



Customs Legislation Amendment (Import Processing Charges) Bill 2005

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Purpose

The Customs Legislation Amendment (Import Processing Charges) Bill 2005 ('the Bill') will repeal the self-assessed clearance declaration and the screening charge.

Background

This Bill is one of a package of two Bills to restructure import processing charges paid by people importing goods into Australia. This Bill will repeal the self-assessed clearance declaration and the screening charge. The other Bill, the Import Processing Charges Amendment Bill 2005, will increase the amount of the import declaration and the warehouse declaration processing charges. For further details on the background relevant to both Bills, especially in relation to restructuring the import processing charges, please refer to the separate Bills Digest prepared for the 'Import Processing Charges Amendment Bill 2005'.¹

Main Provisions

Schedule 1 of the Bill makes all the relevant amendments to the *Customs Act 1901* and the *Import Charges Act 2001* which are necessary to repeal the provisions relating to the self-assessed clearance declaration charge and the screening charge.

The individual items contained in Schedule 1 have various commencement dates determined with respect to the commencement dates of various provisions in the *Customs Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 2002*, the *Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Act 2001*, the *Customs Legislation (Application of International Trade Modernisation and Other Measures) Act 2004*, the *Import Processing Charges Act 2001* and the *Import Processing Charges (Amendment and Repeal) Act 2002*.

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Endnotes

- 1 R. Bell and T. John, 'Import Processing Charges Bill 2005', Bills Digest, No. 173, 2004–05 Parliamentary Library, Canberra.

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