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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Postcode classification changes for imported shipping containers reflect increasing urbanisation
- THE FACTS—Claiming GST credits for imported goods

## WELCOME

Welcome to the June edition of the Trade Winds newsletter.

With the end of the financial year looming there are a number of upcoming fee/levy increase announcements for commencement in 2012/13 financial year. Those that have been formally announced are shown below.

However there will also be further increases in wharf storage charges and terminal ancillary costs.

In addition many companies are assessing the additional costs associated with the Carbon Tax (coming into effect on 1 July 2012) on their businesses and which of these costs will be passed on.

We have also included some information on claiming GST credits and an update on the Export Market Development Grant Scheme for 2011/12.

## POSTCODE CLASSIFICATIONS CHANGE FOR IMPORTED CONTAINER DELIVERIES

Changes to postcode classifications for delivery destinations of imported shipping containers will come into effect on 1 July 2012 following an announcement from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Biosecurity (DAFF Biosecurity). *[DAFF Biosecurity is the former Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) who are undergoing rebranding after some major reforms.]*

The changes reflect the growth in urban areas with a number of rural locations being reclassi-

fied to metropolitan – no longer requiring rural tailgate inspections. The 'fringe rural' classification has been removed with most fringe rural postcodes becoming metropolitan.

All containers moving to rural classified postcodes will continue to be subject to rural tailgate inspection to minimise the risk of pests or disease establishing in our farming areas.

For more information on postcode changes please contact us.

## PORT BOTANY WEIGHBRIDGE FEE

DP World has advised customers that a new 'Chain of Responsibility Levy', per full import containers delivered by road, will be effective from 4 June 2012. The levy will be charged direct to Shipping Lines as part of their Vessel Invoice, which can be expected to be passed on to their customers.

This fee is related to the new standards for the management of overweight trucks in the port precinct and the installation of weighbridges at Sydney Container Terminals. Our May newsletter provided an update on the weighbridge trials at Port Botany.

We anticipate this levy increase to flow to ports nationwide.

**CLAIMING GST CREDITS FOR GOODS YOU IMPORT\***

If you are seeking to claim a GST credit for the GST you were liable to pay on a taxable importation, you must be the importer of the goods and import the goods solely or partly for a creditable purpose<sup>1</sup>.

Even if you are listed as the 'owner' on the import declaration you may still not be considered the importer for the purpose of claiming the GST credit. To be considered the importer of the goods you must have 'caused the goods to be brought to Australia for your own purposes and you or your agent must be named as the 'owner' of the goods on the import declaration'.

According to the ATO, you use goods for your own purposes if you sell, lease or hire the goods, use the goods as trading stock or use the goods in the manner consistent with their design or nature.

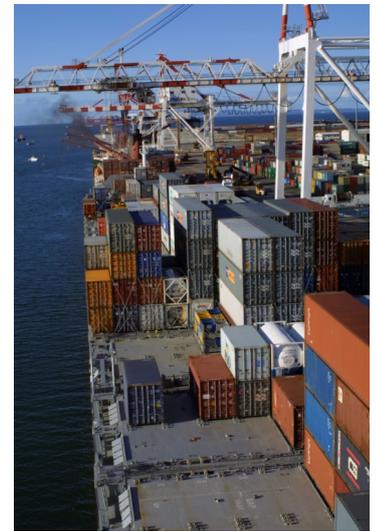
In circumstances where a third party is named as 'owner' on the import declaration, but is not your agent, the third party will be liable to pay the GST on the taxable importation and will not be entitled to claim a GST credit because they are not the importer.

If you reimburse the GST for which a third party was liable to pay on the taxable importation, you will not be able to claim a GST credit because you are not named as 'owner' of the goods on the import declaration.

In these situations, no-one will be entitled to a GST credit.

\*This article is summarised from an Australian Taxation Office factsheet available on their website [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au).

<sup>1</sup>The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) defines a creditable purpose as goods imported for use in carrying on your enterprise (not for a private or domestic nature or that relates to making input taxed supplies).



**EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PAID IN FULL**

The Australian Government has announced that businesses with approved grants of up to \$50,000 under the Export Market Development Grants Scheme 2011-12 will receive the full value of their approved claims. Those with claims up to the maximum amount of \$150,000 are also likely to receive their full claim.

The Grants support small and medium sized businesses, to promote their business in export markets, by providing 50% of eligible export promotion expenses when over \$20,000 is spent.

**Rate Increase Notice to Clients**

Transport rate increases expected early in the next financial year.

**RATE RISE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHIPPING CHARGES**

**Port Fee Increases**—Effective from June 2012 a general increase in port fees will apply.

Port Fees	LCL	FCL
	\$130.00/m3	\$570.00/20' & \$690.00/40'

- Sea Cargo Automation (SCA) is additional on both LCL and FCL
- Security and Document Fee is additional on LCL only

**Airline Terminal Fees** have increased by A\$0.03/kg and the Minimum Import Terminal Fee (ITF) has increased to A\$205 + GST

Shipping companies have advised the following adjustments to rates:

*South East Asia and South and North Asia to Australia*

- A Rate Restoration of US \$300/20' container and US \$600/40' container effective from July 1, 2012, will apply to all shipments from Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, Korea, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam and the Indian Sub-Continent (Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bangladesh) to Australia.

## AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA FUNDRAISER

Well lunch actually! A big thank you to Carolyn for organising our 'Biggest Morning Tea' fundraiser for the Cancer Council of Australia again this year. A wonderful selection of savoury and sweet dishes were prepared by staff to share and over \$300 was raised for this great cause.



### CHARDY COOKED IT MANDARIN & ALMOND CAKE



**CAROLYN CHARD**  
COOK EXTRAORDINAIRE  
AND OPERATIONS AT  
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375 g (3-4) mandarins, (skin on)  
6 eggs  
1 cup (220g) caster sugar  
2 cups (240g) ground almonds  
1 heaped tbs baking powder  
Icing sugar, to dust  
Thick cream or sour cream, to serve

1. Place mandarins in a large saucepan and cover with water. Bring to boil, reduce heat to medium and simmer for 1 hour, until very soft. Keep an eye on the water level. When cool

enough to handle cut in half and remove pips. Gently squeeze mandarin halves to remove excess liquid but do not squeeze dry. Place mandarin halves in food processor, with skin intact, and process to a puree.

2. Preheat oven to 200°C. Grease and line a 22 cm spring-form tin.

3. Beat eggs and sugar together until pale and thick. Fold in almonds and baking powder. Stir in mandarin puree and pour mixture into prepared pan.

4. Bake for 50 minutes, until a skewer inserted comes out clean. Cool completely in tin. Turn out onto a serving plate and dust with icing sugar. Serve cake with thick cream or sour cream.

Note. This recipe came from the Table magazine where they recommended the Brown Brothers Orange Muscat and Flora dessert wine as a perfect drink match.

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