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SELF ASSESSED CLEARANCE (SAC) DECLARATION WITH PAYMENT OPTIONS

There is a legal requirement under the revenue threshold by-laws (Items 32A and 32B), that where a shipment is part of a bulk order, it is excluded from the By-Law. In these instances the duty, GST and taxes must be paid regardless of the Customs value of that part of the shipment (i.e. even if the Customs value is at or below the entry threshold (AUD\$1000)).

[ACN 2006/59](#) defines a consignment for the purposes of entering goods under Section 68 of the *Customs ACT 1901* and that if goods, from one consignor to one consignee, arrive on the same ship or aircraft, regardless of the number of packages or bills, this is considered as a single consignment and the revenue must still be legally paid (even if multiple declarations, some of which may have a Customs value at or below the entry threshold amount, are lodged).

A change to the Integrated Cargo System (ICS), scheduled on 24 September, in conjunction with Release 8.4.08, will allow payment of duty, GST (or calculation for deferral) and other taxes on importation, for all goods (not just alcohol and tobacco related products), where the Customs value is at or below the entry threshold (AUD\$1000), where the circumstances warrant payment. The change also provides a mechanism for some business sectors to meet their own internal accounting and charging obligations.

No cost recovery charges apply to SAC declarations.

This change addresses concerns raised by industry through the Industry Action Group under issue number 308.

HOW TO NOMINATE PAYMENT ON A SAC DECLARATION

Payment for the entire declaration can only be nominated when submitting a SAC declaration in the form of a SAC (full declaration format). The SAC (short form) can still be used to pay liabilities concerned with the importation of alcohol and tobacco related goods. As a part of this change, there have been changes to screens and menu options within the ICS Customs Interactive facility and a new declaration has been introduced for users who communicate through Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), via third party software.

HOW THIS FACILITY WORKS IN EDI

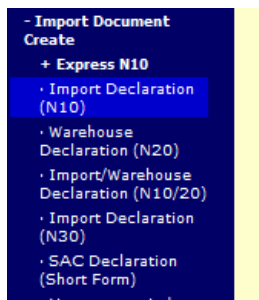
To nominate payment on a SAC declaration, users will be required to supply an additional lodgement declaration when communicating the Import Declaration (FID) to Customs. When this new lodgement declaration is supplied, in conjunction with the existing SAC lodgement declaration, duties, GST and taxes will be calculated for **all** goods entered on the SAC declaration.

The current SAC lodgement declaration is number 00003 "I DECLARE THAT THE VALUE OF THE GOODS DOES NOT EXCEED AUD \$1000".

The new lodgement declaration to nominate payment of duty, GST and taxes is number 00375 "I DECLARE THAT THESE GOODS REQUIRE PAYMENT OF DUTY AND TAXES".

HOW THIS FACILITY WORKS IN THE CUSTOMS INTERACTIVE

There will no longer be a menu item to select a SAC (full declaration format) declaration in the Customs Interactive (CI), but rather the functionality of the Import Declaration will provide users an option to declare the Customs value is at or below the entry threshold and can also choose to pay revenue where it is declared as a SAC declaration.



Users now select the Import Declaration (N10) menu item to create a SAC (Full Declaration format).

Two new indicators are now included on the Import Declaration (N10) Header Create screen to provide these options.

A screenshot of a web form titled 'Import Declaration (N10) Header Create'. The form has a yellow background. It contains several fields and checkboxes. At the top, there is a checkbox for 'EFT Payment Ind'. Below that is a table with columns for 'Amount' and 'Free On Board'. Underneath the table, there are several checkboxes: 'Self Assessed Clearance Ind', 'Pay Duty, Taxes, Charges', and 'Section 70 Return Ind'. The 'Self Assessed Clearance Ind' and 'Pay Duty, Taxes, Charges' checkboxes are circled in red. At the bottom, there is a dropdown menu for 'Paid Under Protest?' with 'NO' selected.

Users now nominate the Declaration as a SAC by selecting the SAC Indicator.

If electing to pay duty, GST and taxes also select the Pay Duty, Taxes, Charges indicator (this indicator ONLY applies to SAC declarations).

This new functionality provides the information for a SAC declaration to be declared on the Import Declaration (N10) Header Create screen. When the "SAC Ind" is ticked, the Customs Value will be validated that it is at or below the entry threshold. When the adjacent "Pay Duty, Taxes, Charges" indicator is also ticked then duty, GST and taxes will be calculated and payment is required to obtain release.

Please note that as it is a SAC declaration, cost recovery charges will not be calculated or charged.

SAC Indicator

If the SAC Ind (indicator) is ticked, the ICS will check that the Customs value entered is at or below the entry threshold amount. The user will be required to declare that the value of the goods does not exceed the import entry threshold amount. Making this declaration also verifies that the SAC declaration is correct.

Duty, Taxes and Charges Indicator

When the "Pay Duty, Taxes, Charges" Ind (indicator) is ticked, the ICS will verify that the Customs value entered is at or below the entry threshold amount. The user will be required to declare that the goods require payment of all duty and taxes. This declaration also provides validation that the Customs value entered is at or below the entry threshold amount and it is the user's intention to pay duty and taxes for the declared Customs value.

Further Information

Further information can be obtained by contacting CI&SC on 1300 558 099 or email cargosupport@customs.gov.au

For further information regarding the 8.4.08 release go to: <http://www.customs.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=5742> and select the release notes for 24 September 2007.

For further information on Self Assessed Clearance declarations go to: http://www.cargosupport.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/self_assessed_clearance_declarations.pdf

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