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## Matt's top tip

### AANZFTA COMMENCEMENT

The ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA) finally spluttered to the start line on January 1st 2010 with eight participating countries - Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma), Brunei, Philippines, Vietnam and Singapore.

The AANZFTA will include imports from Thailand on March 12th 2010.

Only imports and exports from these countries will be eligible for preferential duty treatment on and from the relevant date of commencement, provided the goods meet the requirements of the Rules of Origin, Consignment (or Shipment) Provisions and, most importantly, that the importer has the requisite AANZFTA Certificate of Origin.

Regarding the commencement of the FTA for Indonesia, Cambodia and Laos, Australian Customs has advised that the FTA will include these countries 60 days after they have notified the Australian Government that they have completed their domestic legislative process on implementing the FTA.

### DUTY RATE CHANGES

Just a reminder that, on January 1st 2010, a number of Customs Duty Rate Reductions came into force - mainly in the TCF and automotive categories.

#### For TCF

- if goods were 17.5% prior to 1/1/2010, this duty rate has reduced to 10%
- if goods were 10% prior to 1/1/2010, this duty rate has reduced to 5%
- if goods were 7.5% prior to 1/1/2010, this duty rate has reduced to 5%

#### For Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle parts

- if these goods had a duty rate of 10% prior to 1/1/2010, this duty rate has reduced to 5%.

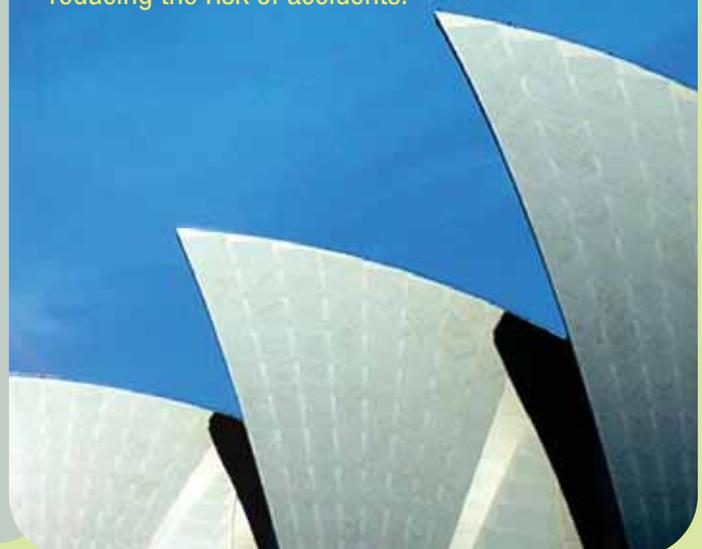
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## New Vessel Traffic Services System for Sydney Ports

Sydney Ports Corporation has invested a cool \$12 million in a new world class Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) system to be based at Port Botany and fully operational by May 2011.

The new VTS system incorporates the latest technology for premium tracking and surveillance of all vessels, including over 4,500 international shipping movements each year. It will also improve the safety and efficiency of commercial vessel traffic movements in Port Botany and Port Jackson.

The VTS system accurately tracks all vessels and combines information received from multiple sensors including radar, CCTV, VHF and AIS technology, creating an integrated traffic image. It will better protect the marine environment by reducing the risk of accidents.





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## DUTY DRAWBACK

Are you aware that the Australian Customs & Border Protection Service operates a Duty Drawback scheme?

If Customs Duty is paid on imported goods and those imported goods are either

- a) re-exported in the same condition as imported or
  - b) exported as a further manufactured product or
  - c) exported as part of another manufactured product,
- the exporter (even if they are not the importer) is entitled to a Drawback (refund) of the Customs Duty paid on the imported goods.

Even in circumstances where the exporter is not aware of exactly how much Customs Duty the importer paid, it may still be possible to claim back Customs Duty. Exporters have up to four years from the date of exportation to lodge their Duty Drawback claims.

If you think that you may be entitled to claim Duty Drawback on any exports, please give us a call 02 9669 3011 and we will explain the rules and requirements for making a claim.

Please note that it is AC&BPS and ATO policy not to grant Duty Drawback for GST paid on imports. Duty Drawback does not apply to goods that are used in Australia after importation.

## TRADEX

Tradex is a scheme administered by AusIndustry (part of the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research) and an alternative to the Duty Drawback Scheme.

Under Tradex, importers can obtain an exemption from Customs Duty and GST on imported goods where those goods are going to be re-exported in their imported condition or used, lost or wasted in the manufacture of other goods that are later exported.

