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Bringing you the bear essentials

Seasons Greetings

A word from the Big Bear...

As we reach the end of 2011, I'd like to thank all of our staff, customers and suppliers for their loyalty and ongoing support over the last year. I wish you and your loved ones a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2012.

Keep smiling!
Jim Lawson
Managing Director

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I will start my final Top Tip for 2011 with a couple of news items

Tariff Revisions commencing 1 January 2012

The Customs Tariff is being amended from 1 January 2012. The changes are meant to be revenue neutral and only reflect recent amendments introduced by the World Customs Organisation. I suppose only time will tell if this is correct.

You may see that some of the goods you import will have new Tariff Classifications.

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Matt's top tip

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Indonesia accedes to the AANZFTA

At time of writing the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) website is showing that Indonesia has notified the Australian Government it has completed its domestic legislation to implement the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA). DFAT advises that from 10 January 2012, goods made in Indonesia that meet the Rules of Origin will be eligible for preferential duty rates under the AANZFTA when imported into Australia.

To claim preference for goods made in Indonesia, an importer will need a Certificate of Origin issued for the purposes of the AANZFTA and comply with the Consignment Rules.

The main organisation in Indonesia issuing these Certificates of Origin will be the Indonesian Ministry of Trade (although there are some product specific organisations as well).

As a general rule, the Consignment Provisions require the goods to be shipped directly to Australia from Indonesia or another ASEAN country. If the goods pass through a country that is not part of the AANZFTA, the goods must not be traded while in that country.

Dumping and Countervailing Duties

This article is intended to give you information on 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 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 these actions, an Australian industry producing similar goods suffers some sort of material commercial injury.

The following products are currently subject to dumping and/or countervailing duties: * SEE TABLE BELOW

In the rest of this article, unless stated otherwise, any reference to Dumping Duty equally applies to Countervailing Duties.

For Dumping Duty to be imposed, a local Australian manufacturer must lodge a complaint with AC&BPS, who will then conduct an inquiry both locally and overseas to determine if dumping is occurring.

If dumping is proven, then the AC&BPS will request that the Minister impose special customs duties known as Dumping Duty and Countervailing Duty. These special Customs Duties are in addition to the normal customs duty payable on imported goods.

After about 60 days into an investigation on whether to impose Dumping or Countervailing Duties, the AC&BPS will make either a Preliminary Affirmative Decision or Preliminary Negative Decision on whether

dumping is occurring. If a Preliminary Affirmative Decision is made the AC&BPS will normally impose Cash Securities, which are equivalent to the amount of Dumping or Countervailing Duty the AC&BPS believes will be imposed at the end of the inquiry. If ultimately no dumping duty is imposed, the AC&BPS will refund the cash security. If Dumping or Countervailing Duty is imposed, the security amount will be transferred to revenue as payment for the Dumping or Countervailing Duty and any excess will be refunded.

Where Dumping or Countervailing Duty is imposed, usually the amount payable is based on the sum of the following two amounts,

(a) A fixed or percentage duty rate imposed as Interim Dumping or Interim Countervailing Duty; plus

(b) The amount, if any, by which the export price (based on the actual FOB value of the goods) is less than the Ascertained Export Price (the FOB Value as specified by the AC&BPS).

Fixed duty rates are normally imposed as an amount per unit of quantity such as A\$0.50/kg or per square meter per tonne etc. Ad Valorem duty rates are usually imposed as a percentage of the export price.

Under the current Dumping Duty regime, Dumping Duty collected at time of importation is known as Interim Dumping Duty. This is because the final amount of Dumping Duty is not determined until one of the following occurs:

(1) A Duty Assessment is applied for; or

(2) The passage of time.

(1) A Duty Assessment is where an importer can apply for the final amount of Dumping Duty to be assessed by the AC&BPS. This is done by lodging an application and supplying the requisite information within 6 months after the end of the importation period in which the goods are imported.

