

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

**Question No. 113**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 17 February 2006:**

Provide a list of all fees and charges levied on industry by ACS, outlining:

- a) Cost-triggering event
- b) What the charge is used for?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

A schedule of all Customs cost recovery charges and fees are listed in the attached schedule (Attachment 1).

- (a) Refer Attachment 1, column 3.
- (b) As per Attachment 1 comprising:
  - Import processing charges are used for the commercial aspect of the import processing activities, increased quarantine intervention and container examination facility logistics cost.
  - Broker and warehouse licencing fee revenue is used for the administration of broker and warehouse licencing.
  - Sale of publication revenue is used for the costs of printing and distribution of material provided by subscription.

<b>SCHEDULE OF ALL CUSTOMS COST RECOVERY CHARGES</b>		
<b>IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES</b>		
(b) Import Processing Charges are used for the commercial aspect of the Import Processing activities, Increased Quarantine Intervention and Container Examination Facility logistics costs.		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Charge</b>	<b>(a) Triggering Event</b>
<b>IMPORT (N10) AND WAREHOUSE (N20) DECLARATION CHARGES</b>		
Sea (electronic)	\$49.50 per declaration	The owner, when the declaration is communicated to Customs
Air and post (electronic)	\$30.10 per declaration	
<b>Manual documentary import (N10) and warehouse (N20) declaration charges</b>		
Sea (documentary)	\$65.75 per declaration	The owner, when the declaration is communicated to Customs
Air and post (documentary)	\$48.85 per declaration	
<b>Periodic declaration processing charges</b>	\$1,275 per declaration	The owner, when the declaration is communicated to Customs
<b>Request for cargo release (RCR) processing charge</b>	\$9.40 per RCR	The owner, when the declaration is communicated to Customs
<b>Depot licence application charge</b>		
	\$3,000 per application	New applicants on application
	\$1,500 annual fee for depots with less than 300 transactions per annum.	On renewal of the licence
	\$4,000 annual fee for all other depots	On renewal of the licence
<b>Depot licence variation charge</b>	\$300 depot licence variation charge	On variation of licence particulars
<b>Import declaration (N30 Warehoused goods) fee</b>		
Electronic	\$23.20 per declaration	The owner of warehoused goods, on making an import declaration
Documentary	\$60 per declaration	
<b>Manual cargo reporting charges</b> <small>(to be discontinued after statutory moratorium on mandatory electronic reporting of cargo reports under section 64AB of the Customs Act 1901)</small>		
Sea	\$2.60 per manifest line	The cargo handler, on reporting
Air	\$3.00 per house or straight line airway bill	
<b>Overtime, Location and Travel fees</b>		
Location	\$40.10* per hr	The company/individual requesting the service
Overtime	\$43.35* per hr	
Travel	\$0.58*per km	*GST inclusive price

**Attachment 1**

<b>BROKER AND WAREHOUSE LICENCING FEES</b>		
(b) Broker and Warehouse Licencing fee revenue is used for the administration of broker and warehouse licencing.		
Item	Charge	(a) Triggering Event
<b>Warehouse Licence Fees</b>		
Grant of a Warehouse Licence	\$7,000 per licence for initial year (pro-rata for part year)	New Licensee on granting of the licence
Renewal of a Warehouse Licence	\$4,000 per licence per year (pro-rata for part year)	Licensee on renewal of the licence
<b>Broker Licence Fees</b>		
Grant or Renewal of Broker Licence		
Individual	\$120 per three years period	Individual Licensee on grant or renewal
Corporate	\$1,200 per three year period	Corporate Licensee on grant or renewal
Grant or Renewal of Broker Nominee Licence		
Individual	\$20 per three year period	Individual Nominee on grant or renewal
Corporate	\$200 per three year period	Corporate Nominee on grant or renewal

<b>Sale of Publications</b>		
(b) Sale of Publication revenue is used for the costs of printing and distribution of material provided by subscription.		
Australian Customs Tariff		
Initial Issue	\$121.95* per copy	
Amendments	\$32.70* per annum	
Schedule of Commercial Tariff Concessions		On subscription
Initial Issue	\$121.95* per copy	
Amendments	\$127.50* per annum	
Australian Customs Notice	\$53.19* per annum	*GST inclusive and includes postage in price