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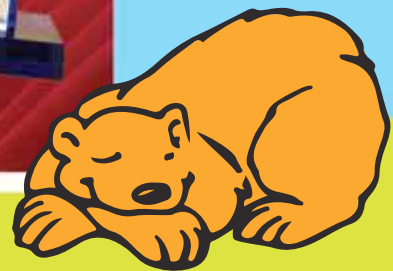


David Pinson of JJ Lawson accepting the award from The Hon. Andrew John Stoner – Minister for Trade & Investment.

Look!

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Matt's top tip

This issue, I have some interesting updates for you on a variety of topics.

Dumping and Countervailing Duties

There is increasing activity in regard to Dumping and Countervailing Duties. These are special types of Customs Duties imposed on imported goods that have been found by the Australian Customs & Border Protection Service (AC&BPS) to be either:

- sold into Australia below the price at which those same goods are sold on the domestic market of the exporting country (Dumping Duty)
- or the price of the imported goods has been subsidised by the government of the exporting country (Countervailing Duty)

and, because of this, an Australian industry producing similar goods suffers some sort of material commercial injury.

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The following products are currently subject to Dumping and/or Countervailing Duties:

Goods	Country of Export	Dumping Duty (DD) / Countervailing Duty (CD)
Aluminium Extrusions (including some kits including such extrusions)	China	DD & CD
Aluminium Road Wheels	China	DD & CD
Ammonium Nitrate	Russia (or thru Estonia)	DD
Biodiesel	USA	DD
Clear Float Glass	China, Indonesia, Thailand	DD
Dried Processed Currants	Greece	DD
DICHLOROPHENOXY-ACETIC ACID (2,4-D)	China	DD
Geosynthetic Clay Liners	Germany	DD
Greyback Cartonboard	South Korea	DD
Hollow Structural Sections including steel tube & pipe	China	DD & CD
Iron and steel grinding mill liners	Korea, Malaysia & Taiwan	DD
Linear Low Density Polyethylene	Canada	DD
Pineapple Fruit in Containers	Thailand	DD
Polyvinyl Chloride	Philippines & Thailand	DD
Homopolymer Resin		
Preserved Mushrooms	Korea, Japan & USA	DD
Silicon Emulsion Concrete	China	DD
Admixtures	USA	DD
Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate (Sodium Bicarbonate)		
Tubeless Steel Demountable Rims	China	DD

At time of writing the following goods are currently subject to Dumping Investigations or Reviews:

- Hot Rolled Coil Steel from Taiwan, Korea, Malaysia and Japan
- PVC Resin from Korea, USA and Japan
- DICHLOROPHENOXY-ACETIC ACID (2,4-D) from China
- Zinc coated (galvanised) steel and aluminium zinc coated steel from China, Korea and Taiwan
- Quicklime from Thailand – this is a resumed investigation

The inquiries into Formulated Glyphosate from China; Structural Timber from Austria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Lithuania, Sweden and the United States of America, and Electric Cables from China have been terminated and Countervailing Duties on Brandy from France have lapsed.

Australian Customs Changes

Changes to Passengers' Duty Free Concession for Cigarettes or other Tobacco products.

Since 1 September 2012, passengers aged 18 years or over may only bring in 50 cigarettes or 50 grams of tobacco or cigars Duty and GST Free under their passengers concession. If passengers exceed this limit they will lose their duty free concession and pay Duty and GST on the total amount of cigarettes, tobacco products or cigars imported.

Alcohol and Tobacco Indexation

Duty rates for alcohol and tobacco products were increased in accordance with indexation on 1 August 2012.

Broker's Licence

From 1 July 2012, the AC&BPS, with little warning to the industry, imposed new conditions on the licences of all Customs Brokers and Brokerages. As a result of these new conditions, Brokers will need to get new authorities from importers to act as their Customs Brokers. We will be in contact with you in the near future to explain these changes and to get the new authorities.

Warning from the AC&BPS

Customs investigations have revealed that clothing from Hong Kong and China is being undervalued by 50% or more so, naturally, Customs is now increasing audit activity in this area.

ATO Changes

The Australian Taxation Office has determined that from 1 July 2012 the following are effective:

- LCT Threshold \$59,133 (increased from \$57,466)
- Fuel efficient vehicle limit \$75,375 (unchanged)

AQIS changes

1) Articles made of Plywood

As of 7 September 2012, new articles made from plywood or timber veneer (which do not contain other components made from solid wood) no longer require treatment prior to importation provided the importer has a statement from the manufacturer advising that the goods are new, the date the goods were made and that the goods were exported within 90 days of manufacture. If these conditions are not met, the goods will have to be treated. Please contact us for further information or the format of such declarations.