(2) If a Duty Assessment is not applied for within six months after the end of the importation period in which the goods were imported, the amount of Interim Dumping Duty paid becomes the final amount of Dumping Duty paid.

Duty Assessment

A Duty Assessment can be applied for where the importer believes that the price of the goods being imported is not a dumped price or the amount of Interim Dumping Duty that was paid was more than the amount of dumping that actually occurring. If this can be proved, the AC&BPS will refund the Dumping Duty paid or, if the amount of Dumping Duty paid is higher than the amount that should have been paid, the difference is refunded. If it is determined that the amount of interim Dumping Duty that should have been paid is more than the amount that was paid, then provided there were no calculation errors, the AC&BPS will waive the difference.

Please Note this article does not take into account goods covered by "Old Measures" imposed prior to 1 January 1993 - Polyvinyl Chloride Homopolymer Resin exported from the Japan & USA - which are subject to different rules.

If you are looking at importing any of the items listed below please contact us in advance, as Dumping Duties can be quite high.



* Goods	Country of Export	Dumping Duty (DD) / Countervailing Duty (CD)
Aluminium Extrusions	China	DD & CD
Ammonium Nitrate	Russia (or thru Estonia)	DD
Biodiesel	USA	DD
Brandy	France	CD
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
Iron and steel grinding mill liners	Canada	DD
Linear Low Density Polyethylene	Thailand	DD
Pineapple Fruit in Containers	Philippines & Thailand	DD
Polyvinyl Chloride		
Homopolymer Resin	Japan & USA	DD
Preserved Mushrooms	China	DD
Silicon Emulsion Concrete Admixtures	USA	DD
Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate (Sodium Bicarbonate)	China	DD
Tubeless Steel Demountable Rims	China	DD

At time of writing the following goods are currently subject to Dumping Investigations,

- Hollow Structural Steel Sections from China - preliminary affirmative decision made
- Electric Cables from China
- Structural Timber from Austria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Lithuania, Sweden and the United States of America
- Quicklime from Thailand



Port Botany Weigh-In-Motion Scales

In August 2010, the industry, directed by the RTA, became aware of the need for the stevedores to better identify and manage overweight import containers exiting the Port Botany container terminals by road.

Sydney Ports subsequently facilitated a number of key stakeholder meetings to gain industry input and work towards a collaborative solution that would resolve the issue of vehicle mass breaches without impeding the through-flow of freight. Stakeholders involved have included Patrick, DP World, Hutchinson, the Australian Trucking Association, Shipping Australia, the Customs Brokers and Forwarders Council of Australia, Transport for NSW, Australian Customs & Border Protection and the Roads and Traffic Authority.

It was determined that the most acceptable solution was for both stevedores to install Weigh-In-Motion (WIM) scales inside their terminal to facilitate early detection of over laden vehicles. Plans for the installation of the scales are currently under review.

The stevedores are planning for the WIM scales to be operational by the end of the first quarter 2012.

It is anticipated that the process of weighing import containers will add very little additional time to the existing truck turnaround time being experienced at Port Botany.

Further industry meetings are planned by Sydney Ports to work through operational issues for industry with the implementation of the WIM scales.

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We will be regularly updating our status with exciting JJJ news and important information about Customs, Freight, Transport and Warehousing. We are also open to interaction and look forward to your comments and questions about the issues our industry (and yours) faces.

So, please join us now – you can never have too many 'friends'!

JJJ Freight

The JJJ Freight Forwarding department has shown rapid growth over the last few years. In response, we have added more highly skilled Freight Forwarding specialists to our team to generate and manage this essential area of our business.

Our dedicated Freight Forwarding specialists work in tandem with our Customs and Transport departments to provide a seamless flow of inbound and outbound freight and reports for our clients.

As with Customs specific shipments, our Freight Forwarding department uses the same transparency with all applicable local charges being passed on to our clients at cost with NO additional hidden charges that could dramatically increase the final invoice.

