdrawal of the entry may be communicated to Customs by document or electronically.

(2) If, at any time after a person has communicated an import entry to Customs and before the goods are dealt with in accordance with the entry, the person changes information included in the entry, the person is taken, at the time when the import entry advice is given or communicated in respect of the altered entry, to have withdrawn the entry as it previously stood.

(3) A documentary withdrawal of an import entry must:

(a) be communicated by the person by whom, or on whose behalf, the entry was communicated; and

(b) be communicated to Customs by giving it to an officer doing duty in relation to import entries.

(4) A withdrawal of an import entry in respect of particular goods can be communicated electronically only by the owner of the goods.

(5) A withdrawal of an import entry has no effect during any period while a requirement under subsection 71DA(2) or (6) or 71DL(2) or (6) in respect of the goods to which the entry relates has not been complied with.

(6) A withdrawal of an import entry is effected when it is, or is taken under section 71L to have been, communicated to Customs.

(7) If:

(a) an import entry is communicated to Customs; and

(b) any duty, fee, charge or tax in respect of goods covered by the entry remains unpaid in respect of the goods concerned for 30 days starting on:

(i) the day on which the import entry advice relating to the goods is communicated; or

(ii) if under subsection 132AA(1) the duty is payable by a time worked out under the regulations—the day on which that time occurs; and

(c) after that period ends, the CEO gives written notice to the owner of the goods requiring payment of the unpaid duty, fee, charge or tax (as appropriate) within a further period set out in the notice; and

(d) the unpaid duty, fee, charge or tax (as appropriate) is not paid within the further period;

the import entry is taken to have been withdrawn under subsection (1).

71G Goods not to be entered while an entry is outstanding

(1) If goods have been entered for home consumption under subsection 68(2) or (3), a person must not communicate a further import declaration, a further RCR or a warehouse declaration in respect of the goods or any part of the goods unless the import declaration or RCR that resulted in the goods being entered for home consumption is withdrawn.

Penalty: 15 penalty units.

(2) An offence for a contravention of subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

71H Effect of withdrawal

(1) When a withdrawal of an import entry in respect of goods takes effect, any authority to deal with the goods is revoked.

(2) Despite the withdrawal:

(a) a person may be prosecuted under Division 4 of Part XIII, or action may be taken under Division 5 of that Part, in respect of the import entry; and

(b) a penalty may be imposed on a person who is convicted of an offence in respect of the import entry;

as if it had not been withdrawn.

(3) The withdrawal of a documentary import declaration or of a documentary warehouse declaration does not entitle the person who communicated it to have it returned.

71J Annotation of import entry by Customs for certain purposes not to constitute withdrawal

Any annotation of an import entry that is made by Customs as a result of the acceptance by Customs of an application for a refund

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or rebate of all or a part of the duty paid, or for a remission of all or part of the duty payable, on goods covered by the entry, is not to be taken to constitute a withdrawal of the entry for the purposes of this Act.

71K Manner of communicating with Customs by document

(1) An import entry, a withdrawal of an import entry, a visual examination application, a movement application, or a return for the purposes of subsection 69(5) or 70(7), that is communicated to Customs by document:

(a) must be in an approved form; and

(b) must contain such information as the approved form requires; and

(c) must be signed in the manner indicated in the approved form.

(2) The CEO may approve different forms for documentary communications to be made in different circumstances or by different classes of persons.

71L Manner and effect of communicating with Customs electronically

(1) An import entry, a withdrawal of an import entry, a visual examination application, a movement application, or a return for the purposes of subsection 69(5) or 70(7) that is communicated to Customs electronically must communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement.

(2) The CEO may approve different statements for electronic communications to be made in different circumstances or by different classes of persons.

(3) For the purposes of this Act, an import entry, a withdrawal of an import entry, or a return for the purposes of subsection 69(5) or 70(7), is taken to have been communicated to Customs electronically when an import entry advice, or an acknowledgment of the withdrawal or of the return, is communicated by Customs electronically to the person identified in the import entry, withdrawal or return as the person sending it.

(4) A movement application that is communicated to Customs electronically must communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement.

(5) For the purposes of this Act, a movement application is taken to have been communicated to Customs electronically when an acknowledgment of the application is communicated by Customs electronically to the person identified in the application as the person sending it.

40 Paragraph 72(4)(b)

Omit "under section 71B".

41 Paragraphs 128(b) and (c)

Repeal the paragraphs, substitute:

or (b) for warehousing.

41A Subsection 132(4)

Omit "whose owner is required by section 71 to provide information about them", substitute "about which the owner, or a person acting on behalf of the owner, is required by section 71 to provide information".

41B Paragraph 132(5)(b)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

(b) about which neither the owner, nor any person acting on behalf of the owner, is required to provide information;

41C Subsection 132AA(1) (table item 3)

Omit "whose owner must provide information about them under section 71", substitute "about which the owner, or a person acting on behalf of the owner, is required by section 71 to provide information".

42 Subsections 132B(4) and (8)

Omit "71B", substitute "71C or 71DE".

43 Subsections 163(1B), (1C) and (1D)

Repeal the subsections.

44 Subsection 167(3A)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

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(3A) If an electronic import entry has been made in respect of goods, a protest under this section is taken to have been made if, and only if, the person making the entry sends to Customs at the time of making payment in respect of the goods following an import declaration advice or a periodic declaration:

(a) the number given by Customs to identify the relevant import declaration or periodic declaration; and

(b) the words ***Paid under protest***; and

(c) a description of the goods to which the protest relates (where the protest does not relate to all the goods covered by the import declaration or periodic declaration) and a statement of the grounds on which the protest is made.

46 Subsection 196C(1)

Omit "subsection 71(1)", substitute "section 71".

47 Paragraph 273GA(1)(aag)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

(aafa) a decision by an officer under section 71 to suspend an authority to deliver goods into home consumption;

(aag) a decision by an officer under section 71C, 71DE or 71DJ to cancel or suspend an authority to deal with goods;

Part 3

48 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

ACEAN means an accredited client export approval number allocated by the CEO to a person under an export information contract.

48A Subsection 4(1) (paragraph (a) of the definition of *authority to deal*)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

(a) in relation to goods the subject of an export declaration—an authority of the kind mentioned in paragraph 114C(1)(a); or

(aa) in relation to goods the subject of an ACEAN—the ACEAN; or

50 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

export declaration means an export declaration communicated to Customs by document or electronically as mentioned in section 114.

51 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *export entry*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

export entry means an entry of goods for export made as mentioned in section 113AA.

52 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

export entry advice means an export entry advice given under subsection 114C(1).

53 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

export information contract means a contract made under subsection 114BB(1).

57 Sections 114 and 114A

Repeal the sections, substitute:

113AA How an entry of goods for export is made

An entry of goods for export is made by:

(a) making in respect of the goods an export declaration other than a declaration that Customs refuses under subsection 114(8) to accept; or

(b) using an ACEAN in respect of the goods.

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Subdivision B—Export declarations

114 Making an export declaration

(1) An export declaration is a communication to Customs in accordance with this section of information about goods that are intended for export.

(2) An export declaration can be communicated by document or electronically.

(3) A documentary export declaration:

(a) can be made only by the owner of the goods concerned; and

(b) must be communicated to Customs by giving or sending it to an officer doing duty in relation to export declarations; and

(c) must be in an approved form; and

(d) must contain such information as is required by the form; and

(e) must be signed by the person making it.

(4) An electronic export declaration:

(a) can be communicated only by the owner of the goods concerned; and

(b) must communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement.

(5) If the information communicated to Customs in an export declaration relating to goods adequately identifies any permission (however it is described) that has been given for the exportation of those goods, the identification of the permission in that information is taken, for the purposes of any law of the Commonwealth (including this Act), to be the production of the permission to an officer.

(6) However, subsection (5) does not affect any power of an officer, under this Act, to require the production of a permission referred to in that subsection.

(7) When, in accordance with section 119D, an export declaration is taken to have been communicated to Customs, the goods to which the declaration relates are taken to have been entered for export.

(8) Customs may refuse to accept or deal with an export declaration in circumstances prescribed by the regulations.

(9) Customs must communicate a refusal to accept or deal with an export declaration by notice given by document or electronically to the person who made the declaration.

114A An officer may seek additional information

(1) Without limiting the information that may be required to be included in an export declaration, if an export declaration has been made in respect of goods, authority to deal with the goods in accordance with the declaration may be refused until an officer doing duty in relation to export declarations has verified particulars of the goods shown in the declaration:

(a) by reference to information contained in commercial documents relating to the goods that have been given to Customs by the owner of the goods on, or at any time after, the communication of the declaration to Customs; or

(b) by reference to information, in writing, in respect of the goods that has been so given to Customs.

(2) If an officer doing duty in relation to export declarations believes, on reasonable grounds, that the owner of goods to which an export declaration relates has custody or control of commercial documents, or has, or can obtain, information, relating to the goods that will assist the officer to determine whether this Act has been or is being complied with in respect of the goods, the officer may require the owner:

(a) to deliver to the officer the commercial documents in respect of the goods that are in the owner's possession or under the owner's control (including any such documents that had previously been delivered to an officer and had been returned to the owner); or

(b) to deliver to the officer such information, in writing, relating to the goods (being information of a kind specified in the notice) as is within the knowledge of the owner or as the owner is reasonably able to obtain.

(3) A documentary requirement for the delivery of documents or information in respect of an export declaration must:

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(a) be communicated to the person by whom, or on whose behalf, the declaration was communicated; and

(b) be in an approved form and contain such particulars as the form requires.

(4) An electronic requirement for the delivery of documents or information in respect of an export declaration must:

(a) be sent electronically to the person who made the declaration; and

(b) communicate such particulars as are set out in an approved statement.

(5) An officer doing duty in relation to export declarations may ask:

(a) the owner of goods in respect of which an export declaration has been made; and

(b) if another person made the declaration on behalf of the owner—the other person;

any questions relating to the goods.

(6) An officer doing duty in relation to export declarations may require the owner of goods in respect of an export declaration that has been made to verify the particulars shown in the export declaration by making a declaration or producing documents.

(7) If:

(a) the owner of goods has been required to deliver documents or information in relation to the goods under subsection (2); or

(b) the owner of, or person who made an export declaration in respect of, goods has been asked a question in respect of the goods under subsection (5); or

(c) the owner of goods has been required under subsection (6) to verify a matter in respect of the goods;

authority to deal with the relevant goods in accordance with the declaration must not be granted unless:

(d) the requirement referred to in paragraph (a) has been complied with or withdrawn; or

(e) the question referred to in paragraph (b) has been answered or withdrawn; or

(f) the requirement referred to in paragraph (c) has been complied with or withdrawn;

as the case requires.

(8) Subject to section 215, if a person delivers a commercial document to an officer doing duty in relation to export declarations under this section, the officer must deal with the document and then return it to that person.

58 Subsection 114B(1)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

(1) A person who:

(a) proposes to make an export declaration relating to particular goods or is likely to make, from time to time, export declarations in relation to goods of a particular kind; and

(b) will be unable to include in the export declaration or export declarations particular information in relation to the goods because the information cannot be ascertained until after the exportation of the goods;

may apply to the CEO for confirming exporter status in respect of the information and the goods.

59 Paragraph 114B(5)(a)

Omit "export entry", substitute "export declaration".

60 Subsection 114B(7) (penalty)

Repeal the penalty, substitute:

Penalty: 10 penalty units.

62 Sections 114C to 119D

Repeal the sections, substitute:

Subdivision C—ACEANS

114BA Using ACEANS in respect of goods

(1) The ***use of an ACEAN*** by a person in respect of goods is the communication in accordance with this section to the CEO of the ACEAN in respect of goods that are intended for export.

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(3) An ACEAN must be communicated electronically.

(4) An ACEAN can be communicated only while the export information contract entered into in respect of goods to which the ACEAN relates is in force.

(5) A communication made by the use of an ACEAN must relate only to one consignment of goods.

(6) If a person makes, by the use of an ACEAN, a communication that relates to more than one consignment of goods:

(a) the use of the ACEAN is invalid and does not constitute an entry of any of the goods for export; and

(b) the person is guilty of an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units.

(7) An offence against paragraph (6)(b) is an offence of strict liability.

114BB Making of export information contracts

(1) Subject to subsection (2), the CEO may enter into a contract (an ***export information contract***) with a person for the purpose of enabling the use of accredited client export approved numbers (***ACEANS***) in connection with the export of the person's goods.

(2) The CEO must not enter into an export information contract with a person (other than a company specified in subsection (3)) unless the CEO is satisfied, as a result of an audit carried out by a person chosen in accordance with the business rules, that the person can provide Customs with accurate information that is necessary to enable Customs to perform duties in relation to goods exported from Australia.

(3) The following companies are specified for the purposes of subsection (2):

(a) Colorado Group Limited (ABN 8500 432 7566);

(b) Du Pont (Australia) Pty Limited (ABN 5900 071 6469);

(c) Ericsson Australia Pty Limited (ABN 5600 407 185);

(d) Grocery Holdings Pty Limited (ABN 27007 427 581);

(e) K mart Australia Limited (ABN 73004 700 485);

(f) Kodak (Australasia) Pty Limited (ABN 4900 405 7621);

(g) Liquorland (Australia) Pty Limited (ABN 82007 512 414);
(h) My Car Automotive Pty Limited (ABN 94061 462 593);
(i) Myer Stores Limited (ABN 83004 143 239);
(j) Nortel Networks Australia Pty Limited (ABN 400 031 64145);
(k) NS Komatsu Pty Limited (ABN 630 535 14739);
(l) Officeworks Superstores Pty Limited (ABN 36004 763 526);
(m Panasonic Australia Pty Limited (ABN 8300 159 2187);
(n) Target Australia Pty Limited (ABN 75004 250 944);
(o) Tyremaster (Wholesale) Pty Limited (ABN 18000 781 037).

(4) The provisions in an export information contract are to include provisions relating to:
(a) the goods covered by the contract; and
(b) how the person's compliance with the business rules is to be reported, monitored and audited; and
(c) the power of the CEO to terminate the contract if the person fails to comply with any of the business rules or with any of the requirements of this Act; and
(d) the way ACEANS are to be allocated to the person.

(5) The existence of an export information contract does not affect the exercise by the CEO of any powers conferred on him or her by or under this Act.

114BC Declarations by persons who use ACEANS

If a person, during a particular month, enters goods for export by using one or more ACEANS, the person:
(a) may, from time to time during the month, send electronically to Customs declarations containing such information in relation to the goods as is set out in an approved statement; but
(b) must send electronically to Customs at least one such declaration not later than the first day of the following month.

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Subdivision D—General

114C Authority to deal with goods entered for export

(1) If goods have been entered for export by the making of an export declaration in respect of the goods, Customs must give an export entry advice, in a manner and form specified in the regulations, that constitutes either:

(a) an authority to deal with the goods to which the entry relates in accordance with the entry; or

(b) a refusal to provide such an authority.

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), regulations specifying the form of an export entry advice must include in the information set out in that advice a number (the ***export entry advice number***) by which the advice can be identified.

(3) An authority under subsection (1) to deal with goods may be expressed to be subject to a condition that a specified permission for the goods to be dealt with (however it is described) be obtained under another law of the Commonwealth.

(3A) An authority under subsection (1) to deal with goods may be expressed to be subject to a condition that any security required under section 16 of the *Excise Act 1901* be given.

(4) If an authority under subsection (1) to deal with goods is expressed to be subject to a condition that a specified permission be obtained, the authority is taken not to have been given until the permission has been obtained.

(4A) If an authority under subsection (1) to deal with goods is expressed to be subject to a condition that any security required under section 16 of the *Excise Act 1901* be given, the authority is taken not to have been given until the security has been given.

(4B) If goods have been entered for export by the use of an ACEAN, the ACEAN constitutes an authority to deal with the goods.

(5) An officer may, at any time before goods authorised to be dealt with in accordance with an export entry are so dealt with, cancel the authority:

(a) if the authority was given in respect of a documentary declaration, by:

(i) signing a notice stating that the authority is cancelled and setting out the reasons for the cancellation; and

(ii) serving a copy of the notice on the person who made the declaration or, if that person does not have possession of the goods, on the person who has possession of the goods; or

(b) if the authority was given in respect of an electronic declaration or an ACEAN—by sending electronically, to the person who made the declaration or used the ACEAN, a message stating that the authority is cancelled and setting out the reasons for the cancellation.