To benefit from the scheme, importers need to apply to AusIndustry for a Tradex Order. Once the Tradex Order is approved, we can include that number on your Customs Entry to claim exemptions for goods that you identify as relevant. This will decrease costs for importers.

Please call us on 02 9669 3011 if you would like further information on the requirements of the Tradex Scheme.

## DUMPING DUTY

In the last edition of Bare Facts we provided a list of goods currently subject to Dumping Duty. Since that time, Dumping Duty on toilet paper from Indonesia and China has been reviewed and removed.

Importers who paid Dumping Duty on toilet paper are now entitled to claim a refund. Please contact us if this affects you.

## TARIFF CONCESSION ORDERS FOR BED LINEN

In 2006 and 2007, the Australian Customs Service (as it was then) revoked a number of Tariff Concession Orders (TCOs) for Bed Linen. After an appeal against these revocations, the Administrative Appeals Tribunal decided that the decision to revoke the TCOs was invalid.

As a result, the ACS is restoring the TCOs. However, due to changes in legislation, the restored TCOs will only be valid for imports entered and duty paid on or before October 3rd 2007.

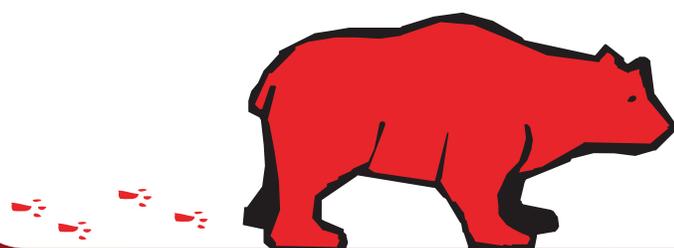
Importers of Bed Linen that meet the terms of these TCOs which were entered and the Duty paid on or before October 3rd 2007 may be eligible for a refund. If you think this includes you, please let us know urgently as the time frame for making a claim is limited.

## BAN OF HCFC PRE-CHARGED AIR-CONDITIONERS

Environment Australia has announced that from July 1st 2010, the importation of air-conditioners (whether they are stand-alone or incorporated in other equipment e.g. in motor vehicles) pre-charged with HCFC Gas will be banned - even if the importer has a Pre-Charged Equipment Licence.

Please be aware that the importation of this equipment will apparently become absolutely prohibited on and from July 1st 2010 with three exceptions:

- Chillers charged with HCFC 123
- Replacement parts for existing HCFC equipment (not being complete or substantially complete indoor or outdoor units)
- High Static Ducted Split System components.



## BEAR BITS

The B.J. and the Bear drove around in a red truck from 1979 to 1981. Aired on NBC, the comedy show starred Greg Evigan as B.J. McKay and his pet chimpanzee, Bear. B.J. was a professional freelance itinerant trucker who traveled the country's highways in his red and white Kenworth K-100 cab-over-semi truck with Bear by his side. They were constantly harassed by Sheriff Elroy P Lobo.





# Shipping News

JJ Lawson's Shipping Reports System offers our customers access to comprehensive reporting options throughout the import process. With many reporting options encompassing all import variants, our Shipping Reports System enables you to stay fully aware of your shipment status at all times.

At your request, we can send you scheduled shipping reports and any additional reports tailored to your exact requirements giving you up to the minute access to your shipment's progress.

Reports can be generated and sent at your preferred frequency - for example daily, weekly or monthly. We can adjust and reprogram your report requirements at any time as your needs change.

Please contact Marty on **02 9669 3011** or **marty@jjlawson.com.au** for more information or to set up your personalised reporting schedule.

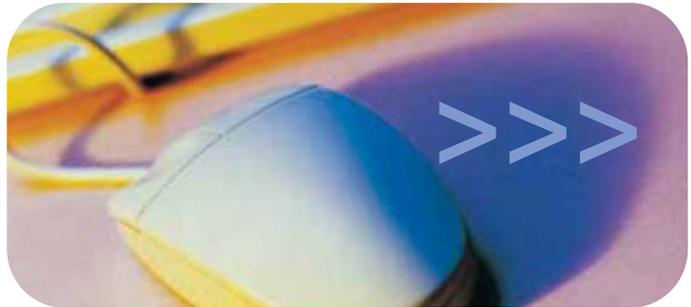
# 1-Stop Import Arrival Report

Another useful tool available to JJJ customers is our 1-Stop Import Arrival report, which is sent to you daily. If you would like to register for this feature, please email **marty@jjlawson.com.au**

