



AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS NOTICE NO. 2006/21

Changes to Import Processing Charges

The Australian Government has announced changes to Customs import declaration processing charges for goods imported by air, sea and post.

The increase follows the Governments decision to increase the import entry threshold for goods imported by air and sea from \$250 to \$1,000, which took effect from October 2005.

The new charges are contained in the *Import Processing Charges Regulations 2006*, which are made under the *Import Processing Charges Act 2001*, and will take effect on 10 May 2006.

The revised schedule of charges is summarised in the table below.

Schedule of Integrated Cargo System Cost Recovery Charges		
Item	Proposed Charge	Paid By
Import (N10) and warehouse (N20) declaration charges		
Sea (electronic)	\$50.00 per declaration	The owner, when the declaration is communicated to Customs
Air and post (electronic)	\$40.20 per declaration	
Manual documentary import (N10) and warehouse (N20) declaration charges		
Sea (documentary)	\$65.75 per declaration	The owner, when the declaration is communicated to Customs
Air and post (documentary)	\$48.85 per declaration	
Periodic declaration processing charges	\$1,275 per declaration	The owner, as above
Request for cargo release (RCR) processing charge	\$9.40 per RCR	The owner
Depot licence application charge		
	\$3,000 per application	New applicants
	\$1,500 annual fee for depots with less than 300 transactions per annum.	Depots with less than 300 transactions p.a.
	\$4,000 annual fee for all other depots	All other depots
Depot licence variation charge	\$300 depot license variation charge	All depots

Import declaration (N30 Warehoused goods) fee		
Electronic	\$23.20 per declaration	The owner of warehoused goods, on making an import declaration
Documentary	\$60 per declaration	
Manual cargo reporting charges <i>(to be discontinued after statutory moratorium on mandatory electronic reporting of cargo reports under section 64AB of the Customs Act 1901)</i>		
Sea	\$2.60 per manifest line	The cargo handler, on reporting airway bill
Air	\$3.00 per house or straight line airway bill	

The above schedule of charges will apply to transactions processed through the Integrated Cargo System from and including 10 May 2006.

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