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New arrangements for tablet press permits

Customs and Border Protection has announced that from today (1 July 2010) it will be taking over responsibility for the issuing of 'Permission to Import' in relation to the import control of tablet presses.

The change will become effective immediately and Customs and Border Protection will be working closely with known importers of tablet presses to ensure the transition to the new arrangements are as smooth as possible.

The control on the importation of tablet presses was first introduced on 1 March 2010 to combat the manufacture of illicit drugs within Australia and to reduce illegal profits being made by organised criminal groups.

The legislation has helped to ensure that only those with a legitimate reason to import tablet presses can do, subject to approval from the Minister for Home Affairs or an authorised person.

For more information on the new permit issuing arrangements please contact the Customs Information and Support Centre on 1300 363 263 or email information@customs.gov.au

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