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The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Import Processing Charges Act 2001*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Section 1 and this section commence on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

- (2) The remaining sections commence on the day fixed by Proclamation under subsection 2(3) of the *Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Act 2001*.

3 Definitions

- (1) In this Act:

Customs Act means the *Customs Act 1901*.

import processing charge means any of the following:

- (a) screening charge;
- (b) self-assessed clearance declaration charge;
- (c) import declaration processing charge;
- (d) RCR processing charge;
- (e) periodic declaration processing charge;
- (f) warehouse declaration processing charge.

prescribed means prescribed by the regulations.

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.

- (2) Expressions used in this Act have the same meanings as in the Customs Act.

4 Imposition of import processing charges

- (1) Screening charge payable as set out in section 64ABC of the Customs Act is imposed.
- (2) Self-assessed clearance declaration charge payable as set out in section 71AAA of the Customs Act is imposed.
- (3) Import declaration processing charge payable as set out in section 71B of the Customs Act is imposed.
- (4) RCR processing charge payable as set out in section 71DC of the Customs Act is imposed.
- (5) Periodic declaration processing charge payable as set out in section 71DG of the Customs Act is imposed.
- (6) Warehouse declaration processing charge payable as set out in section 71DI of the Customs Act is imposed.

5 Amounts of import processing charges

- (1) The amount of a screening charge for an abbreviated cargo report is \$45 or such other amount (not exceeding \$67.50) as is prescribed.
- (2) The amount of a self-assessed clearance declaration charge is:
 - (a) for a self-assessed clearance declaration that is made by a cargo reporter in respect of 21 or more reportable documents included in a cargo report—\$45 or such other amount (not exceeding \$67.50) as is prescribed; or
 - (b) in any other case—\$2.15 or such other amount (not exceeding \$3.23) as is prescribed.
- (3) The amount of an import declaration processing charge is:
 - (a) for an electronic import declaration that relates to goods to which section 68 applies:
 - (i) if the value of the goods is more than \$250 (or such other amount as is prescribed) but not more than \$1,000 (or such other amount as is prescribed)—\$23.20 or such other amount (not exceeding \$34.80) as is prescribed; or

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- (ii) if the value of the goods is more than \$1,000 (or such other amount as is prescribed)—\$29.25 or such other amount (not exceeding \$43.85) as is prescribed; or
 - (b) for a documentary import declaration that relates to goods to which section 68 applies—\$60.00 or such other amount (not exceeding \$90.00) as is prescribed.
- (4) The amount of a periodic declaration processing charge is \$1,275 or such other amount (not exceeding \$1,912.50) as is prescribed.
- (5) The amount of an RCR processing charge is \$9.40 or such other amount (not exceeding \$14.10) as is prescribed.
- (6) The amount of a warehouse declaration processing charge is:
 - (a) for an electronic warehouse declaration:
 - (i) if the value of the goods is more than \$250 (or such other amount as is prescribed) but not more than \$1,000 (or such other amount as is prescribed)—\$23.20 or such other amount (not exceeding \$34.80) as is prescribed; or
 - (ii) if the value of the goods is more than \$1,000 (or such other amount as is prescribed)—\$29.25 or such other amount (not exceeding \$43.85) as is prescribed; or
 - (b) for a documentary warehouse declaration—\$60.00 or such other amount (not exceeding \$90.00) as is prescribed.

6 Regulations

The Governor-General may make regulations for the purposes of section 5.

*[Minister's second reading speech made in—
House of Representatives on 6 December 2000
Senate on 26 March 2001]*

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