

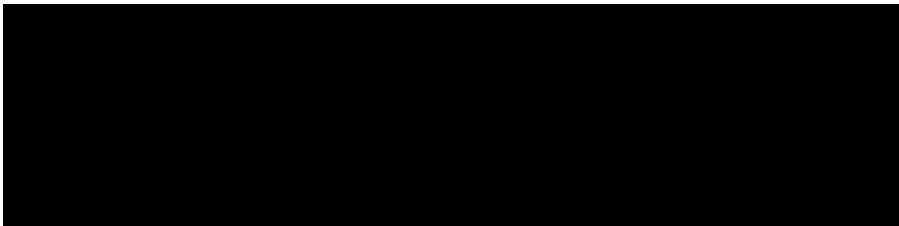


**In reply please quote:**

FOI Request: FA 16/05/00337

File Number: ADF2016/19107

27 May 2016



Dear 

I refer to your email dated 3 May 2016 in which you request access to documents held by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the Department) under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act).

**Scope of Request**

You have requested access to the following documents held by the Department:

*'any documents capable of informing the following inquiries:*

1. *the total volume and total value of Goods imported into Australia for the years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016;*
2. *the respective proportions of the quantities referred to in 1 above that were imported form;*
  - a. *Thailand;*
  - b. *Indonesia;*
  - c. *China, and;*
  - d. *all other countries;*
3. *the answers to 1 and 2 above if only Goods within the following characteristics are included;*
  - a. *minimum nominal thickness of 3.0 mm and;*
  - b. *maximum nominal thickness of 12.0 mm;*
4. *the answers to 1 and 2 above if only Goods with a nominal thickness of 2 mm is included, and*
5. *For the purposes of this request, "Goods" means clear float glass to which Tariff Classification 7005.29.00.'*

This letter is to notify you of my decision on access to the documents subject to your request.

## **Charges**

On 26 May 2016, the Department notified you of the estimated charges associated with processing this request in the amount of \$ [REDACTED]. On 27 May 2016, you paid the charges in full.

## **Authority to make decision**

I am an officer authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions to in respect of requests to access documents or to amend or annotate Departmental records.

## **Decision on access**

In accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act, the Department has used its computer system to produce one document that contains the requested information.

The search criteria used in relation to your request included the tariff classification 70052900 and the statistical codes for float glass, having a nominal thickness not exceeding 3mm and float glass, and having a nominal thickness exceeding 3mm. The results have been divided into the 'principal origin country' as requested by the (calendar) years requested. The values used are the customs value (CVAL).

Please also note that the statistical code for float glass, having a nominal thickness not exceeding 3mm, did not come into effect until 1 January 2012 so there are nil results for 2011.

The data produced in the document relevant to your request existed in the possession of the Department on 3 May 2016 when your FOI request was received. I have decided to release one document in full.

## **Relevant material**

In reaching my decision, I have considered the following:

- the terms of your request;
- the documents relevant to your request;
- the FOI Act;
- Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under s 93A of the FOI Act, and
- advice from Departmental officers with responsibility for matters relating to the documents to which you sought access.

## **Your Review Rights**

### Internal Review

If you disagree with this decision, you have the right to apply for an internal review by the Department of this decision. Any request for internal review must be provided to the Department within 30 days of you being notified of the decision. Where possible please attach reasons why you believe a review of the decision is necessary. The internal review will be carried out by an officer other than the original decision maker and the Department must make a review decision within 30 days. Applications for review should be sent to:

Freedom of Information Section  
Department of Immigration and Border Protection  
PO Box 25  
BELCONNEN ACT 2617

OR

By email to: [foi@border.gov.au](mailto:foi@border.gov.au)

Review by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

You may apply directly to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) for a review of this decision. You must apply in writing within 60 days of this notice. For further information about review rights and how to submit a request for a review to the OAIC, please see Fact Sheet 12 "Freedom of information – Your review rights", available online at <http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-reviews>.

**Making a Complaint**

You may complain to either the Commonwealth Ombudsman or the Australian Information Commissioner about action taken by the Department in relation to your request.

The Ombudsman will consult with the Australian Information Commissioner before investigating a complaint about the handling of an FOI request.

Your enquiries to the Ombudsman can be directed to:

Phone 1300 362 072 (local call charge)

Email [ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au](mailto:ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au)

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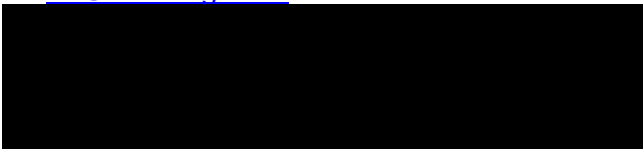
Phone 1300 363 992 (local call charge)

Email [enquiries@oaic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@oaic.gov.au)

There is no particular form required to make a complaint to the Ombudsman or the Australian Information Commissioner. The request should be in writing and should set out the grounds on which it is considered that the action taken in relation to the request should be investigated and identify the Department of Immigration and Border Protection as the relevant agency.

**Contact**

Should you wish to discuss this decision, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Section at [foi@border.gov.au](mailto:foi@border.gov.au).



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