(6) If, at any time before goods authorised to be dealt with in accordance with an export entry are so dealt with, an officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that the goods have been dealt with in contravention of a Customs-related law, the officer may suspend the authority for a specified period:

(a) if the authority was given in respect of a documentary declaration, by:

(i) signing a notice stating that the authority is so suspended and setting out the reasons for the suspension; and

(ii) serving a copy of the notice on the person who made the declaration or, if that person does not have possession of the goods, on the person who has possession of the goods; or

(b) if the authority was given in respect of an electronic declaration or an ACEAN—by sending electronically, to the person who made the declaration or used the ACEAN, a message stating that the authority is so suspended and setting out the reasons for the suspension.

(7) If, during the suspension under subsection (6) of an authority, an officer becomes satisfied that there are no longer reasonable

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grounds to suspect that the goods have been dealt with in contravention of this Act, the officer must revoke the suspension:

(a) if the authority was given in respect of a documentary declaration, by:

(i) signing a notice stating that the suspension is revoked; and

(ii) serving a copy of the notice on the person to whom the notice of the suspension was given; or

(b) if the authority was given in respect of an electronic declaration or an ACEAN—by sending electronically, to the person to whom the message notifying the suspension was sent, a message stating that the suspension is revoked.

(8) A cancellation or suspension of an authority, or a revocation of a suspension of an authority, has effect from the time when the relevant notice is served or the relevant message is sent, as the case may be.

114D Goods to be dealt with in accordance with export entry

(1) The owner of goods in respect of which an export entry has been communicated to Customs:

(a) must, as soon as practicable after an authority to deal with the goods is granted, deal with the goods in accordance with the entry; and

(b) must not remove any of the goods from the possession of the person to whom they are delivered or of any person to whom they are subsequently passed in accordance with the entry unless the entry has been withdrawn, or withdrawn in so far as it applies to those goods.

Penalty: 10 penalty units.

(3) If excisable goods on which excise duty has not been paid have been delivered to a place prescribed for the purposes of paragraph 30(1)(d) and the export entry that applies to those goods is withdrawn, or withdrawn in so far as it applies to those goods, then:

(a) despite any implication to the contrary in subsection (1), the goods become, on the communication to Customs of the

withdrawal, goods under the Commissioner's control under section 61 of the *Excise Act 1901*; and

(b) the withdrawal constitutes a permission, under section 61A of that Act, to move the goods back to the place from which they were first moved in accordance with the entry.

(4) If goods are goods on which Customs duty is payable but has not been paid and the export entry that applies to those goods is withdrawn, or withdrawn in so far as it applies to those goods, then:

(a) despite any implication to the contrary in subsection (1), the goods remain under Customs control; and

(b) the withdrawal constitutes a permission, under section 71E, to move the goods back to the place from which they were first moved in accordance with the entry.

114E Sending goods to a wharf or airport for export

(1) A person (the ***deliverer***) commits an offence if the deliverer delivers goods to a person (the ***deliveree***) at a wharf or airport for export and:

(a) if the goods have been entered for export—neither of the following applies:

(i) an authority to deal with the goods is in force and the owner of the goods has, at or before the time of the delivery, given particulars of the authority to the deliveree in the prescribed manner;

(ii) the goods are, or are included in a class of goods that are, excluded by the regulations from the application of this section and the deliverer has, at or before the time of the delivery, given particulars of the goods to the deliveree in the prescribed manner; or

(b) if the goods are not required to be entered for export—the deliverer has not, at or before the time of the delivery, given particulars of the goods to the deliveree in the prescribed manner; or

(c) if the goods have not been entered for export—the deliveree fails to enter the goods for export within the prescribed period after the time of the delivery.

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(2) If the deliverer is a person referred to in subsection 117A(1), the prescribed manner of giving, for the purposes of subsection (1), particulars of goods to the deliveree is to give to the deliveree the submanifest number given to the deliverer by Customs under subsection 117A(3).

(3) The penalty for an offence against subsection (1) is a penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units.

(4) An offence against subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

114F Notices to Customs by person who receives goods at a wharf or airport for export

(1) This section applies to a person who takes delivery of goods for export at a wharf or airport other than a wharf or airport that is, or is included in a class of wharves or airports that is, excluded by the regulations from the application of this section.

(1A) The person must give notice to Customs electronically, within the period prescribed by the regulations, stating that the person has received the goods and giving such particulars of the receipt of the goods as are required by an approved statement.

(1B) If the goods are removed from the wharf or airport otherwise than for the purpose of being loaded onto a ship or aircraft for export, the person must give notice to Customs electronically, within the period prescribed by the regulations, stating that the goods have been removed and giving such particulars of the removal of the goods as are required by an approved statement.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1A) or (1B) commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units.

(3) An offence against subsection (2) is an offence of strict liability.

115 Goods not to be taken on board without authority to deal

(1) The owner of a ship or aircraft must not permit goods required to be entered for export to be taken on board the ship or aircraft for the purpose of export unless:

(a) an authority to deal with the goods is in force under section 114C; or

(b) the goods are, or are included in a class of goods that are, excluded by the regulations from the application of this section.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

(2) An offence against subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

116 What happens when goods entered for export by an export declaration are not dealt with in accordance with the export entry

(1) If:

(a) goods are entered for export by the making of an export declaration in respect of the goods; and

(b) none of the goods or some only of the goods have been exported in accordance with the entry at the end of a period of 30 days after the intended day of exportation notified in the entry;

the authority to deal with the goods in accordance with the entry, so far as it relates to goods not exported before the end of the period, is, at the end of the period, taken to have been revoked.

(2) If an authority to deal with goods entered for export is taken, under subsection (1), to have been totally or partially revoked, the owner of the goods must, within 7 days after the end of the period referred to in that subsection:

(a) if the authority to deal was taken to be totally revoked—withdraw the entry relating to the goods; and

(b) if the authority to deal was taken to be partially revoked—amend the entry so that it relates only to the goods exported before the end of the period.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

(3) An offence against subsection (2) is an offence of strict liability.

(4) If the owner of goods entered for export amends the original entry in accordance with paragraph (2)(b), the owner is, in accordance

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with subsection 119C(1), taken to have withdrawn the original entry but this Act has effect as if:

(a) the amended entry had been communicated to Customs; and

(b) an authority to deal with the goods to which the amended entry relates in accordance with the amended entry had been granted under section 114C;

on the day, or the respective days, on which the original entry was communicated and the original authority to deal was granted.

116A What happens when goods entered for export by the use of an ACEAN are not exported within 30 days

If:

(a) goods are entered for export by the use of an ACEAN; and

(b) the goods have not been exported within 30 days after the day on which the ACEAN was communicated to Customs;

the entry is taken to have been withdrawn and the ACEAN concerned cannot again be used to enter those goods or any other goods for export.

117 Security

The Collector may require the owner of any goods entered for export and subject to the control of the Customs to give security that the goods will be landed at the place for which they are entered or will be otherwise accounted for to the satisfaction of the Collector.

117AA Consolidation of certain goods for export can only occur at a prescribed place

(1) A person must not consolidate, or take part in the consolidation of, prescribed goods for export unless the consolidation is to be carried out at a place prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this section.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

(2) If prescribed goods are received at a place referred to in subsection (1) for the purpose of being consolidated for export, the

person in charge of the place must give notice electronically to Customs, within the prescribed period after the goods were received at the place, stating that the goods were received and setting out such particulars of the goods as are required by an approved statement.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

(3) The person in charge of a place referred to in subsection (1) must not permit prescribed goods to be released from the place unless the person has ascertained, from information made available by Customs, that:

(a) the goods have been entered for export; and

(b) an authority to deal with the goods is in force.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

(4) If prescribed goods have been released from a place referred to in subsection (1), the person in charge of the place must give notice electronically to Customs, within the prescribed period after the goods were released, stating that the goods were released and giving particulars of the entry and authority referred to in subsection (3) that relates to the goods.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

(5) An offence for a contravention of this section is an offence of strict liability.

117A Submanifests to be communicated to Customs

(1) The person in charge of the place at which the consolidation of goods for exportation by a ship or aircraft is to be carried out must, so as to enable the exportation, prepare and communicate electronically to Customs a submanifest in respect of the goods.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

(1A) An offence against subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

(2) A submanifest must communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement.

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(3) When a submanifest is sent to Customs, Customs must send to the compiler of the submanifest a notice acknowledging its receipt and giving the compiler a submanifest number for inclusion in any outward manifest purportedly relating to the goods concerned.

118 Certificate of Clearance

(1) The master of a ship or the pilot of an aircraft must not depart with the ship or aircraft from any port, airport or other place in Australia without receiving from the Collector a Certificate of Clearance in respect of the ship or aircraft.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

(1A) An offence against subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.

(2) The master of a ship or the pilot of an aircraft may apply to the Collector for a Certificate of Clearance in respect of the ship or aircraft.

(3) An application under subsection (2) must be in writing and must contain such information as is prescribed by the regulations.

(4) The master and the owner of a ship, or the pilot and the owner of an aircraft, that is at a port, airport or other place in Australia must:

(a) severally answer questions asked by an officer relating to the ship or aircraft and its cargo, crew, passengers, stores and voyage; and

(b) severally produce documents requested by an officer that relate to the ship or aircraft and its cargo; and

(c) comply with such requirements (if any) as are prescribed by the regulations.

(5) If a Certificate of Clearance has not been given to the master of a ship or the pilot of an aircraft within 24 hours after an application is made by the master or pilot under subsection (2), the master or pilot may apply to the CEO for a Certificate of Clearance. The decision of the CEO on the application is final.

(6) If, after an application to the CEO for a Certificate of Clearance is made under subsection (5), the CEO does not grant, or delays

granting, the Certificate of Clearance, the owner of the ship or aircraft is entitled, in a court of competent jurisdiction, to recover damages against the Commonwealth in respect of the failure to grant, or the delay in granting, the Certificate, if the court is satisfied that the failure or delay was without reasonable and probable cause.

(7) Except as provided in subsection (6), an action or other proceeding cannot be brought against the Commonwealth, or an officer of the Commonwealth, because of the failure to grant, or because of a delay in granting, a Certificate of Clearance.

119 Communication of outward manifest to Customs

(1) The master or the owner of a ship, or the pilot or the owner of an aircraft that departs from a port, airport or other place in Australia, must communicate electronically to Customs, not later than 3 days after the day of departure, an outward manifest:

(a) specifying all of the goods, other than goods prescribed for the purposes of section 120, that were loaded on board the ship or aircraft at the port, airport or other place; or

(b) if there were no goods of the kind to which paragraph (a) applies that were loaded on board the ship or aircraft at the port, airport or other place—making a statement to that effect.

(2) An outward manifest must contain such information as is set out in an approved statement.

(3) If subsection (1) is contravened in respect of a ship or aircraft, the master and the owner of the ship, or the pilot and the owner of the aircraft, each commit an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units.

(4) An offence against subsection (3) is an offence of strict liability.

119A Withdrawal of entries, submanifests and manifests

(1) At any time after an export entry, a submanifest or an outward manifest is communicated to Customs and before the goods to which it relates are exported, a withdrawal of the entry, submanifest or manifest may be communicated to Customs:

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(a) in the case of a withdrawal of an entry that was communicated to Customs by document—by document; or

(b) in any other case—electronically.

(2) A documentary withdrawal of an entry must:

(a) be communicated by the person by whom, or on whose behalf, the entry was communicated; and

(b) be communicated to Customs by giving it to an officer doing duty in relation to export entries; and

(c) be in an approved form; and

(d) contain such information as is required by the form; and

(e) be signed in a manner specified in the form.

(3) An electronic withdrawal of an entry, submanifest or manifest must communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement.

(4) A withdrawal of an entry, submanifest or manifest has effect when, in accordance with section 119D, it is communicated to Customs.

119B Effect of withdrawal

(1) When a withdrawal of an export entry takes effect, any authority to deal with the goods to which the entry relates is revoked.

(2) Despite the withdrawal of an entry, submanifest or manifest:

(a) a person may be prosecuted in respect of the entry, submanifest or manifest; and

(b) a penalty may be imposed on a person who is convicted of an offence in respect of the entry, submanifest or manifest;

as if it had not been withdrawn.

(3) The withdrawal of a documentary entry the original of which was sent or given to an officer does not entitle the person who communicated it to have it returned.

119C Change of electronic entries and change of submanifests and manifests treated as withdrawals

(1) If a person who has communicated an electronic export entry changes information included in that entry, the person is taken, at the time when an export entry advice is communicated in respect of the altered entry, to have withdrawn the entry as it previously stood.

(2) If a person who has communicated a submanifest or an outward manifest changes information included in the submanifest or manifest, the person is taken, at the time when an acknowledgment of the altered submanifest or altered manifest, as the case requires, is communicated, to have withdrawn the submanifest or manifest as it previously stood.

119D Notification of export entries, submanifests, manifests and withdrawals

(1) For the purposes of this Act, a documentary export entry, or a documentary withdrawal of such an entry, may be sent to an officer referred to in subsection 114(3) or 119A(2) in any manner prescribed and, when so sent, is taken to have been communicated to Customs at such time, and in such circumstances, as are prescribed.

(2) For the purposes of this Act, an electronic export entry, or an electronic withdrawal of such an entry, or a submanifest, an outward manifest, or a withdrawal of such a submanifest or manifest, that is sent to Customs is taken to have been communicated to Customs when an export entry advice or an acknowledgment of receipt of the submanifest, manifest or withdrawal is sent to the person who sent the entry, submanifest, manifest or withdrawal.

64 Section 122

Omit "and outward".

66 Paragraph 273GA(1)(bc)

After "cancel", insert "or suspend".

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Part 4

67 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *Air Cargo Automation System*)

Repeal the definition.

68 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *Applicable EXIT agreement*)

Repeal the definition.

69 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *cargo automation system*)

Repeal the definition.

70 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *COMPILE computer system*)

Repeal the definition.

71 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *COMPILE user agreement*)

Repeal the definition.

72 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *EXIT agreement*)

Repeal the definition.

73 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *EXIT computer system*)

Repeal the definition.

74 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *Identifying code*)

Repeal the definition.

75 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *PIN number*)

Repeal the definition.

76 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *Registered COMPILE user*)

Repeal the definition.

77 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *Registered EXIT user*)

Repeal the definition.

78 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *Sea Cargo Automation System*)

Repeal the definition.

79 Section 63A (definition of *registered user*)

Repeal the definition.

80 Subdivision B of Division 3 of Part IV

Repeal the Subdivision.

81 Division 4A of Part IV

Repeal the Division.

83 Division 3 of Part VI

Repeal the Division.

85 Subsection 234(2B)

Omit ", 70(7) or 77D(5)", substitute "or 70(7)".

86 Paragraph 234(8)(b)

Omit "Act; or", substitute "Act.".

87 Paragraph 234(8)(c)

Repeal the paragraph.

88 Section 234AC

Repeal the section.

89 Paragraphs 273GA(1)(aaaa) and (aaab)

Repeal the paragraphs.

90 Paragraphs 273GA(1)(aai), (aaj), (aak), (aal), (aam), (aan), (aao) and (aap)

Repeal the paragraphs.

91 Paragraphs 273GA(1)(ca) and (cb)

Repeal the paragraphs.

Part 5

92 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

> ***approved statement*** means a statement approved under section 4A.

93 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

> ***business rules*** means business rules made under section 273EB.

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94 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *commercial document*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

> ***commercial document***, in relation to goods, means a document or other record prepared in the ordinary course of business for the purposes of a commercial transaction involving the goods or the carriage of the goods, but does not include a record of any electronic transmission to or from Customs:
>
> (a) in respect of an import declaration, RCR, or warehouse declaration, relating to the goods or the withdrawal of such an import declaration, RCR or warehouse declaration; or
>
> (b) in respect of an export entry, submanifest, or outward manifest, relating to the goods or in respect of the withdrawal of such an entry, submanifest or manifest.

95 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *electronic*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

> ***electronic***, in relation to a communication, means the transmission of the communication by computer.

96 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

> ***month*** means one of the 12 months of the calendar year.

97 Subsections 99(2) and (3)

Repeal the subsections, substitute:

(2) Subject to sections 69 and 70, the holder of a warehouse licence must not permit warehoused goods to be delivered for home consumption unless:

(a) they have been entered for home consumption; and

(b) an authority to deal with them is in force.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

(3) Subject to section 96A, the holder of a warehouse licence must not permit goods to be taken from the warehouse for export unless:

(a) they have been entered for export; and

(b) an authority to deal with them is in force; and

(c) if the goods are, or are included in a class of goods that are, prescribed by the regulations—the holder of the relevant warehouse licence has ascertained, from information made available by Customs, the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b).

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

(4) An offence for a contravention of subsection (3) is an offence of strict liability.

