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[Assented to 29 February 2000]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Import Processing Charges Amendment Act 2000*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Subject to subsections (2), (3) and (4), this Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

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- (2) Item 1 of Schedule 1 is taken to have commenced on 26 February 1997.
 - (3) Subject to subsection (4), items 2 to 7 of Schedule 1 commence on a day to be fixed by Proclamation.
 - (4) If the items to which subsection (3) applies do not commence within 6 months after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent, they commence on the first day after the end of that period.

3 Schedule(s)

Subject to section 2, each Act that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendment of the Import Processing Charges Act 1997

1 Section 3 (paragraph (a) of the definition of *line*)

After “documentary” (wherever occurring), insert “or electronic”.

2 Section 3

Insert:

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

3 Section 3

Insert:

mail-order house has the same meaning as in section 63A of the Customs Act.

4 Section 3

Insert:

reportable document has the same meaning as in section 63A of the Customs Act.

5 Section 3

Insert:

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

6 Section 7

Repeal the section, substitute:

7 Amount of screening charge

The amount of screening charge payable in respect of a documentary or electronic report that is, or is a part of, a cargo report is:

- (a) unless paragraph (b), (c) or (d) applies, or the report or that part of the report that relates to goods in respect of which, in accordance with subsection 64ABC(1A) of the Customs Act, there is no liability for screening charge—\$2.40 for each line of the documentary or electronic report that relates to a consignment of goods of a kind referred to in paragraph 68(1)(f) of the Customs Act or such other amount for each such line, not exceeding \$3.60, as is prescribed; and
- (b) if the report is made by a special reporter at the level of specificity of an ocean bill of lading or of a master or submaster air waybill, in relation to low value cargo consigned from a mail-order house to which the registration of that special reporter applies—\$45 for the report or such other amount, not exceeding \$67.50, as is prescribed; and
- (c) if the report is made by a special reporter at the level of specificity of an ocean bill of lading or of a master or submaster air waybill, in relation to low value cargo comprising reportable documents to which the registration of that special reporter applies—\$45 for the report or such other amount, not exceeding \$67.50, as is prescribed; and
- (d) if the report is made by a special reporter at the level of specificity of an ocean bill of lading or of a master or submaster air waybill, in relation to low value cargo of any other kind to which the registration of that special reporter applies—such amount in respect of each report, not exceeding \$67.50, as is prescribed.

7 Saving provision

Despite the repeal of section 7 of the *Import Processing Charges Act 1997* as in force immediately before the commencement of items 2 to 6 of this Schedule, the liability of any person to pay charge under that section as so in force in respect of any cargo report made before that commencement continues to exist as if the repeal had not been made.

*[Minister's second reading speech made in—
House of Representatives on 25 March 1999
Senate on 24 May 1999]*

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