



DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS NOTICE No. 2019/13

Tobacco prohibited import and permit arrangement

The Australian Government has introduced measures to combat the illicit tobacco trade as part of the 2018-19 Budget 'Black Economy Package – combatting illicit tobacco'. The package includes a measure to prohibit the importation of tobacco without a permit. The *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Amendment (collecting Tobacco Duties) Regulations 2019* enabling this measure commences on 1 July 2019.

The measure amends the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulation 1956* (the Regulations) to include regulation 4DA that prohibits the importation of tobacco products (other than certain exempted tobacco products) into Australia without written permission.

Under regulation 4DA, the following tobacco products are exempt from the new import prohibition:

- smokeless tobacco products intended for oral use specified in regulation 4U of the Regulations
- cigars
- tobacco products imported by travellers within duty free limits
- unmanufactured tobacco specified in regulation 4D of the Regulations.

Permits will be issued by the Department of Home Affairs (Home Affairs). To obtain a permit, importers are required to lodge a written application with supporting documentation to Home Affairs. Permits will be subject to conditions or requirements that must be complied with by the permit holder. Breaches of permit conditions or requirements may result in the revocation of the permit.

Legislation

The *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Amendment (Collecting Tobacco Duties) Regulations 2019* is available at www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2019L00352.

Further information

Information on how to apply for a permit can be found at www.abf.gov.au/tobacco.

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