97A At the end of Part V

Add:

102A Notices to Customs by holder of warehouse licence

(1) This section applies only to goods that are, or are included in a class of goods that are, prescribed by the regulations.

(2) If goods are released from a warehouse for export, the holder of the warehouse licence must give notice to Customs electronically, within the period prescribed by the regulations, stating that the goods have been released and giving such particulars of the release of the goods as are required by an approved statement.

(3) If goods that have previously been released from a warehouse for export are returned to the warehouse, the holder of the warehouse licence must give notice to Customs electronically, within the period prescribed by the regulations, stating that the goods have been returned and giving such particulars of the return of the goods as are required by an approved statement.

(4) A person who contravenes subsection (2) or (3) commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units.

(5) An offence against subsection (4) is an offence of strict liability.

98 Section 241

Repeal the section.

100 Part XVI (heading)

Repeal the heading, substitute:

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Part XVI—Regulations, by-laws and business rules

101 After section 273EA

Insert:

273EB Business rules

(1) The CEO may, in writing, make business rules that are to be complied with by persons who wish to enter into, or are parties to, import information contracts or export information contracts.

(2) The matters that may be dealt with by business rules include, but are not limited to:

(a) the qualifications to be held, and the conditions and standards to be complied with, by persons who wish to enter into, or are parties to, import information contracts or export information contracts; and

(b) the persons who are eligible to be chosen to carry out audits in respect of persons who wish to enter into such contracts.

(3) An instrument making, varying or revoking any business rules is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 46A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Part 6

102 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

arrival means:

(a) in relation to a ship—the securing of the ship for the loading or unloading of passengers, cargo or ship's stores; or

(b) in relation to an aircraft—the aircraft coming to a stop after landing.

103 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

cargo report means a report under section 64AB that is made in respect of the cargo to be unloaded from a ship at a port or from an aircraft at an airport.

104 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *cargo report processing charge*)

Repeal the definition.

105 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

> ***cargo reporter***, in relation to a ship or aircraft and in relation to a particular voyage or flight, means:
>
> (a) the operator or charterer of the ship or aircraft; or
>
> (b) a slot charterer in respect of the ship; or
>
> (c) a freight forwarder in respect of the ship or aircraft;
>
> for the voyage or flight.

106 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

> ***depot operator*** means a person who holds a depot licence as defined by subsection 77F(1).

107 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

> ***operator*** of a ship or aircraft for a particular voyage or flight means:
>
> (a) the shipping line or airline responsible for the operation of the ship or aircraft for the voyage or flight; or
>
> (b) if there is no such shipping line or airline, or no such shipping line or airline that is represented by a person in Australia—the master of the ship or the pilot of the aircraft.

108 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

> ***outturn report*** means a report under section 64ABAA.

110 Subparagraph 30(1)(a)(i)

Repeal the subparagraph.

111 Subparagraph 30(1)(ab)(i)

Repeal the subparagraph, substitute:

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(i) if they are unshipped—until they are delivered into home consumption in accordance with an authority under subsection 71(5); or

112 Subparagraph 30(1)(ac)(i)

Omit "until there has been compliance with a Collector's permit for their unshipment", substitute "until they are delivered into home consumption".

115 Section 63A (definition of *abbreviated cargo report*)

Omit "a computer", substitute "an electronic".

116 Section 63A (definition of *low value cargo*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

low value cargo means:

(a) cargo consigned from a particular mail-order house; or

(b) cargo comprising other goods of a kind prescribed by the regulations;

being cargo in relation to each single consignment of which section 68 does not apply because of paragraph 68(1)(f).

117 Section 63A (definition of *reportable document*)

Repeal the definition.

118 Sections 64 to 64ABB

Repeal the sections, substitute:

64 Impending arrival report

(1) This section applies to a ship or aircraft in respect of a voyage or flight to Australia from a place outside Australia.

(2) If the ship or aircraft is due to arrive at a port or airport in Australia (whether the first port or airport or any subsequent port or airport on the same voyage or flight), the operator must report to Customs, in accordance with this section, the impending arrival of the ship or aircraft.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), the report of the impending arrival of the ship or aircraft may be made by document or electronically.

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(4) If the operator is required to report to Customs under section 64AAB, or to make a cargo report, in respect of the voyage or flight, the report of the impending arrival of the ship or aircraft must be made electronically.

(5) A report of the impending arrival of a ship must be made:

(a) not earlier than 10 days before the time stated in the report to be the estimated time of arrival of the ship; and

(b) not later than the prescribed period before that time.

(6) For the purposes of paragraph (5)(b), the ***prescribed period*** before the estimated time of arrival of a ship is:

(a) if the journey from the last port is likely to take not less than 48 hours—48 hours or such other period as is prescribed by the regulations; or

(b) if the journey from the last port is likely to take less than 48 hours:

(i) 24 hours or such other period as is prescribed by the regulations; or

(ii) if the journey is of a kind described in regulations made for the purposes of this subparagraph—such shorter period as is specified in those regulations.

(7) A report of the impending arrival of an aircraft must be made:

(a) not earlier than 10 days before the time stated in the report to be the estimated time of arrival of the aircraft; and

(b) not later than the prescribed period before that time.

(8) For the purposes of paragraph (7)(b), the ***prescribed period*** before the estimated time of arrival of an aircraft is:

(a) if the flight from the last airport is likely to take not less than 3 hours—3 hours or such other period as is prescribed by the regulations; or

(b) if the flight from the last airport is likely to take less than 3 hours:

(i) one hour or such other period as is prescribed by the regulations; or

(ii) if the flight is of a kind described in regulations made for the purposes of this subparagraph—such shorter period as is specified in those regulations.

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(9) A documentary report must:

(a) be in writing; and

(b) be in an approved form; and

(c) be communicated to Customs by sending or giving it to an officer doing duty in relation to the reporting of ships or aircraft at the port or airport at which the ship or aircraft is expected to arrive; and

(d) contain such information as is required by the form; and

(e) be signed in a manner specified in the form.

(10) An electronic report must communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement.

(11) The CEO may approve different forms for documentary reports, and different statements for electronic reports, to be made under subsections (9) and (10) in different circumstances, by different kinds of operators of ships or aircraft or in respect of different kinds of ships or aircraft.

(12) An operator of a ship or aircraft who intentionally contravenes this section commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 120 penalty units.

(13) An operator of a ship or aircraft who contravenes this section commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units.

(14) An offence against subsection (13) is an offence of strict liability.

64AA Arrival report

(1) This section applies to a ship or aircraft in respect of a voyage or flight to Australia from a place outside Australia.

(2) When the ship or aircraft has arrived at a port or airport in Australia (whether the first port or airport or any subsequent port or airport on the same voyage or flight), the operator must report to Customs, in accordance with this section, particulars of the arrival of the ship or aircraft and the time of arrival.

(3) The report must be made:

(a) in the case of a ship—before:

(i) the end of 24 hours (disregarding any period that occurs on a Sunday or holiday) after the ship's arrival; or

(ii) the issue of a Certificate of Clearance in respect of the ship and the port;

whichever first happens; or

(b) in the case of an aircraft—before:

(i) the end of 3 hours after the aircraft's arrival; or

(ii) the issue of a Certificate of Clearance in respect of the aircraft and the airport;

whichever first happens.

(4) Subject to subsection (5), the report of the arrival of the ship or aircraft may be made by document or electronically.

(5) If the operator is required to report to Customs under section 64AAB, or to make a cargo report, in respect of the voyage or flight, the report of the arrival of the ship or aircraft must be made electronically.

(6) A documentary report must:

(a) be in writing; and

(b) be in an approved form; and

(c) be communicated to Customs by sending or giving it to an officer doing duty in relation to the reporting of ships or aircraft at the port or airport of arrival; and

(d) contain such information as is required by the form; and

(e) be signed in a manner specified in the form.

(7) An electronic report must communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement.

(8) The CEO may approve different forms for documentary reports, and different statements for electronic reports, to be made under subsections (6) and (7) in different circumstances, by different kinds of operators of ships or aircraft or in respect of different kinds of ships or aircraft.

(9) An operator of a ship or aircraft who intentionally contravenes this section commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 120 penalty units.

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(10) An operator of a ship or aircraft who contravenes this section commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units.

(11) An offence against subsection (10) is an offence of strict liability.

64AAA Report of stores and prohibited goods

(1) This section applies to a ship or aircraft in respect of a voyage or flight to Australia from a place outside Australia.

(2) When the ship or aircraft has arrived at a port or airport in Australia (whether the first port or airport or any subsequent port or airport on the same voyage or flight), the operator must report to Customs, in accordance with this section, particulars of the ship's stores or aircraft's stores and of any prohibited goods on board at the time of arrival.

(3) The report must be made:

(a) in the case of a ship—before:

(i) the end of 24 hours (disregarding any period that occurs on a Sunday or holiday) after the ship's arrival; or

(ii) the issue of a Certificate of Clearance in respect of the ship and the port;

whichever first happens; or

(b) in the case of an aircraft—before:

(i) the end of 3 hours after the aircraft's arrival; or

(ii) the issue of a Certificate of Clearance in respect of the aircraft and the airport;

whichever first happens.

(4) The report may be made by document or electronically.

(5) A documentary report must:

(a) be in writing; and

(b) be in an approved form; and

(c) be communicated to Customs by sending or giving it to an officer doing duty in relation to the reporting of ships or aircraft at the port or airport of arrival; and

(d) contain such information as is required by the form; and

(e) be signed in a manner specified in the form.

(6) An electronic report must communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement.

(7) The CEO may approve different forms for documentary reports, and different statements for electronic reports, to be made under subsections (5) and (6) in different circumstances, by different kinds of operators of ships or aircraft or in respect of different kinds of ships or aircraft.

(8) An operator of a ship or aircraft who intentionally contravenes this section commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 120 penalty units.

(11) In this section:

aircraft's stores and ***ship's stores*** have the meanings given by section 130C.

64AAB Notifying Customs of particulars of cargo reporters

(1) This section applies to a ship or aircraft in respect of a voyage or flight to Australia from a place outside Australia.

(2) A cargo reporter who has entered into an agreement or arrangement with another cargo reporter under which cargo for whose carriage the other cargo reporter is responsible is to be carried on the ship or aircraft during the voyage or flight must report to Customs, in accordance with this section, particulars of the other cargo reporter.

(3) A report must be made electronically and must communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement.

(4) A report must be made before the latest time by which a cargo report may be made.

(5) The CEO may approve different statements for reports to be made under this section in different circumstances or by different kinds of cargo reporters.

Note 5

(6) A cargo reporter who intentionally contravenes this section commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 120 penalty units.

(7) A cargo reporter who contravenes this section commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units.

(8) An offence against subsection (7) is an offence of strict liability.

64AAC Report to Customs of persons engaged to unload cargo

(1) This section applies to a ship or aircraft in respect of a voyage or flight to Australia from a place outside Australia.

(2) The operator must report to Customs, in accordance with this section, particulars of:

(a) in the case of a ship—the stevedore with whom the operator has entered into a contract for the unloading of the cargo from the ship at a place in Australia; or

(b) in the case of an aircraft—the depot operator who will first receive the cargo after it has been unloaded from the aircraft at a place in Australia.

(3) A report must be made electronically and must communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement.

(4) A report must be made during the period within which a report under section 64 of the impending arrival of the ship is required to be made.

(5) The CEO may approve different statements for electronic reports to be made under this section in different circumstances, by different kinds of operators of ships or aircraft or in respect of different kinds of ships or aircraft.

(6) An operator of a ship or aircraft who contravenes this section commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units.

(7) An offence against subsection (6) is an offence of strict liability.

64AB Cargo reports

(1) This section applies to a ship or aircraft in respect of a voyage or flight to Australia from a place outside Australia.

(2) If the ship or aircraft is due to arrive at a port or airport in Australia (whether the first port or airport or any subsequent port or airport on the same voyage or flight), each cargo reporter must report to Customs, in accordance with this section, particulars of all goods that the cargo reporter has arranged to be carried on the ship or aircraft on the voyage or flight and that are intended to be unloaded from the ship or aircraft at the port or airport other than:

(a) goods that are accompanied personal or household effects of a passenger or member of the crew; or

(b) ship's stores or aircraft's stores.

(3) A cargo report that is made by a person during the general moratorium period, or is made by a person during a further moratorium period that has been granted to the person, may be a documentary report or an electronic report.

(4) A cargo report to which subsection (3) does not apply must be an electronic report.

(5) If the information required by an approved form to be contained in a documentary cargo report, or required by an approved statement to be communicated electronically, refers to particulars of the consignor or consignee of goods:

(a) the reference in the form or statement to the consignor of goods is a reference to a supplier of goods who is located outside Australia and:

(i) initiates the sending of goods to a person in Australia; or

(ii) complies with a request from a person in Australia to send goods to the person; and

(b) the reference in the form or statement to the consignee of goods is a reference to the person who is the ultimate recipient of goods that have been sent from outside Australia, whether or not the person ordered or paid for the goods.

Note 5

(6) The CEO may approve different forms or statements for the cargo reports to be made in different circumstances or by different kinds of cargo reporters.

(7) The form or statement approved for a report by a special reporter in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind must not require the special reporter to include information relating to cargo of that kind at a level of specificity below the level of a submaster air waybill or an ocean bill of lading, as the case requires.

(8) A cargo report is to be made not later than:

(a) if the cargo is carried on a ship:

(i) 24 hours or such other period as is prescribed by the regulations; or

(ii) if the journey from the last port is of a kind described in regulations made for the purposes of this subparagraph—such shorter period as is specified in those regulations;

before the estimated time of arrival specified in the report under section 64 of the impending arrival of the ship; or

(b) if the cargo is carried on an aircraft:

(i) 2 hours or such other period as is prescribed by the regulations; or

(ii) if the flight from the last airport is of a kind described in regulations made for the purposes of this subparagraph—such shorter period as is specified in those regulations;

before the estimated time of arrival specified in the report under section 64 of the impending arrival of the aircraft.

(9) A cargo reporter who intentionally contravenes this section commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 120 penalty units.

(10) A cargo reporter who contravenes this section commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units.

(11) An offence against subsection (10) is an offence of strict liability.

(12) If:

(a) a cargo reporter who is required to make a cargo report in respect of particular goods commits an offence against this section because the report is not made before the time by which it was required by subsection (8) to be made; and

(b) that time occurs before the end of the general moratorium period or, if a further moratorium period is granted to the cargo reporter, before the end of the further moratorium period;

the cargo reporter is not liable to be prosecuted for the offence and an infringement notice cannot be served on the cargo reporter under Division 5 of Part XIII for the offence.

(13) The ***general moratorium period*** is the period of 6 months beginning on the date of commencement of this section.

(14) If:

(a) a cargo reporter applies to the CEO for the grant to the cargo reporter of a further moratorium period to have effect at the end of the general moratorium period; and

(b) the CEO is satisfied that the cargo reporter has, within the general moratorium period, made reasonable progress in:

(i) installing the facilities required for the making of electronic cargo reports; or

(ii) in putting in place business practices or entering into business arrangements to enable the making of electronic cargo reports;

the CEO may grant to the cargo reporter a ***further moratorium period*** of not more than 18 months beginning at the end of the general moratorium period.

(15) Nothing in this section affects the operation of Subdivision C.

(16) In this section:

aircraft's stores and ***ship's stores*** have the meanings given by section 130C.

64ABAA Outturn reports

(1) When cargo is unloaded from an aircraft at an airport, the depot operator whose particulars have been communicated to Customs

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by the operator of the aircraft under section 64AAC must communicate electronically to Customs an outturn report in respect of the cargo.

(2) When a container is unloaded from a ship at a port, the stevedore whose particulars have been communicated to Customs by the operator of the ship under section 64AAC must communicate electronically to Customs an outturn report in respect of the container.

(3) When cargo that is not in a container is unloaded from a ship, the stevedore whose particulars have been communicated to Customs by the operator of the ship under section 64AAC must communicate electronically to Customs an outturn report in respect of the cargo.

(4) When cargo unloaded from an aircraft or ship has been moved, under a permission given to the operator of the aircraft or ship, or to a cargo reporter, under section 71E, to a Customs place other than a warehouse, the person in charge of the Customs place must communicate electronically to Customs an outturn report in respect of the cargo.

(5) An outturn report must:

(a) if it is made under subsection (1), (3) or (4):

(i) specify any goods included in the cargo report that have not been unloaded or, if there are no such goods, contain a statement to that effect; and

(ii) specify any goods not included in the cargo report that have been unloaded or, if there are no such goods, contain a statement to that effect; and

(b) if it is made under subsection (2)—set out a list of the containers that have been unloaded; and

(c) in any case:

(i) be in accordance with an approved statement; and

(ii) state any times required by section 64ABAB; and

(iii) be made within the period or at the time required by that section.

