



## New Asbestos Import Laws – Importation of Vehicles into Australia

Customs have implemented a new asbestos community protection question (CPQ) (**when lodging import declarations for all motor vehicle tariff codes as follows: "Do the goods contain asbestos ?"**)

- This may relate to brake linings, clutch linings, brake disc pads, gaskets, seals or any other parts of the vehicle
- Licensed Customs Brokers (LCBs) are required to exercise due diligence in obtaining assurance from importers that the goods do not contain asbestos
- Freight & Trade Alliance (FTA) and the Australian International Movers Association (AIMA) have made a submission to the ABF in relation to the implementation of asbestos procedures on motor vehicle imports effective 6 March 2017

### Concerns include:

- the quantum of the potential penalties
- the potential backlog of vehicles in depot warehouses awaiting some kind of inspection at an approved NATA facility who will no doubt be inundated with requests for inspections

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