## J J Lawson Pty Ltd (SYD) 1-Stop Import Arrival Report

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Vessel	Voyage	SYD ETA	SYD Avail	SYD Stor	MEL ETA	MEL
ACK DIAMOND	1005					
ALBERT RICKMERS	7975	08-Apr-10				
ALBLASGRACHT	1003				13-Mar-10	
ANIARA	CF004					
ANL BINBURRA	1625	02-Mar-10	04-Mar-10	07-Mar-10	27-Feb-10	28-F
ANL KOKODA	0685	07-Mar-10	09-Mar-10	12-Mar-10		
ANL KOKODA	0695					
ANL WANGARATTA	0185	26-Feb-10	28-Feb-10	04-Mar-10	22-Feb-10	24-F
ANL WANGARATTA	0195	09-Apr-10				
ANL WARRAIN	0185	04-Mar-10	07-Mar-10	10-Mar-10	02-Mar-10	03-M
ANL WARRINGA	040N					
ANL WARRINGA	040S	08-Mar-10	10-Mar-10	13-Mar-10	11-Mar-10	12-A
ANL WINDARRA	039S	22-Mar-10			25-Mar-10	
ANL WYONG	018N					
ANL WYONG	018S	01-Mar-10	03-Mar-10	06-Mar-10	04-Mar-10	05-M
ANL WYONG	018S	05-Apr-10				
ANARRI F SCHULTZ	7085	23-Mar-10				



# WEBSITE

Over the last few months, our very own **www.jjlawson.com.au** has undergone a significant facelift to improve functionality and offer our clients an easy-to-use, comprehensive portal to a vast array of customs and freight information and forms. If you haven't visited us online for a while, take a look - you'll like it!

# Emails.

Please note slight changes to our e-mail contacts.

**customs@jjlawson.com.au**  
replaces **bears@jjlawson.com.au**

**transport@jjlawson.com.au**  
replaces **bears@jjtransport.com.au**

Anyone who used the **@jjltransport.com.au** as their address will now be contactable on **@jjlawson.com.au**

The old addresses will continue to work indefinitely, so any e-mails sent will get to the right place, but if you get a minute please update your records.



J.J. Lawson was established in 1979. Since that time we have earned an excellent reputation in the Customs, Clearance, Freight and Transport industry based on our key factor, our dedicated personal service.

Our staff are highly trained in all aspects of the business and are qualified to deal with every situation. But most important, the sake of our reputation means we are always in touch, in respect that is vital.





# Meet the Bears!



## Adam Milton

*Transport Operations Manager*

### **The best thing about my job is...**

*Working with fun people and building great relationships with them and our clients.*

### **My biggest work achievement to date is...**

*I couldn't narrow it down to one in particular, but my proudest achievement is the very broad range of knowledge that I have gained over the years in all facets of transport and distribution.*

### **My ideal weekend involves. ..**

*A round of golf followed by a beer and schnitzel in the clubhouse, then spending the rest of it with my wife and baby girl.*

### **The most amazing thing I ever saw was...**

*Hands down the birth of our baby girl, Taleah. Amazing is an understatement!*

### **To me, sport is...**

*A great way to keep fit and unleash my competitive streak.*

### **I really admire...**

*Tiger Woods, for his achievements on the course, not off it!*

### **When I'm driving, I'm listening to...**

*Usually the radio. Hopefully I catch Hamish and Andy in the afternoon for a laugh.*

### **Don't talk to me about...**

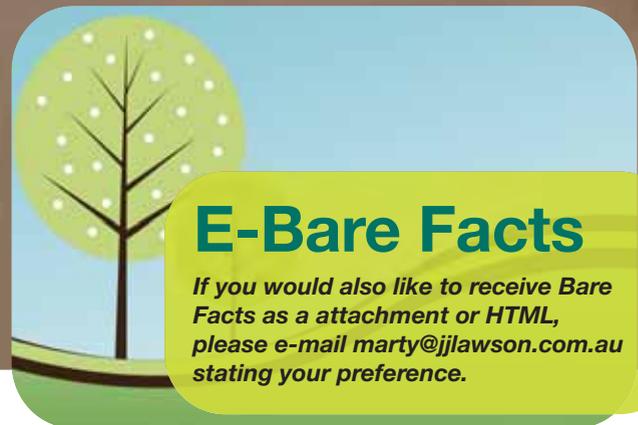
*Facebook or any other social networking website!*

### **In ten years time, I'll be...**

*Hopefully enjoying my mid-life crisis in a 69 Mustang fastback.*

### **What I like most about JJL is...**

*The opportunities. There really is a chance to grow here and build a successful career. You would be amazed at how many people working here started off as the office runner!*



## E-Bare Facts

*If you would also like to receive Bare Facts as a attachment or HTML, please e-mail [marty@jjlawson.com.au](mailto:marty@jjlawson.com.au) stating your preference.*



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