(6) The CEO may approve different statements for the outturn reports to be made by stevedores, depot operators, or persons in charge of Customs places.

(7) The CEO or an officer may disclose a cargo report to a stevedore, a depot operator or a person in charge of a Customs place (other than a warehouse) for the purpose of enabling the stevedore, operator or person to communicate to Customs an outturn report in respect of the cargo.

(8) A person who intentionally contravenes this section commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 120 penalty units.

(9) A person who contravenes this section commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units.

(10) An offence against subsection (9) is an offence of strict liability.

(11) In this section:

Customs place has the meaning given by subsection 183UA(1).

64ABAB When outturn report is to be communicated to Customs

(1) In the case of cargo unloaded from an aircraft at an airport and received into a depot, the depot operator must communicate the outturn report to Customs within 24 hours, or such other period as is prescribed by the regulations, after the time of arrival of the aircraft as stated in the report under section 64AA.

(2) In the case of containers unloaded from a ship at a wharf, the stevedore must communicate outturn reports to Customs as follows:

(a) an outturn report, at the end of 3 hours, or such other period as is prescribed by the regulations, from the time when the first container is unloaded from the ship; and

(b) one or more further outturn reports at the end of each subsequent 3 hours, or such other period as is prescribed by the regulations, until the unloading of the containers has been completed.

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The first outturn report must state the time when the first container was unloaded and the last outturn report must state the time when the unloading of the containers was completed.

(3) In the case of cargo (not in containers) unloaded from a ship at a wharf, the stevedore must communicate the outturn report to Customs within 5 days, or such other period as is prescribed by the regulations, after the day on which the unloading of the cargo from the ship was completed. The outturn report must state the time when the unloading of the cargo was completed.

(4) In the case of cargo unloaded from a ship or aircraft and moved by the operator of the ship or aircraft, or by a cargo reporter, under section 71E to a Customs place (as defined in subsection 183UA(1)) other than a warehouse, the person in charge of the Customs place must communicate the outturn report to Customs:

(a) if the cargo is in a container:

(i) if the container is not unpacked at that place—within 24 hours (or such longer period as is prescribed by the regulations) after the person in charge of that place recorded the receipt of the container at that place; or

(ii) if the container is unpacked at that place—within 24 hours, or such other period as is prescribed by the regulations, after it was unpacked; or

(b) if the cargo is not in a container—not later than:

(i) the day after the day on which the person in charge of that place recorded a receipt of the cargo at that place; or

(ii) if a later time is prescribed by the regulations—that later time.

If the cargo is in a container that is unpacked at the Customs place, the outturn report must state the time when the unpacking of the cargo was completed.

64ABAC Explanation of shortlanded or surplus cargo

(1) If an outturn report specifies:

(a) any goods included in the cargo report that have not been unloaded; or

(b) any goods not included in the cargo report that have been unloaded;

the officer may require the cargo reporter who made the cargo report in relation to the goods to explain why the goods were not unloaded or were not included in the cargo report, as the case may be.

(2) If a cargo reporter in respect of whom a requirement is made under subsection (1) fails to comply with the requirement, the cargo reporter commits a offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units.

119 Section 64ABC

Repeal the section, substitute:

64ABC Liability for screening charge

A special reporter who communicates an abbreviated cargo report to Customs is liable to pay screening charge in respect of the report.

120 Section 64ABD

Repeal the section.

122 Sections 64AC and 64AD

Repeal the sections, substitute:

64AC Passenger report

(1) This section applies to a ship or aircraft in respect of a voyage or flight to Australia from a place outside Australia.

(2) If the ship or aircraft is due to arrive at a port or airport in Australia (whether the first port or airport or any subsequent port or airport on the same voyage or flight), the operator must, in accordance with this section, give a report to Customs with respect to the passengers who will be on board the ship or aircraft at the time of its arrival at the port or airport.

(3) The report may be made by document or electronically.

(4) A report in respect of a ship must be made not later than:

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(a) if the journey from the last port is likely to take not less than 48 hours—48 hours; or

(b) if the journey from the last port is likely to take less than 48 hours—24 hours;

before the time stated in the report made under section 64 to be the estimated time of arrival of the ship.

(5) A report in respect of an aircraft must be made not later than:

(a) if the flight from the last airport is likely to take not less than 3 hours—3 hours; or

(b) if the flight from the last airport is likely to take less than 3 hours—one hour;

before the time stated in the report made under section 64 to be the estimated time of arrival of the aircraft.

(6) A documentary report must:

(a) be in writing; and

(b) be in an approved form; and

(c) be communicated to Customs by sending or giving it to an officer doing duty in relation to the reporting of ships or aircraft at the port or airport at which the ship or aircraft is expected to arrive; and

(d) contain such information as is required by the form; and

(e) be signed in a manner specified in the form.

(7) An electronic report must communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement.

(8) The CEO may approve different forms for documentary reports, and different statements for electronic reports, to be made under subsections (6) and (7) in different circumstances, by different kinds of operators of ships or aircraft or in respect of different kinds of ships or aircraft.

(9) An operator of a ship or aircraft who intentionally contravenes this section commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 120 penalty units.

(10) An operator of a ship or aircraft who contravenes this section commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units.

(11) An offence against subsection (10) is an offence of strict liability.

64ACA Crew report

(1) This section applies to a ship or aircraft in respect of a voyage or flight to Australia from a place outside Australia.

(2) If the ship or aircraft is due to arrive at a port or airport in Australia (whether the first port or airport or any subsequent port or airport on the same voyage or flight), the operator must give a report to Customs, in accordance with this section, with respect to the members of the crew who will be on board the ship or aircraft at the time of its arrival at the port or airport.

(3) The report may be made by document or electronically.

(4) A report must be made during the period within which a report under section 64 of the impending arrival of the ship or aircraft is required to be made.

(5) However, a report in respect of an aircraft must not be made before the date of departure of the aircraft from the last airport outside Australia.

(6) A documentary report must:

(a) be in writing; and

(b) be in an approved form; and

(c) be communicated to Customs by sending or giving it to an officer doing duty in relation to the reporting of ships or aircraft at the port or airport at which the ship or aircraft is expected to arrive; and

(d) contain such information as is required by the form; and

(e) be signed in a manner specified in the form.

(7) An electronic report must communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement.

(8) The CEO may approve different forms for documentary reports, and different statements for electronic reports, to be made under subsections (6) and (7) in different circumstances, by different kinds of operators of ships or aircraft or in respect of different kinds of ships or aircraft.

Note 5

(9) An operator of a ship or aircraft who intentionally contravenes this section commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 120 penalty units.

(10) An operator of a ship or aircraft who contravenes this section commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units.

(11) An offence against subsection (10) is an offence of strict liability.

64AD Communication of reports to Customs

(1) For the purposes of this Act, a documentary report that is sent or given to Customs in accordance with section 64, 64AA, 64AAA, 64AB, 64AC or 64ACA may be sent or given to an officer referred to in that section in any prescribed manner and, when so sent or given, is taken to have been communicated to Customs when it is received by the officer.

(2) For the purposes of this Act, a report that is sent electronically to Customs under section 64, 64AA, 64AAA, 64AAB, 64AAC, 64AB, 64ABAA, 64AC or 64ACA is taken to have been communicated to Customs when an acknowledgment of the report is sent to the person identified in the report as the person sending it.

124 Subsection 64AE(1)

Omit "64AB or 64AC", substitute "64AAA, 64AB, 64AC or 64ACA".

125 Subsection 64AE(2)

Omit "64AB or 64AC", substitute "64AAA, 64AB, 64AC or 64ACA".

126 Section 67EA

Omit ", and of section 7 of the *Import Processing Charges Act 1997*".

127 Paragraphs 67EB(1)(a) and (b)

Repeal the paragraphs, substitute:

(b) the applicant does not satisfy Customs as mentioned in subsection (2) in relation to low value cargo of that kind; or

128 Subsection 67EB(2)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

(2) An applicant for registration as a special reporter in relation to low value cargo of a particular kind is taken to comply with this subsection if, and only if, the applicant satisfies Customs that:

(a) in a case of low value cargo consigned from a particular mail-order house to consignees in Australia—the applicant is likely to make cargo reports covering at least 1,000 such consignments per month from the mail-order house during the period of registration; or

(b) in a case of low value cargo of another prescribed kind consigned from a place outside Australia to a consignee in Australia—the applicant is likely to make cargo reports covering a number of consignments per month of that kind that is not less than the number specified in the regulations.

129 Paragraph 67EC(6)(b)

Repeal the paragraph.

130 Section 67EG

Omit "registered user" (wherever occurring), substitute "person".

131 Paragraph 67EK(3)(a)

Omit "15,000", substitute "3,000".

132 Paragraph 67EK(3)(b)

Repeal the paragraph.

133 Section 67EL

Omit "on the Sea Cargo Automation System or the Air Cargo Automation System".

134 Paragraph 67EM(1)(a)

Repeal the paragraph.

135 Subsection 67EM(9)

Repeal the subsection.

137 Subsection 71E(1)

Omit "by computer", substitute "electronically".

138 Subsections 71E(2A) and (3)

Repeal the subsections, substitute:

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(2A) If the goods have not been entered for home consumption or warehousing, a movement application may be made only by the operator of the ship or aircraft that carried the goods, by a cargo reporter in relation to the goods, or by a stevedore or depot operator who has possession of the goods.

(2B) A movement application under subsection (2A) must be made electronically.

(3) If a movement application is duly communicated to Customs, subsections (3AA) and (3AB) apply.

(3AA) An officer may direct the applicant to ensure that the goods are held in the place where they are currently located until the decision is made on the application.

(3AB) If a direction is not given under subsection (3AA), or a reasonable period has elapsed since the giving of such a direction to enable the making of an informed decision on the application, an officer must:

(a) if the application is a document movement application—by notice in writing to the applicant; or

(b) if the application is an electronic movement application—by sending a message electronically to the applicant;

do either of the following:

(c) give the applicant permission to move the goods to which the application relates in accordance with the application either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as are specified in the notice or message;

(d) refuse the application and set out in the notice or message the reasons for the refusal.

139 Subsection 71E(3A)

Omit "(3)", substitute "(3AB)".

140 After subsection 71E(3B)

Insert:

(3C) If a cargo report states that goods specified in the report are proposed to be moved from a Customs place to another Customs place, then, despite section 71L, the statement is taken to be a

movement application in respect of the goods duly made under this section.

(3D) In subsection (3C):

Customs place has the meaning given by subsection 183UA(1).

141 Sections 74 and 74A

Repeal the sections, substitute:

74 Officer may give directions as to storage or movement of certain goods

(1) If an officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that a report of the cargo made in respect of a ship or aircraft:

(a) has not included particular goods that are intended to be unloaded from the ship or aircraft at a port or airport in Australia; or

(b) has incorrectly described particular goods;

the officer may give written directions to the cargo reporter as to how and where the goods are to be stored, and as to the extent (if any) to which the goods may be moved.

(2) An officer who has given a written direction under subsection (1) may, by writing, cancel the direction if the officer is satisfied that a report of the cargo made in respect of the ship or aircraft has included, or correctly described, as the case may be, the goods.

(3) If an officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that particular goods in the cargo that is to be, or has been, unloaded from a ship or aircraft are prohibited goods, the officer may give written directions to:

(a) the cargo reporter; or

(b) the stevedore or depot operator whose particulars have been communicated to Customs by the operator of the ship or aircraft under section 64AAC;

as to how and where the goods are to be stored, and as to the extent (if any) to which the goods may be moved.

Note 5

(4) An officer who has given a written direction under subsection (3) may, by writing, cancel the direction if the officer is satisfied that the cargo does not contain prohibited goods.

(5) A person who intentionally contravenes a direction given to the person under subsection (1) or (3) commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 120 penalty units.

(6) A person who contravenes a direction given to the person under subsection (1) or (3) commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units.

(7) An offence against subsection (6) is an offence of strict liability.

142 Section 76

Omit "and landed under a Collector's permit".

Note: The heading to section 76 is altered by omitting "**on permit**".

143 At the end of Division 4 of Part IV

Add:

77AA Disclosure of information to cargo reporter or owner of goods

(1) If a cargo reporter in relation to goods that are on a ship or aircraft on a voyage or flight to a place in Australia requests Customs to inform the cargo reporter:

(a) whether a report of the impending arrival of the ship or aircraft has been made and, if so, the estimated time of arrival specified in the report; or

(b) whether a report of the arrival of the ship or aircraft has been made and, if so, the time of arrival;

Customs may comply with the request.

(2) If goods have been entered for home consumption or warehousing, Customs may, at the request of the owner of the goods, inform the owner of the stage reached by Customs in deciding whether or not to give an authority to deal with the goods.

(3) If a movement application has been made in respect of goods, Customs may, at the request of the owner of the goods, inform the owner of the stage reached by Customs in its consideration of the application.

(4) If goods have been entered for export by the making of an export declaration, Customs may, at the request of the owner of the goods, inform the owner of the stage reached by Customs in deciding whether or not to give an authority to deal with the goods.

(5) If a submanifest in respect of goods has been sent to Customs under section 117A, Customs may, at the request of the owner of the goods, inform the owner of the stage reached by Customs in preparing to give a submanifest number in respect of the submanifest.

145 Subsection 77K(5)

Omit all the words and paragraphs after "CEO", substitute "must not grant the licence unless the applicant has, at the proposed depot, facilities that would enable the applicant to communicate with Customs electronically".

150 After paragraph 273GA(1)(aaa)

Insert:

(aaaaa) a decision by the CEO under subsection 64AB(14) refusing to grant a further moratorium period;

As at 25 September 2002 the amendments are not incorporated in this compilation.

Note 6

Border Security Legislation Amendment Act 2002 (No. 64, 2002)

The following amendments commence on 5 December 2002 unless proclaimed earlier:

Schedule 1

1 Subsection 234AA(1)

Omit all the words before "a Collector" (first occurring), substitute:

Where a place:

(a) is to be used by officers:

(i) for questioning, for the purposes of this Act or of any other law of the Commonwealth, passengers

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disembarking from or embarking on a ship or aircraft; or

(ii) for examining, for such purposes, the personal baggage of such passengers; or

(iii) as a holding place for such passengers; or

(b) is covered by a notice under subsection (3);

2 Subsection 234AA(2)

Omit all the words from and including "state that", substitute:

indicate (whether in words or images) that the use of:

(a) cameras or sound recorders; or

(b) mobile phones or other electronic forms of communication;

at the place by unauthorized persons is prohibited by this Act.

3 At the end of section 234AA

Add:

(3) The CEO may publish a notice in the *Gazette* specifying, as an area to which this section applies, an area of an airport appointed under section 15.

(4) An area specified in such a notice must comprise one or more of the following areas:

(a) areas that are used by, or frequented by, passengers who have arrived in Australia until they have passed through the last point at which they or their baggage are normally subject to processing by officers;

(b) areas that are used by, or frequented by, passengers who are about to depart Australia after they have passed through the first point at which they are normally subject to processing by officers;

(c) areas that are in the vicinity of areas referred to in paragraph (a) or (b).

4 Subsection 234A(1)

Omit ", other than a passenger disembarking from, or embarking on, a ship or aircraft,".

5 Subsection 234A(1) (penalty)

Repeal the penalty, substitute:

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

6 After paragraph 234A(1A)(a)

Insert:

(ab) is a holder of a security identification card (within the meaning of section 213A) who enters into or is in the place for the purposes of his or her employment; or

7 At the end of subsection 234A(1A)

Add:

; or (c) is a member of a crew disembarking from, or embarking on, a ship or aircraft; or

(d) is a passenger disembarking from, or embarking on, a ship or aircraft; or

(e) is included in a class of persons whom the CEO determines, in writing, to be exempt from this section.

8 Paragraph 234AB(1)(a)

Omit all the words before "at a place", substitute:

not to use:

(i) a camera or sound recorder; or

(ii) a mobile phone or other electronic form of communication;

9 Subsection 234AB(4)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

(4) In any proceedings for the prosecution of a person for an offence against subsection (3), evidence that a sign indicating that the use of:

(a) cameras or sound recorders; or

(b) mobile phones or other electronic forms of communication;

at a place is prohibited by this Act was displayed at or near that place is prima facie evidence that the sign was so displayed in accordance with subsection 234AA(2).

10 After section 234AB

Insert:

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234ABA Officers may direct unauthorised persons to leave restricted areas

(1) An officer may direct a person to leave a place in relation to which a sign is displayed under subsection 234AA(1) if the officer reasonably believes that the person is in that place in contravention of section 234A.

