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**AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION NOTICE**  
**NO. 2013/63**

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**Import Processing Charges Amendment Bill 2013**

The Import Processing Charges Amendment Bill 2013 was recently introduced into Parliament. This Bill will amend the *Import Processing Charges Act 2001* to increase the import processing charges that will be levied on air, sea and post consignments with a value of \$10,000 or more from 1 January 2014. If this Bill is passed through both Houses of Parliament in the current sitting period, the new charges come into effect on 1 January 2014. The new charges will introduce a two tiered charging arrangement with increased charges applying for air, sea and post consignments valued at \$10,000 or more. The charging arrangements that will apply from 1 January 2014, should the legislation be passed, are as follows;

- for all consignments valued at more than \$1,000 but less than \$10,000, the current rates of import processing charges will continue to apply;
- for sea consignments lodged electronically with a value of \$10,000 or more, the import processing charge will increase from \$50.00 to \$152.60;
- for sea consignments lodged manually with a value of \$10,000 or more, the import processing charge will increase from \$65.75 to \$152.60;
- for air and post consignments lodged electronically with a value of \$10,000 or more, the import processing charge will increase from \$40.20 to \$122.10; and
- for air and post consignments lodged manually with a value of \$10,000 or more, the import processing charge will increase from \$48.85 to \$122.10.

There will continue to be no import processing charge for consignments valued at \$1,000 or less.

Inquiries concerning this notice may be directed to Customs Information and Support Centre at [cargosupport@customs.gov.au](mailto:cargosupport@customs.gov.au).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Naa Opoku', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Naa Opoku  
Acting National Manager  
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1 December 2013