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Matt's top tip



In this issue's Top Tip I will cover a number of miscellaneous issues that have arisen since I last wrote.

Free Trade Agreements changes - AANZFFTA & ANZCERTA:

- The AANZFFTA (ASEAN-Australian-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement) commenced on 10 January 2012 for goods made in Indonesia which comply with the Rules of Origin of the FTA. Conse-

quently, the FTA is now applicable to all goods made in ASEAN, Australia and New Zealand that meet the Rules of Origin, as Indonesia was the last country to complete their domestic implementation legislation.

The AANZFFTA will apply to goods exported from Indonesia prior to 10 January 2012, provided they arrive in Australia on or after 10 January 2012.

For shipments that were imported on or after 10 January 2012 and for which an importer does not have a Certificate of Origin, you should contact your supplier and request that they approach the government authorities in Indonesia for the issuance of a "Retro-Active" Certificate of Origin.

Preference Rule Type P50 of the ANZCERTA (Australia-New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement) ceased eligibility for goods imported on and from 1 January 2012. Importers and Customs Brokers can no longer accept the following declaration as evidence that goods comply with the Rules of Origin of the ANZCERTA

Preference Rule Type P50

"I declare that:

The goods described below are New Zealand originating goods as described in Section 153ZII of the Customs Act 1901 as:

- (a) the last process in their manufacture was performed in New Zealand; and
- (b) the qualifying expenditure on the goods is at least 50% of the factory cost of the goods; or
- (c) the CEO has determined the qualifying expenditure is 48% in accordance with subsection 153ZII(2) of the Customs Act 1901."

Preference Changes - Serbia

From 1 March 2012, Serbia has been listed as a developing country that attracts the DCS Customs Duty Rate. As such, goods made in Serbia which have an allowable factory cost of at least 50% of the total factory cost, can be imported duty free or at reduced duty rates if these DCS duty rates are listed for a particular Tariff Classification.

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NHVAS & TruckSafe Accreditation.

JJL have been TruckSafe accredited for over 10 years and just recently passed our fifth systems audit. TruckSafe is a business and risk management system, which is aimed at improving the safety and professionalism of transport operators.

We have also been part of the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS) since 2004 and currently hold multiple module accreditations including Maintenance, Basic Fatigue Management (BFM) & Concessional Mass Limitation (CML).

CML is our most recently acquired accreditation and allows us to operate with a one-tonne increased tolerance for single trailer and a two-tonne increased tolerance for B-Double configuration.

The additional weight tolerance is overall (excluding the steer axle) and will allow us to better manage current weight challenges.

There are significant compliance requirements to operate under CML and our staff and drivers have been trained accordingly and our reporting and recording procedures modified to meet these requirements.

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