(2) The officer may, either acting alone or with the assistance of one or more other officers or protective service officers, use reasonable force to remove the person from the area if the person refuses to leave when so directed.

(3) However, in removing the person, the officer (and the persons assisting) must not use more force, or subject him or her to greater indignity, than is necessary or reasonable.

(4) In this section:

protective service officer means a protective service officer within the meaning of the *Australian Protective Service Act 1987*.

Schedule 2

1 After Subdivision H of Division 1 of Part XII

Insert:

Subdivision HA—Information about people working in restricted areas or issued with security identification cards

213A Providing Customs with information about people working in restricted areas

(1) A person who employs or engages a restricted area employee must, within 7 days after doing so, provide to an authorised officer the required identity information in respect of the employee.

(2) If a person (the ***employer***):

(a) employs or engages another person after the commencement of this section; and

(b) at a later time the other person becomes a restricted area employee of the employer;

the employer must, within 7 days after that later time, provide to an authorised officer the required identity information in respect of the employee.

(3) If:

(a) a person (the ***employer***) employed or engaged another person before the commencement of this section; and

(b) the other person is a restricted area employee of the employer; and

(c) an authorised officer suspects on reasonable grounds that the other person has committed, or is likely to commit, an offence against a law of the Commonwealth;

the authorised officer may, in writing, request the employer to provide to the authorised officer, within 7 days after receiving the request, the required identity information in respect of the employee. The employer must comply with the request.

(4) A person does not comply with an obligation under subsection (1), (2) or (3) to provide information unless the person provides the information:

(a) in writing; or

(b) in such other form as the CEO determines in writing.

(5) A person commits an offence if the person fails to comply with subsection (1), (2) or (3).

Penalty: 30 penalty units.

(6) Subsection (5) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

(7) In this section:

required identity information, in relation to a person, means any one or more of the following:

(a) the name and address of the person;

(b) the person's date and place of birth;

(c) any other information prescribed by the regulations.

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restricted area employee means a person whose duties include working in an area covered by a notice under subsection 234AA(3), but does not include a person who is issued with a security identification card.

security identification card means a card of a kind specified in the regulations.

213B Providing Customs with information about people issued with security identification cards

(1) A person who issues a security identification card to another person in respect of an airport appointed under section 15 must, within 7 days after doing so, provide to an authorised officer the required identity information in respect of the person.

(2) If:

(a) before the commencement of this section, a person issued a security identification card to another person in respect of an airport appointed under section 15; and

(b) an authorised officer suspects on reasonable grounds that the other person has committed, or is likely to commit, an offence against a law of the Commonwealth;

the authorised officer may, in writing, request the person who issued the card to provide to the authorised officer, within 7 days after receiving the request, the required identity information in respect of the other person. The person so requested must comply with the request.

(3) A person does not comply with an obligation under subsection (1) or (2) to provide information unless the person provides the information:

(a) in writing; or

(b) in such other form as the CEO determines in writing.

(4) In this section:

required identity information has the meaning given by section 213A.

security identification card has the meaning given by section 213A.

Schedule 4

1 After paragraph 11(1)(aa)

Insert:

(ab) for the performance by all or any of the persons who from time to time hold office as Judges of the Supreme Court of that State of the functions of a judicial officer under Subdivision DA of Division 1 of Part XII, and under other provisions in so far as they relate to that Subdivision; and

2 After paragraph 11(2)(aa)

Insert:

(ab) for the performance by all or any of the persons who from time to time hold office as Judges of the Supreme Court of that Territory (and are not also Judges of the Federal Court of Australia or of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory) of the functions of a judicial officer under Subdivision DA of Division 1 of Part XII, and under other provisions in so far as they relate to that Subdivision; and

3 After subsection 64AB(3)

Insert:

(3AA) If a ship is due to arrive at its first port in Australia since it last called at any port outside Australia, the master or owner of the ship must communicate to Customs a report of any cargo on board the ship that is intended to be kept on board the ship for shipment on to a place outside Australia:

(a) if the journey from the last port is likely to take not less than 48 hours—not later than 48 hours before the ship's arrival at the port; and

(b) if the journey from the last port is likely to take less than 48 hours—not later than 24 hours before its arrival.

(3AB) If an aircraft is due to arrive at its first airport in Australia since it last departed from any airport outside Australia, the pilot or owner of the aircraft must communicate to Customs a report of any cargo on board the aircraft that is intended to be kept on board the aircraft for shipment on to a place outside Australia:

(a) if that report is made by document—3 hours after the arrival of the aircraft at the airport; or

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(b) if that report is made by computer—2 hours before the arrival of the aircraft at the airport.

(3AC) A person who intentionally contravenes subsection (3AA) or (3AB) commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 120 penalty units.

(3AD) A person who contravenes subsection (3AA) or (3AB) commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units.

(3AE) An offence against subsection (3AD) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

4 Subsection 64AB(3A)

Omit "subsection (2) or (3)", substitute "subsection (2), (3), (3AA) or (3AB)".

5 Subsection 64AB(4)

After "unshipped from", insert ", or kept on board,".

6 Subsection 64AB(5)

After "unshipped from", insert ", or kept on board,".

7 At the end of subsection 64AB(6)

Add "or different kinds of cargo".

8 Paragraph 64AB(7)(a)

Omit "subsection (2) or (3)", substitute "subsection (2), (3), (3AA) or (3AB)".

9 Subsection 64ABA(1)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

(1) At any time after a cargo report is communicated to Customs but before:

(a) if the report was under subsection 64AB(2) or (3)—the delivery of the goods into home consumption or warehousing covered by the report; or

(b) if the report was under subsection 64AB(3AA)—the ship leaves its last port in Australia before calling on a port outside Australia; or

(c) if the report was under subsection 64AB(3AB)—the aircraft leaves its last airport in Australia before arriving at an airport outside Australia;

the person who communicated the report to Customs may, by document or by computer, communicate a variation of the report to Customs.

10 Subsection 183UA(1) (at the end of the definition of *authorized person*)

Add:

; and (e) in relation to an application for, or the execution of, a seizure warrant under section 203DA—an officer of Customs.

11 Subsection 183UA(1) (definition of *judicial officer*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

judicial officer means:

(a) in relation to a search warrant, or to a seizure warrant under section 203:

(i) a magistrate; or

(ii) a justice of the peace or other person employed in a court of a State or Territory who is authorised to issue search warrants; or

(b) in relation to a seizure warrant under section 203DA:

(i) a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia or of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory in relation to whom a consent under subsection 183UD(1), and a nomination under subsection 183UD(2), are in force; or

(ii) a Judge of the Supreme Court of a State in respect of whom an appropriate arrangement in force under section 11 is applicable; or

(iii) a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory who is not a Judge referred to in subparagraph (i) and in respect of whom an appropriate arrangement in force under section 11 is applicable.

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12 Subsection 183UA(1) (definition of *seizure notice*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

seizure notice means:

(a) in relation to Subdivision G—a notice of the kind mentioned in section 205A; and

(b) in relation to Subdivision GA—a notice of the kind mentioned in section 209E.

13 Subsection 183UA(1) (at the end of the definition of *seizure warrant*)

Add "or 203DA".

14 Subsection 183UA(1)

Insert:

terrorist act means an action or threat of action where:

(a) the action falls within subsection (4) and does not fall within subsection (4A); and

(b) the action is done or the threat is made with the intention of advancing a political, religious or ideological cause; and

(c) the action is done or the threat is made with the intention of:

(i) coercing, or influencing by intimidation, the government of the Commonwealth or a State, Territory or foreign country, or of part of a State, Territory or foreign country; or

(ii) intimidating the public or a section of the public.

It is immaterial whether the action or threat, or any part of the action or threat or anyone or anything affected by the action or threat is within or outside Australia.

15 At the end of section 183UA

Add:

(4) For the purposes of the definition of ***terrorist act*** in subsection (1), action falls within this subsection if it:

(a) causes serious harm that is physical harm to a person; or

(b) causes serious damage to property; or

(ba) causes a person's death; or

(c) endangers a person's life, other than the life of the person taking the action; or

(d) creates a serious risk to the health or safety of the public or a section of the public; or

(e) seriously interferes with, seriously disrupts, or destroys, an electronic system including, but not limited to:

(i) an information system; or

(ii) a telecommunications system; or

(iii) a financial system; or

(iv) a system used for the delivery of essential government services; or

(v) a system used for, or by, an essential public utility; or

(vi) a system used for, or by, a transport system.

(4A) For the purposes of the definition of ***terrorist act*** in subsection (1), action falls within this subsection if it:

(a) is advocacy, protest, dissent or industrial action; and

(b) is not intended:

(i) to cause serious harm that is physical harm to a person; or

(ii) to cause a person's death; or

(iii) to endanger the life of a person, other than the person taking the action; or

(iv) to create a serious risk to the health or safety of the public or a section of the public.

(5) In subsections (4) and (4A):

(a) a reference to any person or property is a reference to any person or property wherever situated, within or outside Australia; and

(b) a reference to the public includes a reference to the public of a country other than Australia.

16 At the end of Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part XII

Add:

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183UD Judges who may issue seizure warrants for goods in transit

(1) A Judge of the Federal Court of Australia or of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory may, by writing, consent to be nominated by the Minister under subsection (2).

(2) The Minister may, by writing, nominate a Judge of a court referred to in subsection (1) in relation to whom a consent is in force under that subsection to be a judicial officer for the purposes of paragraph (b) of the definition of ***judicial officer*** in subsection 183UA(1).

17 Subsection 185B(8)

Omit "Subdivisions D and G (other than section 205G)", substitute "Subdivisions D, G and GA (other than sections 205G and 209I)".

18 At the end of section 186

Add:

(4) Goods that are subject to the control of Customs under section 31 do not cease to be subject to the control of Customs merely because they are removed from a ship or aircraft in the course of an examination under this section.

Note: The heading to section 203 is altered by inserting "**for forfeited goods**" after "**warrants**".

19 Subsection 203A(1)

After "that is in force", insert "under section 203".

Note: The heading to section 203A is altered by adding at the end "**for forfeited goods**".

20 After Subdivision D of Division 1 of Part XII

Insert:

Subdivision DA—Seizure of certain goods in transit

203DA When seizure warrants for goods in transit can be issued

(1) A judicial officer may issue a warrant to seize goods on or in particular premises if the judicial officer is satisfied by information on oath that the Minister has reasonable grounds for suspecting that:

(a) the goods are, or within the next 72 hours will be, on or in the premises; and

(b) the goods have been or will be brought into Australia on a ship or aircraft and are intended to be kept on board the ship or aircraft for shipment on to a place outside Australia, without being imported into Australia or exported from Australia; and

(c) the goods satisfy either or both of the following subparagraphs:

(i) the goods are connected, whether directly or indirectly, with the carrying out of a terrorist act, whether the terrorist act has occurred, is occurring or is likely to occur;

(ii) the existence or the shipment of the goods prejudices, or is likely to prejudice, Australia's defence or security or international peace and security.

(2) If a judicial officer issues a warrant, the judicial officer is to state in the warrant:

(a) a description of the goods to which the warrant relates; and

(b) a description of the premises on or in which the goods are believed to be located; and

(c) the name of the authorised person who, unless that authorised person inserts the name of another authorised person in the warrant, is to be responsible for executing the warrant; and

(d) the time at which the warrant expires (see subsection (3)); and

(e) whether the warrant may be executed at any time or only during particular hours.

(3) The time stated in the warrant under paragraph (2)(d) as the time at which the warrant expires must be a time that is not later than the end of the seventh day after the day on which the warrant is issued.

Example: If a warrant is issued at 3 pm on a Monday, the expiry time specified must not be later than midnight on Monday in the following week.

(4) The judicial officer is also to state in the warrant that it authorises the seizure of goods found on or in the premises in the course of

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the search that the executing officer or a person assisting believes on reasonable grounds to be special forfeited goods.

(5) Paragraph (2)(d) and subsection (3) do not prevent the issue of successive warrants in relation to the same premises.

(6) If the application for the warrant is made under section 203M, this section (other than subsection (3)) applies as if:

(a) subsection (1) referred to 48 hours rather than 72 hours; and

(b) paragraph (2)(d) required the judicial officer to state in the warrant the period for which the warrant is to remain in force, which must not be more than 48 hours.

(7) A judicial officer of a particular State or Territory may issue a warrant in respect of the seizure of goods on or in premises in another State or Territory.

203DB The things that are authorised by seizure warrants for goods in transit

(1) A seizure warrant that is in force under section 203DA in relation to premises authorises the executing officer or a person assisting:

(a) to enter the warrant premises; and

(b) to search for the goods described in the warrant; and

(c) to seize the goods described in the warrant; and

(d) to seize other goods:

(i) that are found on or in the premises in the course of searching for the goods the subject of the warrant; and

(ii) that the executing officer or a person assisting believes on reasonable grounds to be special forfeited goods.

(2) Without limiting the generality of the powers conferred by a warrant issued in respect of premises that are not a conveyance or a container, the warrant extends to every conveyance or container on the premises.

(3) Without limiting the generality of the powers conferred by a warrant issued in respect of premises that are a conveyance, the warrant:

(a) permits entry of the conveyance, wherever it is; and

(b) extends to every container on the conveyance.

(4) A warrant issued in respect of premises that are a container permits entry of the container, wherever it is, to the extent that it is of a size permitting entry.

(5) If the warrant states that it may be executed only during particular hours, the warrant must not be executed outside those hours.

21 Subsection 203G(5) (paragraph (a) of the definition of *a copy of the warrant*)

Omit "198 or 203", substitute "198, 203 or 203DA".

22 Subsection 203K(5)

Omit "198(1) or 203(1)", substitute "198(1), 203(1) or 203DA(1)".

23 Subsection 203M(4)

Omit "198 or 203", substitute "198, 203 or 203DA".

24 Before section 203T

Insert (in Subdivision G):

203SA Subdivision does not apply to seized transit goods

This Subdivision does not apply to goods that have been seized under a seizure warrant under section 203DA, except for goods seized under paragraph 203DB(1)(d) (which covers goods suspected of being special forfeited goods).

Note: For seized transit goods, see Subdivision GA.

25 After Subdivision G of Division 1 of Part XII

Insert:

Subdivision GA—Dealing with goods in transit seized under a section 203DA warrant

209B Subdivision applies to seized transit goods

This Subdivision applies to goods that have been seized under a seizure warrant under section 203DA, except for goods seized under paragraph 203DB(1)(d) (which covers goods suspected of being special forfeited goods).

Note: For other kinds of seized goods, see Subdivision G.

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209C Seized goods to be secured

An officer of Customs who seizes any goods to which this Subdivision applies must, as soon as practicable, take the goods to a place approved by a Collector as a place for the storage of goods of that kind.

209D Requirement to serve seizure notices

(1) The officer must serve, within 7 days after the seizure, a seizure notice on the owner of the goods or, if the owner cannot be identified after reasonable inquiry, on the person in whose possession or under whose control the goods were when they were seized.

(2) Subsection (1) applies whether or not an application for the return of the goods seized has been made under section 209F.

(3) The notice must be in writing and must be served:

(a) personally or by post; or

(b) if no person of the kind referred to in subsection (1) can be identified after reasonable inquiry—by publishing a copy of the notice in a newspaper circulating in the location in which the goods were seized.

(4) A seizure notice may be served on a person who is outside Australia.

209E Matters to be dealt with in seizure notices

A seizure notice must set out the following:

(a) a statement identifying the goods;

(b) the day on which they were seized;

(c) the ground, or each of the grounds, on which they were seized;

(d) a statement that, if an application for the return of the goods has not already been made, and is not made within 30 days after the day the notice is served, the goods will be taken to be condemned as forfeited to the Crown.

209F Application for return of seized goods

(1) The owner of the goods may, whether or not a seizure notice has yet been served on the owner, apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for the return of the goods.

(2) An application must be made no later than 30 days after a seizure notice is issued in respect of the goods.

(3) If the court finds that:

(a) the goods are not goods of the kind mentioned in subsection 203DA(1); and

(b) the goods were not used or otherwise involved in the commission of an offence against any law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory; and

(c) the person is the rightful owner of the goods;

the court must order that the goods be returned to the owner.

(4) Goods required to be so returned are required to be returned in a condition as near as practicable to the condition in which they were seized.

(5) If the court finds otherwise than as mentioned in subsection (3), the goods are condemned as forfeited to the Crown.