2) Bamboo Laminates and Bamboo Veneer products have now been designated low risk due the processing they undergo. As such, treatment is not required provided the importer has a statement from the manufacturer or on the import invoice identifying that the goods are made from Bamboo Laminate or Bamboo veneer.

Articles of dried bamboo still require an acceptable treatment.

3) AQIS – Rural / Metro Post Codes

As of 1 July 2012, AQIS no longer identifies post codes as Fringe Rural. This means that all post codes in Australia are now designated as Metropolitan or Rural, although there are a few post codes that AQIS has identified as having areas within them that are either Metropolitan and Rural. The means that FCL or FCX Containers being delivered to Post Codes or areas designated as Rural will be subject to Tailgate inspections at the wharf prior to delivery. Most post codes that were previously designated as Fringe Rural are now designated as being Metropolitan post codes.

4) Sri Lanka has joined the family of AFAS countries (the others being India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines and Vietnam). As such, methyl bromide fumigations certificates issued from these countries are only acceptable from fumigation companies that are registered in those countries under the AFAS Scheme.



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The Who's Who of JJJ

Passing by?

JJJ would like to extend an open invitation to all of our suppliers and customers to visit our Mascot office. Many of you have held a long relationship via phone and email with key members of our team so please join us for a coffee and a chat when passing by, by appt. to suit you or simply on the way to your hotel.

Our office is close to Sydney's Domestic and International terminals so let us know when you are passing by and you are welcome to drop in. Often, if required, we can arrange a transfer to your destination.

If you are also interested in seeing our fleet of Bear trucks, we can usually arrange a tour of our Transport Office and Warehousing at Chipping Norton.

Please email marty@jjlawson.com.au for more information.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

JJJ Lawson now accepts Credit Card payments direct through our website at much cheaper rates. In the past, credit card payments had to go through our system link with ComPay. This meant that a lot of customers who preferred to pay via Credit Card had to pay the higher fees charged by ComPay.

We have now bypassed ComPay and the fees are set at the lowest possible rate.

Currently the fees are:

Visa/Mastercard 1.55%

Amex/Diners 2.75%

This won't be for everyone but, if you prefer to pay by credit card, simply follow the link on our website www.jjjlawson.com.au

EFT and GST Deferral

There are two options available to importers that both reduce overheads and save time.

EFT

EFT as a standalone means Australian Customs directly debits your nominated account of owing Duty and GST (if applicable). You always receive written notification of your liability in advance from our office – either by fax or email, including a copy of the Customs Entry. Forms available at www.jjjlawson.com.au

GST Deferral

In addition to EFT, GST deferral may work for you. Any Duty will be paid to Customs (if Duty applies), however the GST is deferred. There are some basic requirements for GST Deferral, including communicating electronically with the ATO and being a monthly remitter of GST. Application is available at http://www.ato.gov.au/content/dgst_application_form.htm

Please call Marty Lawson on 02 9669 3011 for assistance with this.

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JJJ LAWSON has won an Import Export Industry Award for the 2nd year running !!!

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Thank you to all our clients for their support with this.





Meet the Bears!



Robert Vozzo - Operations Manager *AKA - The Vozz

Has been at JJL since...
6:30 am February 14th 2011

The best thing about my job is...
location, location, location! I live five minutes from the yard and there are NO traffic lights on my way to work!

My biggest work achievement to date is...
It's hard to narrow it down. I've had some interesting Friday afternoon specials but when it's big, it will be big. Who knows? Next year we might move the Harbour Bridge!

My ideal weekend would be...
early finish Friday, maybe even with a Public holiday Monday (not before checking all containers are clear and discharged, of course)

and heading off anywhere without phone reception

The most amazing thing I ever saw...
would be when I saw an estimated 400 pound blue marlin tail dance behind our boat, that's before it broke away just metres from reach.

To me, sport is all about...
who are we kidding? Sport is all about The BEARS!

I really admire...
anyone who can get to the gym before sunrise. I really admire their dedication when they only have themselves to answer to

When I'm driving around, I'm listening to...
the voice in my head accompanying a 350hp V8

Don't talk to me about...
Taxes! Tax for this and tax for that... it wouldn't be so bad if the money wasn't spent so carelessly

In ten years time...
JJ Lawson Heavy Haulage or maybe even JJ Lawson Special Projects.

All I want for Christmas is...
a winning scratchie

What I like most about working for JJL...
There are no limits here and it's not always just normal wharf cartage. Mix it up with a huge amount of support and you have a job that's easy to get out of bed for.



On the Net

This and previous Bare Facts Issues are also available for download from www.jjlawson.com.au



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