The recent strengthening of our relationship with UNI Logistics (CHINA), one of the top ten privately owned Freight Forwarders in China, has embedded JJJ in an even larger international freight network.

Tim Myers, Freight Forwarding Manager, has been instrumental in developing this collaboration with UNI Logistics which has enabled JJJ to expand its existing buying power with both local and international shipping and airlines and guarantee competitive rates for our clients.

For more information on Freight Forwarding, please call Tim Myers on 02 9669 3011 or email tim@jjlawson.com.au

JJJ wins coveted Import Export Industry Award

On 27 September this year, JJ Lawson received the Import Export Industry Award for SME Freight Forwarder/Customs Broker 2011 which recognises excellence in customer service and innovation as voted by customers and industry providers.

JJJ was represented by Tim Myers (Freight Forwarding Manager) and Rebecca Higham (Freight Manager) at the ceremony which was held at Rosehill Gardens on the first evening of the Import Export show. Ricardo Goncalves, the well-known SBS World News reader and financial journalist, shared insights on the current state of the market for international traders before announcing the winners.

This Award was a huge accolade for JJJ and everyone here is really grateful to all our customers and suppliers who took the time to vote for us. Thanks to you all!

The 2011 winners in the ten categories were:

- Banking and Financial Services Provider - **Arab Bank Australia**
- Business Chamber or Industry Association - **Greater Western Sydney BEC**
- Business Services Provider - **Pattens Group**
- Education and Training Provider - **XDOC**
- Foreign Currency Exchange Provider - **Atlas Currency Exchange**
- Government Agency, Department or Program - **Australian Customs & Border Protection Service**
- Large Freight, Logistics or Express Provider - **DHL Express**
- SME Freight Forwarder/ Customs Broker - **JJ Lawson**
- Software, Technology or Online Solution - **Ozdocs International**
- Specialist Consultant - **Sherpa Group**



BEAR BITS

Making Mack history



JJJ Lawson's red and black Mack Bears are a familiar sight on the roads around Port Botany and the motorways of western Sydney as they transport freight from the terminal to warehousing facilities. Sleek paintwork and glistening chrome make sure that the JJJ Mack Bears stand out from the crowd – for all the right reasons!

In recognition of the JJJ attention to detail, Mack Trucks Australia has selected an image of a JJJ Bear truck for the September page of its 2012 calendar. If you know your Mack calendars, you'll remember that a JJJ Bear also featured in July 2003.

According to our man at Mack, this is the first time any transport company has EVER featured twice in the Mack calendar.

JJJ took ownership of its first Mack truck back in 1999 and our current fleet was recently joined by three new 2011 Granite Macks with auto-transmission, class leading fuel efficiency and much lower emissions. We'll bring you more news about our trucks in future Bare Facts.





Meet the Bears!



Simone Molloy - Sim/Simmo

Has been at J.J.L. since...
December 2001

The best thing about my job is...
never boring – no day is ever the same in transport!

My biggest work achievement to date is...
being asked to be the Transport Allocator. I have found my four years in this role very rewarding, satisfying and challenging with all the different daily demands.

My ideal weekend would be...
catching up with my girlfriends for dinner with a glass or two of wine (no kids – a rare occasion these days!) and spending the rest of the time with my beautiful family.

The most amazing thing I ever saw...

besides my babies being born, I would have to say The Grand Canyon.

To me, sport is all about...

FUN & sportsmanship.

I really admire...

Anyone who gives it a try.

When I'm driving around, I'm listening to...

I'm the biggest flicker – switching to find the sound for my mood at that moment.

Don't talk to me about...

religion or politics – everyone's opinion is so different and things can become very uncomfortable.

In ten years time...

exactly where I am now – I love where my life is right now.

All I want for Christmas is...

nothing – I have everything of importance, my loving family.

What I like most about working for J.J.L...

I am often given opportunities to try new things and I have met so many great people.

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