209G Status of goods seized if no application for return is made

If:

(a) a seizure notice has been served; and

(b) at the end of 30 days after the day on which the notice was served, no application has been made for return of the goods;

the goods are condemned as forfeited to the Crown.

209H Right of compensation for certain goods disposed of or destroyed

(1) Despite the disposal or destruction of goods taken to be condemned as forfeited to the Crown because no application for their return was made, a person may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction under this section for compensation.

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(2) A right to compensation exists if:

(a) the goods are not goods of the kind mentioned in subsection 203DA(1); and

(b) the goods were not used or otherwise involved in the commission of an offence against any law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory; and

(c) the person establishes, to the satisfaction of the court:

(i) that he or she is the rightful owner of the goods; and

(ii) that there were circumstances providing a reasonable excuse for the failure to apply for the return of the goods not later than 30 days after the day the seizure notice was served.

(3) If a right to compensation exists under subsection (2), the court must order the payment by the Commonwealth to the person of an amount equal to:

(a) if the goods have been sold—the proceeds of the sale; and

(b) if the goods have been destroyed or otherwise disposed of—the goods' market value at the time of their destruction or disposal.

209I Effect of forfeiture

When goods are condemned as forfeited to the Crown under this Subdivision, the title to the goods immediately vests in the Commonwealth to the exclusion of all other interests in the goods, and the title cannot be called into question.

209J Immediate disposal of unsafe goods

(1) If the CEO or a Regional Director for a State or Territory is satisfied that the retention of goods seized would constitute a danger to public health or safety, the CEO or Regional Director may cause the goods to be dealt with in such manner as he or she considers appropriate (including the destruction of the goods).

(2) As soon as practicable, but not later than 7 days after the goods have been dealt with, the CEO or Regional Director concerned must give or publish a notice in accordance with subsection (4).

(3) The notice must be in writing and must be served:

(a) personally or by post on the owner of the goods or, if the owner cannot be identified after reasonable inquiry, on the person in whose possession or under whose control the goods were when they were seized; or

(b) if no person of the kind referred to in paragraph (a) can be identified after reasonable inquiry—by publishing a copy of the notice in a newspaper circulating in the location in which the goods were seized.

(4) The notice must:

(a) identify the goods; and

(b) state that the goods have been seized under a seizure warrant under section 203DA and give the reason for the seizure; and

(c) state that the goods have been dealt with under subsection (1) and specify the manner in which they have been so dealt with and the reason for doing so; and

(d) set out the terms of subsection (5).

(5) If goods are dealt with in accordance with subsection (1), the owner of the goods may bring an action against the Commonwealth in a court of competent jurisdiction for the recovery of the market value of the goods at the time they were so dealt with.

(6) A right to recover the market value of the goods at the time they were dealt with in accordance with subsection (1) exists if:

(a) the goods were not goods of the kind mentioned in subsection 203DA(1); and

(b) the goods were not used or otherwise involved in the commission of an offence against any law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory; and

(c) the owner of the goods establishes, to the satisfaction of the Court, that the circumstances for them to be so dealt with did not exist.

(7) If a person establishes a right to recover the market value of the goods at the time they were dealt with, the Court must order the payment by the Commonwealth of an amount equal to that value at that time.

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209K Disposal of forfeited goods

(1) All goods that are condemned as forfeited to the Crown under this Subdivision must be dealt with and disposed of in accordance with the directions of the CEO.

(2) In particular, the CEO may direct that the goods be given to a relevant authority of a foreign country in order that the goods be used in an investigation or prosecution under the laws of that country.

(3) Subsection (2) does not limit the generality of subsection (1).

209L Service by post

For the purposes of the application of section 29 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* to the service by post of a seizure notice under section 209D or a notice under subsection 209J(3) on a person, such a notice posted as a letter addressed to that person at the last address of that person known to the sender is taken to be properly addressed.

26 Paragraph 229(1)(bb)

After "section 206", insert "or 209J".

27 Paragraph 229(1)(bb)

After "section 208D", insert "or 209K".

Schedule 5

1 Section 63A

Insert:

cargo, in relation to a ship or aircraft, includes any mail carried on the ship or aircraft.

2 Section 63A

Insert:

mail, in relation to a ship or aircraft, means:

(a) any goods consigned through the Post Office that are carried on the ship or aircraft; and

(b) any other correspondence carried on the ship or aircraft that is not consigned as cargo and that is not accompanied personal or household effects of a passenger or member of the crew.

Note: Correspondence covered by paragraph (b) would include, for example, an airline's inter-office correspondence that is carried on one of the airline's aircraft and that is not consigned as cargo.

3 After subsection 64AB(3A)

Insert:

(3AAA) Despite subsection (3A), to the extent that a cargo report relates to mail that is intended to be unshipped in Australia, the report must be made to Customs by computer.

4 After subsection 64ABA(1)

Insert:

(1A) Despite subsection (1), to the extent that a variation of a cargo report relates to mail that is intended to be unshipped in Australia, the variation must be communicated to Customs by computer, as if subsection 64AB(5) applied to the variation.

Schedule 6

1 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

approved statement means a statement approved under section 4A.

2 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

arrival means:

(a) in relation to a ship—the securing of the ship for the loading or unloading of passengers, cargo or ship's stores; or

(b) in relation to an aircraft—the aircraft coming to a stop after landing.

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3 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *electronic*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

electronic, in relation to a communication, means the transmission of the communication by computer.

4 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

operator of a ship or aircraft for a particular voyage or flight means:

(a) the shipping line or airline responsible for the operation of the ship or aircraft for the voyage or flight; or

(b) if there is no such shipping line or airline, or no such shipping line or airline that is represented by a person in Australia—the master of the ship or the pilot of the aircraft.

5 Sections 64AC and 64AD

Repeal the sections, substitute:

64ACA Passenger reports

Obligation to report on passengers

(1) The operator of a ship or aircraft that is due to arrive, from a place outside Australia, at a port or airport in Australia (whether it is the first or any subsequent port or airport of the voyage or flight) must report to Customs on the passengers who will be on board the ship or aircraft at the time of its arrival at the port or airport.

Note 1: This obligation (and the obligation in subsection (11)) must be complied with even if the information concerned is personal information (as defined in the *Privacy Act 1988*).

Note 2: See also section 64ACC, which deals with what happens if information has already been reported to the Migration Department.

Note 3: Section 64ACD contains an offence for failure to comply with this subsection.

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How report is to be given—certain operators to use an approved electronic system

(2) If one of the following paragraphs applies, the operator must give the report by the electronic system approved for the operator for the purposes of this subsection:

(a) the ship is on a voyage for transporting persons:

(i) that is provided for a fee payable by those using it; and

(ii) the operator of which is prescribed by the regulations;

and the CEO has, in writing, approved an electronic system for the operator for the purposes of this subsection;

(b) the aircraft is on a flight that is provided as part of an airline service:

(i) that is provided for a fee payable by those using it; and

(ii) that is provided in accordance with fixed schedules to or from fixed terminals over specific routes; and

(iii) that is available to the general public on a regular basis;

and the CEO has, in writing, approved an electronic system for the operator for the purposes of this subsection.

Note 1: An instrument approving an electronic system can be varied or revoked under subsection 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Note 2: An instrument approving an electronic system, or a variation or revocation of such an instrument, is a disallowable instrument—see subsection (10).

(3) However, if the approved electronic system is not working, then the operator must give the report as if subsection (4) applied.

How report to is be given—other operators

(4) The operator of any other ship or aircraft may give the report by document or electronically.

Deadline for giving report—ships

(5) If the report relates to a ship, it must be given not later than:

(a) if the journey from the last port outside Australia is likely to take not less than 48 hours—48 hours; or

(b) if the journey from the last port outside Australia is likely to take less than 48 hours—24 hours;

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before the time stated in the report made under section 64 to be the estimated time of arrival of the ship.

Deadline for giving report—aircraft

(6) If the report relates to an aircraft, it must be given not later than:

(a) if the flight from the last airport outside Australia is likely to take not less than 3 hours—3 hours; or

(b) if the flight from the last airport outside Australia is likely to take less than 3 hours—one hour;

before the time stated in the report made under section 64 to be the estimated time of arrival of the aircraft.

Other requirements for documentary reports

(7) If the report is given by document, it must:

(a) be in writing; and

(b) be in an approved form; and

(c) contain such information as is required by the form; and

(d) be signed in a manner specified in the form; and

(e) be communicated to Customs by sending or giving it to an officer doing duty in relation to the reporting of ships or aircraft at the port or airport at which the ship or aircraft is expected to arrive.

Other requirements for electronic reports

(8) If the report is given electronically (whether or not by an electronic system approved for the purposes of subsection (2)), it must communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement.

Different forms and statements for different circumstances etc.

(9) The CEO may approve different forms for documentary reports, and different statements for electronic reports, to be made under subsections (7) and (8) in different circumstances, by different kinds of operators of ships or aircraft or in respect of different kinds of ships or aircraft.

Approvals of electronic systems for the purposes of subsection (2) are disallowable instruments

(10) An instrument of approval of an electronic system for the purposes of subsection (2), or a variation or revocation of such an instrument, is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 46A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Obligation to pass information on to Migration Department

(11) As soon as practicable after information is reported under this section, Customs must provide the information to the Department administered by the Minister who administers the *Migration Act 1958*.

Purpose for which information obtained

(12) Information obtained by Customs:

(a) under this section; or

(b) under subsection 245L(6) of the *Migration Act 1958*;

is taken to be obtained by Customs for the purposes of the administration of this Act, the *Migration Act 1958*, and any other law of the Commonwealth prescribed by regulations for the purposes of this subsection.

64ACB Crew reports

Obligation to report on crew

(1) The operator of a ship or aircraft that is due to arrive, from a place outside Australia, at a port or airport in Australia (whether it is the first or any subsequent port or airport of the voyage or flight) must, in accordance with this section, report to Customs on the crew who will be on board the ship or aircraft at the time of its arrival at the port or airport.

Note 1: This obligation (and the obligation in subsection (8)) must be complied with even if the information concerned is personal information (as defined in the *Privacy Act 1988*).

Note 2: See also section 64ACC, which deals with what happens if information has already been reported to the Migration Department.

Note 3: Section 64ACD contains an offence for failure to comply with this subsection.

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How report is to be given

(2) The operator may give the report by document or electronically.

Deadline for giving report

(3) The report must be made during the period within which a report under section 64 of the impending arrival of the ship or aircraft is required to be made.

(4) However, a report in respect of an aircraft must not be made before the date of departure of the aircraft from the last airport outside Australia.

Other requirements for documentary reports

(5) If the report is given by document, it must:
  (a) be in writing; and
  (b) be in an approved form; and
  (c) contain such information as is required by the form; and
  (d) be signed in a manner specified in the form; and
  (e) be communicated to Customs by sending or giving it to an officer doing duty in relation to the reporting of ships or aircraft at the port or airport at which the ship or aircraft is expected to arrive.

Other requirements for electronic reports

(6) If the report is given electronically, it must communicate such information as is set out in an approved statement.

Different forms and statements for different circumstances etc.

(7) The CEO may approve different forms for documentary reports, and different statements for electronic reports, to be made under subsections (5) and (6) in different circumstances, by different kinds of operators of ships or aircraft or in respect of different kinds of ships or aircraft.

Obligation to pass information on to Migration Department

(8) As soon as practicable after information is reported under this section, the Australian Customs Service must provide the information to the Department administered by the Minister who administers the *Migration Act 1958*.

Purpose for which information obtained

(9) Information obtained by Customs:

(a) under this section; or

(b) under subsection 245L(6) of the *Migration Act 1958*;

is taken to be obtained by Customs for the purposes of the administration of this Act, the *Migration Act 1958*, and any other law of the Commonwealth prescribed by regulations for the purposes of this subsection.

64ACC Information does not have to be reported if it has already been reported to the Migration Department

(1) If:

(a) both:

(i) section 64ACA or 64ACB of this Act; and

(ii) section 245L of the *Migration Act 1958*;

require the same piece of information in relation to particular passengers or crew on a particular voyage or flight to be reported; and

(b) the operator has reported that piece of information in relation to those passengers or crew in accordance with that section of the *Migration Act 1958*;

the operator is then taken not to be required by section 64ACA or 64ACB of this Act (as the case requires) to report the same piece of information in relation to those passengers or crew.

Note: This may mean that no report at all is required under this Act.

(2) However, subsection (1) only applies if the report under the *Migration Act 1958* relates to the arrival of the ship or aircraft at the same port or airport for which this Act requires a report.

Note: So, for example, if a report under the *Migration Act 1958* is given for a ship's or aircraft's arrival in an external Territory that is not part of

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Australia for the purposes of this Act, subsection (1) does not apply and a complete report under this Act is required (even if some of the same passengers or crew are still on board).

64ACD Offence for failure to comply

(1) An operator of a ship or aircraft who intentionally contravenes section 64ACA or 64ACB commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 120 penalty units.

(2) An operator of a ship or aircraft who contravenes section 64ACA or 64ACB commits an offence punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding 60 penalty units.

(3) An offence against subsection (2) is an offence of strict liability.

Note: For ***strict liability***, see section 6.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

64ACE Communication of reports

(1) For the purposes of this Act, a documentary report that is sent or given to Customs in accordance with section 64, 64AA, 64AB, 64ACA or 64ACB may be sent or given in any prescribed manner and, when so sent or given, is taken to have been communicated to Customs when it is received by Customs.

(2) For the purposes of this Act, a report that is sent electronically to Customs under section 64, 64AA, 64AB, 64ACA or 64ACB is taken to have been communicated to Customs when an acknowledgment of the report is sent to the person identified in the report as the person sending it.

7 Subsection 64AE(1)

Omit "64AB or 64AC", substitute "64AB, 64ACA or 64ACB".

8 Subsection 64AE(2)

Omit "64AB or 64AC", substitute "64AB, 64ACA or 64ACB".

The following amendments commence immediately after 20 July 2003 unless proclaimed earlier:

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28 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *cargo report*)

Omit all the words after "the cargo", substitute "to be unloaded from, or kept on board, a ship at a port or an aircraft at an airport.".

29 After subsection 64AB(2)

Insert:

(2A) If the ship or aircraft is due to arrive at its first port, or airport, in Australia since it last called at a port, or departed from an airport, outside Australia, each cargo reporter must report to Customs, in accordance with this section, particulars of all goods that the cargo reporter has arranged to be carried on the ship or aircraft and that are intended to be kept on board the ship or aircraft for shipment on to a place outside Australia, other than:

(a) goods that are accompanied personal or household effects of a passenger or member of the crew; or

(b) ship's stores or aircraft's stores.

30 Paragraph 64AB(5)(a)

Before "the reference", insert "in the case of a report under subsection (2)—".

31 After paragraph 64AB(5)(a)

Insert:

(aa) in the case of a report under subsection (2A)—the reference in the form or statement to the consignor of goods is a reference to a supplier of goods who is located outside Australia and:

(i) initiates the sending of goods to a person in a place outside Australia; or

(ii) complies with a request from a person in a place outside Australia to send goods to the person; and

32 Paragraph 64AB(5)(b)

Before "the reference", insert "in any case—".

The following amendments commence immediately before 20 July 2003 unless proclaimed earlier:

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Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Act 2001

10 Item 92 of Schedule 3

Repeal the item.

11 Item 95 of Schedule 3

Repeal the item.

12 Item 102 of Schedule 3

Repeal the item.

13 Item 107 of Schedule 3

Repeal the item.

14 Item 122 of Schedule 3

Repeal the item, substitute:

122 Subsection 64ACE(1)

After "64AA,", insert "64AAA,".

122A Subsection 64ACE(2)

Omit "to Customs under section 64, 64AA, 64AB,", substitute "to Customs under section 64, 64AA, 64AAA, 64AAB, 64AAC, 64AB, 64ABAA,".

15 Items 124 and 125 of Schedule 3

Repeal the items, substitute:

124 Subsection 64AE(1)

After "64AA,", insert "64AAA,".

125 Subsection 64AE(2)

After "64AA,", insert "64AAA,".

As at 25 September 2002 the amendments are not incorporated in this compilation.

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Application, saving or transitional provisions

Customs Amendment Act (No. 1) 1997 (No. 3, 1997)

Schedule 1

8 Application

The amendment of the *Customs Act 1901* made by item 7 applies in relation to all functions in respect of which a Collector makes an arrangement under section 28 of that Act after the commencement of that item.

11 Application

The amendments of the Customs Act 1901 made by items 1, 2, 4, 9, 10, 13, 14, 23 and 24 apply in relation to all cargo reports made under section 64AB of that Act after the commencement of those items.

16 Saving provision—entries under subsection 71A(1) of the Customs Act 1901

In spite of the repeal and remaking of subsection 71A(1) of the *Customs Act 1901* by item 15, any communication to Customs before that item comes into force that is an import entry within the meaning of that subsection as in force immediately before the commencement of that item is to be taken to continue to be such an entry within the meaning of that subsection as remade by that item.

22 Application

The amendments of the *Customs Act 1901* made by items 3, 5, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 apply in relation to all import entries (including altered import entries) transmitted or given to Customs under section 71A of that Act after the commencement of those items.

27 Application

The amendment of the *Customs Act 1901* made by item 26 applies in relation to all applications for a refund of duty made after the commencement of that item.

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Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 1997 (No. 97, 1997)

Schedule 1

40 Application provision for eligibility items

The amendments of the *Customs Act 1901* made by items 6, 10 to 19, 21 and 22 of this Schedule apply only in relation to diesel fuel:

(a) that is purchased before the day on which those items commence and in respect of which an application for diesel fuel rebate is not received under section 164 of that Act before, on, or within 3 months after, that day; or

(b) that is purchased on or after that day.

41 Application provision for modernisation items

The amendments of the *Customs Act 1901* made by the items of this Schedule, other than items 6, 10 to 19, 21 and 22, apply only in relation to diesel fuel in respect of which an application for diesel fuel rebate is made under section 164 of that Act on or after the day on which those first-mentioned items commence (whether the fuel was purchased before or after that day).

Customs Legislation (Anti-dumping Amendments) Act 1998 (No. 79, 1998)

Schedule 4

1 Definitions for the purposes of application, transitional and saving provisions generally

In this Schedule:

ADA Act means the *Anti-Dumping Authority Act 1988*.

affected party has the same meaning as in Part XVB of the Customs Act.

Authority means the Anti-Dumping Authority established by section 4 of the ADA Act.

CEO has the same meaning as in the Customs Act.

Customs Act means the *Customs Act 1901*.

Dumping Duty Act means the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975*.

importer has the same meaning as in Part XVB of the Customs Act.

interim duty has the same meaning as in Part XVB of the Customs Act.

negative preliminary decision has the same meaning as in Part XVB of the Customs Act.

negative preliminary finding, in relation to goods the subject of an application under section 269TB of the Customs Act, means a preliminary finding, under that Act, to the effect that:

(a) there are not sufficient grounds for publication of a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice in respect of such goods; or

(b) there will not be sufficient grounds for such publication after the importation into Australia of such goods.

positive preliminary finding, in relation to goods the subject of an application under section 269TB of the Customs Act, means a preliminary finding, under that Act, to the effect that:

(a) there are sufficient grounds for publication of a dumping duty notice or a countervailing duty notice in respect of such goods; or

(b) there will be sufficient grounds for such publication after the importation into Australia of such goods.

public record has the same meaning as in Part XVB of the Customs Act.

reviewable decision has the same meaning as in Division 9 of Part XVB of the Customs Act.

Review Officer has the same meaning as in Part XVB of the Customs Act.

transfer day means the day on which the items in Schedule 1 (other than item 39) commence.

2 Application provision

(1) The Customs Act, as amended by this Act, applies in relation to:

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(a) all applications under section 269TB of that Act as so amended for publication of dumping duty notices or countervailing duty notices; and

(b) all applications under Division 4 of Part XVB of the Customs Act as so amended for assessment of the duty payable under the Dumping Duty Act on goods on which an interim duty has been or is paid, whether that interim duty was paid before, or is paid on or after, the transfer day; and

(c) all applications, under Division 5 of Part XVB of the Customs Act as so amended, for review of anti-dumping measures, whether those measures were imposed before, or are imposed on or after, the transfer day; and

(d) all applications, under Division 6 of Part XVB of the Customs Act as so amended, for the accelerated review of dumping duty notices or countervailing duty notices, whether those notices were published before, or are published on or after, the transfer day; and

(e) all applications, under Division 6A of Part XVB of the Customs Act as so amended, for continuation of anti-dumping measures, whether those measures were imposed before, or are imposed on or after, the transfer day; and

(f) all applications, under Division 9 of Part XVB of the Customs Act as so amended, for the review of reviewable decisions within the meaning of that Division made on or after the transfer day.

(2) Nothing in subitem (1) implies that the Customs Act as amended by this Act does not apply in any additional circumstance where it is expressed to apply because of the operation of item 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7.

3 Transitional provisions—decisions concerning rejection of applications under section 269TB of the Customs Act

(1) If, before the transfer day:

(a) an application is made under section 269TB of the Customs Act as then in force; but

(b) the CEO has neither made a decision to reject, nor made a decision not to reject, that application;

then:

(c) the application is to be treated, for all purposes, on and after that day, as if it were an application made under the Customs Act as amended by this Act; and

(d) the ADA Act does not apply in respect of that application.

(2) If, before the transfer day

(a) an application is made under section 269TB of the Customs Act as then in force; and

(b) the CEO decides to reject that application; and

(c) the applicant refers the decision to the Authority for review; but

(d) that review is not completed;

then:

(e) the review is to continue to be dealt with by the Authority, on and after that day, under section 8 of the ADA Act; and

(f) if the Authority confirms the decision—the application lapses; and

(g) if the Authority revokes the decision—an investigation in respect of the application is to be initiated under the Customs Act as amended by this Act as if:

(i) the Customs Act as so amended had been in force when the application was made; and

(ii) the CEO had decided not to reject the application.

(3) If, before the transfer day:

(a) an application is made under section 269TB of the Customs Act as then in force; and

(b) the CEO decides to reject that application; and

(c) the applicant does not refer the decision to the Authority for review;

then:

(d) the application is to be dealt with, on and after that day, for all purposes (including working out time limits for a possible review of that decision by the Review Officer) as if the Customs Act as amended by this Act had been in force when the application was made; and

(e) the ADA Act does not apply in respect of the application.

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4 Transitional provisions—Customs investigations that have not resulted in a preliminary finding before transfer day

(1) If:

(a) an application is made under section 269TB of the Customs Act as in force before the transfer day; and

(b) the CEO has initiated an investigation in respect of that application but has not, before that day, made a preliminary finding; and

(c) not more than 100 days have passed since the initiation of the investigation;

the investigation is to be treated, on and after that day, for all purposes, as if it had, at all times, been an investigation, under the Customs Act as amended by this Act, in respect of an application made under the Customs Act as so amended.

(2) For the purposes of so treating the investigation, and without limiting the generality of subitem (1):

(a) the time limits for the making of a preliminary affirmative determination, the placing of a statement of essential facts on the public record, and the making of a report in respect of the investigation to the Minister, under the Customs Act as amended by this Act, are to be worked out from the date of the actual initiation of the investigation under the Customs Act as in force before the transfer day; and

(b) if a preliminary affirmative determination is so made, securities may be imposed in accordance with subsection 269TD(3) of the Customs Act as so amended.

5 Transitional provisions—Customs investigations terminated before transfer day

(1) If:

(a) an application is made under section 269TB of the Customs Act as in force before the transfer day; and

(b) the CEO has initiated an investigation in respect of that application but decides, before that day, to terminate that investigation under section 269TDA of that Act as so in force; and

(c) not more than 100 days have passed between the initiation of the investigation and the making of that decision; and

(d) the applicant, before that day, refers the decision to the Authority for review under section 7A of the ADA Act but that review is not completed before that day;

then:

(e) the review is to continue to be dealt with by the Authority, on and after that day, under the ADA Act; and

(f) if the Authority confirms the decision—the investigation lapses; and

(g) if the Authority rejects the decision—the investigation is to be remitted to the CEO to be dealt with in accordance with subitem (2).

(2) If an investigation is remitted to the CEO in the circumstances set out in subitem (1):

(a) subject to paragraphs (b) and (c), the investigation is to be dealt with in the same manner as if it were an investigation in respect of an application made under section 269TB of the Customs Act as amended by this Act; and

(b) if, when the investigation is remitted, more than 110 days have passed since the date of initiation of the investigation—the CEO must place the statement of essential facts relating to the investigation on the public record as soon as practicable after the investigation is remitted; and

(c) the report on the investigation that is required to be made to the Minister is, in circumstances to which paragraph (b) applies, required to be so made within 45 days after the placing of the statement of essential facts on the public record.

6 Transitional provisions—positive preliminary finding made by CEO before transfer day

(1) If, before the transfer day:

(a) an application is made under section 269TB of the Customs Act as then in force; and

(b) the CEO makes a positive preliminary finding in respect of the application;

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the CEO must, if he or she has not already done so;

(c) give public notice of that finding; and

(d) refer the question whether the publication of the notice sought in the application is justified to the Authority for determination under the ADA Act.

(2) If public notice of the finding is given on or after the transfer day, it is required to be given in accordance with section 269ZI of the Customs Act as in force immediately before that day.

(3) For the purposes of the operation of the ADA Act in respect of the referral of the question referred to in paragraph (1)(d), that referral is treated as having taken place under subsection 269TD(2) of the Customs Act as in force immediately before the transfer day, whether it took place before, or takes place on or after, that day.

Note: The determination of a question referred to the Authority under subsection 7(1) of the ADA Act may involve the exercise of termination powers under section 7B of that Act or the acceptance of an undertaking under section 7C of that Act.

7 Transitional provisions—negative preliminary findings made by CEO before transfer day

(1) If, before the transfer day:

(a) an application is made under section 269TB of the Customs Act as then in force; and

(b) the CEO makes a negative preliminary finding in respect of the application; and

(c) the applicant refers the finding to the Authority for review; but

(d) that review is not completed;

then:

(e) the review is to continue to be dealt with by the Authority, on and after that day, under section 8 of the ADA Act; and

(f) if the Authority confirms the finding—the investigation lapses; and

(g) if the Authority rejects the finding—the investigation is, despite the terms of subsection 8(2) of the ADA Act, to be remitted to the CEO.

(2) If, before the transfer day:

(a) an application is made under section 269TB of the Customs Act as then in force; and

(b) the CEO makes a negative preliminary finding in respect of the application; and

(c) the applicant does not refer the finding to the Authority for review; but

(d) the period for so referring the finding has not expired;

then:

(e) the applicant may refer the finding to the Authority as if the amendments of the Customs Act made by this Act had not been made; and

(f) if the applicant does so, the review is to be dealt with by the Authority, under section 8 of the ADA Act; and

(g) if the Authority confirms the finding—the investigation lapses; and

(h) if the Authority rejects the finding—the investigation is, despite the terms of subsection 8(2) of the ADA Act, to be remitted to the CEO.

(3) If an investigation is remitted to the CEO in the circumstances set out in subitem (1) or (2):

(a) subject to paragraphs (b) and (c), the investigation is to be dealt with in the same manner as if it were an investigation of an application made under section 269TB of the Customs Act as amended by this Act; and

(b) if, when the investigation is remitted, more than 110 days have passed since the date of initiation of the investigation—the CEO must place the statement of essential facts relating to the investigation on the public record as soon as practicable after the investigation is remitted; and

(c) the report on the investigation that is required to be made to the Minister is, in circumstances to which paragraph (b) applies, required to be so made within 45 days after the placing of the statement of essential facts on the public record.

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8 Transitional provisions—applications for assessment of duty

(1) If, before the transfer day:

(a) an application is made under section 269V of the Customs Act as then in force requesting an assessment of duty on goods entered for home consumption during a particular importation period; and

(b) the CEO has not made a decision under subsection 269X(6) in relation to that application;

then, for the purpose of the CEO's dealing with that application on and after that day, Division 4 of the Customs Act as in force before that day continues to apply in relation to the CEO's consideration of the application as if the amendments of the Customs Act made by items 63, 64, 65 and 66 of Schedule 1 to this Act had not been made.

(2) If, before the transfer day:

(a) an application is made under section 269V of the Customs Act as then in force requesting an assessment of duty on goods entered for home consumption during a particular importation period; and

(b) the CEO has made a negative preliminary decision in relation to that application; and

(c) the applicant refers the negative preliminary decision to the Authority for review; but

(d) the review is not completed;

then:

(e) the review is to continue to be dealt with by the Authority, on and after that day, under section 8B of the ADA Act; and

(f) section 269Y of the Customs Act has effect, on and after that day, in relation to any recommendation received by the Minister from the Authority, as if the amendment of that section made by item 69 of Schedule 1 to this Act had not been made.

(3) If, before the transfer day:

(a) an application is made under section 269V of the Customs Act as then in force requesting an assessment of duty on

goods entered for home consumption during a particular importation period; and

(b) the CEO has made a negative preliminary decision in relation to that application; and

(c) the applicant does not refer the decision to the Authority for review; but

(d) the period for so referring the decision has not expired;

then:

(e) with effect from the transfer day, the applicant's right to refer the decision to the Authority for review is terminated but the applicant may instead, within the time limit that would have applied for so referring the decision, apply instead to the Review Officer to review the decision; and

(f) if the applicant does so, the review is to be dealt with by the Review Officer under Division 9 of the Customs Act as amended by this Act as if it were a review, sought in accordance with the requirements of that Division, of a decision made under the Customs Act as amended by this Act.

9 Saving provision—review of interim duty

If, before the transfer day:

(a) interim duty has been paid under the Dumping Duty Act on goods entered for home consumption under the Customs Act as in force before that day; and

(b) the CEO has received an application from an affected party, or a notice from the Minister, under Division 5 of Part XVB of the Customs Act as so in force, requesting a review of the rate of interim duty imposed on those goods;

that Division of the Customs Act as so in force continues to apply, on and after that day, in respect of that review as if the amendments of the Customs Act made by this Act had not been made.

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Customs (Anti-dumping Amendments) Act 1999 (No. 26, 1999)

Schedule 1

20 Application provisions

(1) Despite the amendments of the *Customs Act 1901* (the ***Customs Act***) made by items 1, 2 and 3 of this Schedule, the Customs Act, as in force immediately before the day on which those items commence, continues to apply in relation to applications under subsection 269TB(1) or (2) of that Act that were made before that day as though those amendments had not been made.

(2) Any notice given by the Minister under subsection 269TG(1) or (2), 269TH(1) or (2), 269TJ(1) or (2) or 269TK(1) or (2) of the Customs Act on or after 1 January 1993 is taken to have effect, and at all times on or after 1 January 1993 to have had effect, as if it had been given under that subsection as amended and in force from time to time.

Customs Amendment Act (No. 1) 1999 (No. 108, 1999)

Schedule 1

3 Application

Subsection 71(2A) of the *Customs Act 1901* applies to goods if:

(a) the goods arrive in Australia on or after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent; or

(b) information relating to the goods is provided as described in subsection 71(2) of the *Customs Act 1901* on or after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

5 Application

Subsection 132(4) of the *Customs Act 1901* applies to goods imported on or after 1 September 1992.

6 Amounts paid as duty

(1) This item applies to goods described in subsection 71(1) of the *Customs Act 1901* that arrived in Australia on or after 1 September 1992 but before the commencement of this item.

(2) The amount of duty payable on the goods, taking into account the amendment of section 132 of the *Customs Act 1901* made by this Schedule, is taken to have been reduced, at the time of the payment or collection of an amount described in subitem (3), by so much of that amount as does not exceed the amount of duty.

(3) This subitem describes an amount paid or collected as duty on the goods on or after 1 September 1992 but before the commencement of this item.

Customs Amendment (Temporary Importation) Act 1999 (No. 109, 1999)

Schedule 1

2 Application

Subsection 162A(5A) of the *Customs Act 1901* applies to goods whether they were delivered under section 162A of that Act, or brought into Australia, before, on or after the commencement of that subsection.

Customs Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1999 (No. 142, 1999)

Schedule 1

9 Import entries taken to have been withdrawn under section 71J of the Customs Act

If an import entry is taken to have been withdrawn under section 71J of the *Customs Act 1901* as in force before the date of commencement of item 4 of this Schedule, that import entry is to be treated, on and after that date, as if it were taken to have been withdrawn under section 71F(1A) of the *Customs Act 1901* as amended by this Act.

10 Saving actions taken in reference to application for refund or rebate

(1) If, immediately before the commencing day:

(a) a person has:

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(i) altered an electronic copy of an import entry as a step in making an application for a refund or rebate of duty in respect of goods covered by the entry; or

(ii) altered an electronic copy of an import entry as such a step and paid the application fee (if any) associated with the making of such an application; and

(b) the person has not communicated the altered import entry to Customs; but

(c) the time for making such an application had not expired before that day;

the person's actions in modifying that import entry and paying any such application fee have effect, on and after the commencing day as if they were actions taken in accordance with the Principal Act as amended by the items in this Schedule and with the regulations made for the purposes of the Principal Act as so amended.

(2) In this item:

commencing day means the day on which the items in Part 1 commence.

Principal Act means the *Customs Act 1901*.

11 Application: subsection 163(1B) of the *Customs Act 1901*

Subsection 163(1B) of the *Customs Act 1901* as amended by this Schedule applies to an application regardless of whether it was made before or after the commencement of this Schedule.

Schedule 2

6 Application

Section 132AA of the *Customs Act 1901* applies to goods imported after the commencement of that section.

Schedule 3

131 Agents licences continue as broker's licences

(1) An agents licence that was in force immediately before the commencement of this Schedule continues in force as a broker's licence as if it had been granted under the *Customs Act 1901* (as amended by this Schedule) immediately after the commencement of this Schedule.

(2) This item does not prevent:

(a) the suspension or cancellation of such a licence; or

(b) the alteration or endorsement of such a licence; or

(c) the variation of an endorsement on such a licence.

132 Continuing membership of the Committee

(1) A person who was a member of the National Customs Agents Licensing Advisory Committee immediately before the commencement of this Schedule is a member of the National Customs Brokers Licensing Advisory Committee immediately after the commencement of this Schedule.

(2) A person who is a member of the National Customs Brokers Licensing Advisory Committee because of subitem (1) holds that office for the period for which the person would have been a member of the National Customs Agents Licensing Advisory Committee apart from this Schedule.

Border Protection Legislation Amendment Act 1999 (No. 160, 1999)

Schedule 2

51 Transitional and saving provisions for this Part

(1) For the purposes of the definition of ***Commonwealth ship*** in subsection 4(1) of the *Customs Act 1901*, the ensign prescribed for a class of ships consisting of ships of a kind described in regulations in force for the purposes of section 59 of that Act immediately before the commencement of this Schedule is the ensign prescribed by those regulations for a ship of that kind.

(2) Subitem (1) ceases to have effect on the commencement of regulations made under the *Customs Act 1901* prescribing ensigns for the purposes of the definition of ***Commonwealth ship*** in subsection 4(1) of that Act.

(3) For the purposes of the definition of ***Commonwealth aircraft*** in subsection 4(1) of the *Customs Act 1901*, the ensign and insignia prescribed for a class of aircraft consisting of aircraft of a kind described in regulations in force for the purposes of section 59 of that Act immediately before the commencement of this Schedule are the

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ensign and insignia prescribed by those regulations for an aircraft of that kind.

(4) Subitem (3) ceases to have effect on the commencement of regulations made under the *Customs Act 1901* prescribing ensigns for the purposes of the definition of ***Commonwealth aircraft*** in subsection 4(1) of that Act.

(5) Despite the amendment made by this Part to subsection 185(4) of the *Customs Act 1901*, that subsection continues to apply in relation to offences committed before the commencement of this Part as if the amendment had not been made.

A New Tax System (Indirect Tax and Consequential Amendments) Act 1999 (No. 176, 1999)

Schedule 2

7 Application

The amendments of subsection 71F(6) of the *Customs Act 1901* made by this Part apply in relation to import entries communicated to Customs after the commencement of this Part.

9 Saving of regulations

Regulations that were made for the purposes of subsection 162A(1) of the *Customs Act 1901* and in force immediately before the amendment of that subsection by this Part continue in force as if they had been made for the purposes of that subsection as amended by this Part. This does not prevent amendment or repeal of the regulations.

11 Saving of permissions

A permission granted under subsection 162A(2) of the *Customs Act 1901* and in force immediately before the commencement of the amendments of section 162A of that Act by this Part continues in force as if the permission had been granted under that section as amended by this Part.

15 Application

The amendments of section 162A of the *Customs Act 1901* made by this Part apply in relation to the delivery of goods after the commencement of the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999*.

19 Application

The amendment of section 70 of the *Customs Act 1901* made by this Part applies in relation to goods delivered for home consumption after the commencement of this Part.

22 Application

The amendments of section 71B of the *Customs Act 1901* made by this Part apply in relation to goods entered for home consumption after the commencement of this Part.

24 Application

The amendment of section 77D of the *Customs Act 1901* made by this Part applies to goods taken into home consumption under a permission granted under that section after the commencement of this Part.

26 Application

The amendment of section 77E of the *Customs Act 1901* made by this Part applies in relation to goods entered for home consumption after the commencement of this Part.

32 Application

The amendment of subsection 71F(6) of the *Customs Act 1901* made by this Part applies in relation to import entries communicated to Customs after the commencement of this Part.

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Customs Legislation Amendment (Criminal Sanctions and Other Measures) Act 2000 (No. 23, 2000)

5 Saving provision

Despite the amendment of sections 203R, 203S, 205D and 205E of the *Customs Act 1901* made by items 1, 2, 3 and 4, those provisions continue to apply in relation to things seized before the day on which those items commence as if the amendments made by those items had not been made.

11 Application provision

The amendments of the *Customs Act 1901* made by items 8, 9 and 10 apply only in relation to a person:

(a) who is detained under section 219Q of that Act; or

(b) to whom section 219R of that Act applies by force of section 219P of that Act;

after the commencement of those items.

Timor Gap Treaty (Transitional Arrangements) Act 2000 (No. 25, 2000)

4 The transition time

In this Act:

transition time means 1.23 am Australian Central Standard Time on 26 October 1999.

Note: This time corresponds to the time in New York when the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 1272 (1999), which established UNTAET and gave it responsibility for the administration of East Timor. In 2000 the text of the Resolution was available in the Library of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and accessible on the Internet through the Department's or the United Nations' world-wide web site.

5 Validity of things done by the Ministerial Council and the Joint Authority

(1) Any thing done by the Ministerial Council or the Joint Authority, during the period commencing on the transition time and ending

on 5.55 pm Australian Central Standard Time on 10 February 2000, is not invalid:

(a) merely because the Republic of Indonesia ceased to be a party to the Treaty, and UNTAET became a party to the Treaty, at the transition time; or

(b) merely because of an invalidity in the membership of the Ministerial Council or the Joint Authority.

(2) In this section:

Joint Authority and ***Ministerial Council*** have the meanings given them by subsection 5(1) of the *Petroleum (Timor Gap Zone of Cooperation) Act 1990*.

Treaty has the meaning given by subsection 5(1) of the *Petroleum (Australia-Indonesia Zone of Cooperation) Act 1990* (as in force immediately before the transition time).

UNTAET means the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor.

6 Protection against retrospective criminal liability

A person does not commit an offence if the person would not have committed the offence had the amendments made by the items in Schedules 1 and 2 (other than items 18 to 25 of Schedule 2) commenced on the day on which this Act received the Royal Assent (rather than commencing at the transition time).

7 Preservation of immunity from prosecution

If a person would have had an immunity from proceedings under subsection 9A(3) of the *Crimes at Sea Act 1979* but for the amendments made by items 5 and 6 of Schedule 2 commencing retrospectively at the transition time, the person has that immunity by virtue of this section.

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Criminal Code Amendment (Theft, Fraud, Bribery and Related Offences) Act 2000 (No. 137, 2000)

Schedule 2

418 Transitional—pre-commencement offences

(1) Despite the amendment or repeal of a provision by this Schedule, that provision continues to apply, after the commencement of this item, in relation to:

(a) an offence committed before the commencement of this item; or

(b) proceedings for an offence alleged to have been committed before the commencement of this item; or

(c) any matter connected with, or arising out of, such proceedings;

as if the amendment or repeal had not been made.

(2) Subitem (1) does not limit the operation of section 8 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

419 Transitional—pre-commencement notices

If:

(a) a provision in force immediately before the commencement of this item required that a notice set out the effect of one or more other provisions; and

(b) any or all of those other provisions are repealed by this Schedule; and

(c) the first-mentioned provision is amended by this Schedule;

the amendment of the first-mentioned provision by this Schedule does not affect the validity of such a notice that was given before the commencement of this item.

Taxation Laws Amendment Act (No. 8) 2000 (No. 156, 2000)

Schedule 2

25 Application

(2) The rest of the amendments made by this Schedule apply, and are taken to have applied, to importations into Australia on or after 1 July 2000.

Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Act 2001 (No. 24, 2001)

4 Application of amendments

(1) Subject to subsection (3), each amendment made by this Act applies to acts and omissions that take place after the amendment commences.

(2) For the purposes of this section, if an act or omission is alleged to have taken place between 2 dates, one before and one on or after the day on which a particular amendment commences, the act or omission is alleged to have taken place before the amendment commences.

Taxation Laws Amendment (Excise Arrangements) Act 2001 (No. 25, 2001)

Schedule 3

9 Transitional provision—previously approved forms

Any form that:

(a) immediately before the commencement of this item, was a form approved under section 4A of the *Customs Act 1901*; and

(b) before that commencement, was used in connection with the diesel fuel rebate;

is taken, after that commencement, to be a form approved as mentioned in section 388-50 in Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*.

Table A

90 Transitional provision—matters already the subject of action under Part XII

The amendments of subsection 183UA(1) of the *Customs Act 1901* made by items 85 to 89 of this Schedule do not apply, after the commencement of this item, to anything done under Part XII of that Act that relates to a matter in relation to which anything had already been done, before that commencement, under that Part.

96 Transitional provision—existing Customs prosecutions

The amendment of section 244 of the *Customs Act 1901* made by item 95 of this Schedule does not apply to any Customs prosecution instituted before the commencement of this item.

100 Transitional provision—existing applications

The amendment of section 273GA of the *Customs Act 1901* made by item 99 of this Schedule does not affect the consideration of any application made under section 273GA of that Act before the commencement of this item.

102 Transitional provision—existing applications

The amendment of the *Customs Act 1901* made by item 101 of this Schedule does not apply to a decision in relation to which an application was made under section 273GA of that Act before the commencement of this item.

Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Act 2001 (No. 95, 2001)

Schedule 1

2 Saving

To avoid doubt, the amendment of paragraph 30(1)(d) of the *Customs Act 1901* made by item 1 does not affect the validity of any regulations in force for the purpose of that paragraph immediately before the commencement of that item.

Schedule 2

5A Saving

Despite the repeal by item 5 of sections 243T, 243U and 243V of the *Customs Act 1901*, those sections continue to apply in respect of statements made before the repeal.

Schedule 3

82 Saving—COMPILE computer system

(1) A communication to Customs of information referred to in subsection 71A(1) of the *Customs Act 1901* that is effected by means of the COMPILE computer system, after the commencement of this item and before the repeal of Division 4A of Part IV of that Act by item 81 of this Schedule takes effect, is an import declaration for the purposes of that Act as that Act applies after the commencement of Part 2 of this Schedule.

(2) A communication to which subitem (1) applies may be sent only by a registered COMPILE user as the owner, or on behalf of the owner, of the goods concerned.

(3) The following documents are not commercial documents for the purposes of the *Customs Act 1901*:

(a) a record of the transmission to or from Customs, after the commencement of this item and before the repeal of Division 4A of Part IV of that Act by item 81 of this Schedule takes effect, under the COMPILE computer system in respect of an import declaration, an RCR, or a warehouse declaration, relating to goods;

(b) a record of the withdrawal of such an import declaration, RCR or warehouse declaration.

84 Saving—EXIT computer system

(1) A communication to Customs of information about goods intended for export that is effected by means of the EXIT computer system, after the commencement of this item and before the repeal of Division 3 of Part VI of the *Customs Act 1901* by item 83 of this Schedule takes effect, is an export declaration for the purposes of that Act as that Act applies after the commencement of Part 3 of this Schedule.

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(2) A communication to which subitem (1) applies may be sent only by a registered EXIT user.

(3) The following documents are not commercial documents for the purposes of the *Customs Act 1901*:

(a) a record of the transmission to or from Customs, after the commencement of this item and before the repeal of Division 3 of Part VI of that Act by item 83 of this Schedule takes effect, under the EXIT computer system in respect of an export declaration, a submanifest, or an outward manifest, relating to goods;

(b) a record of the withdrawal of such a declaration, submanifest or manifest.

The following provisions commence on 20 July 2003 unless proclaimed earlier:

Schedule 1

8 Application

Section 165 of the *Customs Act 1901* as amended by this Part does not apply:

(a) in relation to a short levy, refund or rebate made or paid before the commencement of this Part; or

(b) in relation to a short levy or erroneous refund that results from the review under section 161L of that Act of a decision or determination that was made before the commencement of this Part.

Schedule 3

45 Saving

Subsection 167(3A) of the *Customs Act 1901* as in force immediately before the commencement of this Part continues to apply in respect of computer import entries made by a registered COMPILE user before the repeal of Division 4A of Part IV of the *Customs Act 1901* by item 81 of this Schedule.

99 Saving

Section 241 of the *Customs Act 1901* continues to apply in respect of transmissions referred to in that section that have been or are made before the repeals of Division 4A of Part IV and Division 3 of Part VI of that Act by items 81 and 83, respectively, of this Schedule take effect.

121 Saving

Section 64ABD of the *Customs Act 1901*, and any arrangements in force under that section immediately before its repeal by item 120 of this Schedule, continue to apply in respect of any charge that was imposed by the repealed *Import Processing Charges Act 1997* before its repeal by item 1 of Schedule 4 and for which a person became liable before the repeal.

Border Protection (Validation and Enforcement Powers) Act 2001
(No. 126, 2001)

4 Definitions

In this Part:

Commonwealth officer includes a person who:

(a) is in the service or employment of the Commonwealth or an authority of the Commonwealth; or

(b) holds or performs the duties of any office or position under a law of the Commonwealth; or

(c) is a member of the Australian Defence Force.

validation period means the period starting on 27 August 2001 and ending at the beginning of the day on which this Act commences.

vessel has the same meaning as in the *Migration Act 1958*.

5 Action to which this Part applies

This Part applies to any action taken during the validation period by the Commonwealth, or by a Commonwealth officer, or any

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other person, acting on behalf of the Commonwealth, in relation to:

(a) the *MV Tampa*; or

(b) the *Aceng*; or

(c) any other vessel carrying persons in respect of whom there were reasonable grounds for believing that their intention was to enter Australia unlawfully; or

(d) any person who was on board a vessel mentioned in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) at any time during the validation period (whether or not the action was taken while the person was on board the vessel).

6 Action to which this Part applies taken to be lawful

All action to which this Part applies is taken for all purposes to have been lawful when it occurred.

7 No proceedings in respect of action to which this Part applies

(1) Proceedings, whether civil or criminal, may not be instituted or continued in any court, in respect of action to which this Part applies, against:

(a) the Commonwealth; or

(b) a Commonwealth officer; or

(c) any other person who acted on behalf of the Commonwealth in relation to the action.

(2) This section applies to:

(a) the institution of proceedings on or after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent; and

(b) the continuation, on or after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent, of proceedings that were instituted on or before that day.

8 Compensation for acquisition of property

(1) If:

(a) this Part would result in an acquisition of property; and

(b) any provision of this Part would not be valid, apart from this section, because a particular person has not been compensated;

the Commonwealth must pay that person:

(c) a reasonable amount of compensation agreed on between the person and the Commonwealth; or

(d) failing agreement—a reasonable amount of compensation determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(2) Any damages or compensation recovered, or other remedy given, in a proceeding begun otherwise than under this section must be taken into account in assessing compensation payable in a proceeding begun under this section and arising out of the same event or transaction.

(3) In this section:

acquisition of property has the same meaning as in paragraph 51(xxxi) of the Constitution.

9 Jurisdiction of High Court

Nothing in this Part is intended to affect the jurisdiction of the High Court under section 75 of the Constitution.

Cybercrime Act 2001 (No. 161, 2001)

Schedule 2

31 Application of amendments

The amendments made by this Schedule apply to warrants issued after the commencement of this Schedule.

Table A

Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme Amendment Act 2002 (No. 46, 2002)

Schedule 1

5 Application provision

The amendments of the *Customs Act 1901* made by items 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this Schedule apply only in relation to diesel fuel that is purchased on or after 1 July 2002.

Border Security Legislation Amendment Act 2002 (No. 64, 2002)

Schedule 9

3 Saving—existing authorisations remain in effect

An authorisation that was in effect for the purposes of paragraph (c) or (d) of the definition of ***Officer of Customs*** in subsection 4(1) of the *Customs Act 1901* immediately before the commencement of this Schedule continues in effect after that time as though it had been made for the purposes of subparagraph (c)(i) or (d)(i) (respectively) of that definition as amended by this Schedule.

The following provision commences on 5 December 2002 unless proclaimed earlier:

Schedule 6

6 Saving—regulations

Regulations that were in effect for the purposes of section 64AD of the *Customs Act 1901* immediately before the commencement of this item continue to have effect after that time as if they had been made for the purposes of section 64ACE of that Act, as in force after that time.

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