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PART 1—PRELIMINARY

1.1 Short title

- 1.1.1 *These Directions may be cited as the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme Ministerial Directions 2015.

1.2 Commencement

- 1.2.1 *These Directions commence on 1 January 2016.

Note: For treatment of claims relating to *shipments before 1 January 2016, and other matters to do with the transition from the *Scheme before that date, see Part 10.

1.3 Aim of Scheme

- 1.3.1 The aim of the *Scheme is to provide financial assistance in respect of the cost of moving certain categories of non-bulk goods by sea between:

- (a) the *mainland and Tasmania; or
- (b) King Island and the main island of Tasmania; or
- (c) the Furneaux Group and the main island of Tasmania.

- 1.3.2 Subject to clauses 1.3.4 and 1.3.5, for the purposes of the Scheme, the amount of financial assistance is based on the difference between the freight costs of shipping goods by sea on the routes specified below, and the notional freight costs of shipping them by road over an equivalent distance:

- (a) between *northern Tasmania and Victoria (420 km);
- (b) between the main island of Tasmania and King Island (300 km);
- (c) between the main island of Tasmania and the Furneaux Group (115km).

- 1.3.3 In *these Directions, the notional road freight cost is called the *road freight equivalent cost (or RFE) and is set at a fixed amount (see clause 3.11).

- 1.3.4 However, where goods are shipped from Tasmania to the mainland for the purpose of *transhipment, the amount of financial assistance is fixed in accordance with clause 3.5.

- 1.3.5 Further, where *imported goods are shipped to Tasmania from the mainland, the amount of financial assistance is fixed in accordance with clause 3.5A.

1.4 Overview of these Directions

- 1.4.1 The main elements of the *Scheme are set out in *these Directions as follows:

- (a) this Part (Part 1) is introductory and includes definitions of terms used in these Directions;
- (b) Part 2 contains the rules on whether a *person is **eligible for *assistance** under the Scheme;

*A word or phrase with an asterisk in front of it is defined in clause 1.5

- (c) if a person is eligible, the **amount of assistance** for which they are eligible is worked out under Part 3;
- (d) Part 4 sets out what a person needs to do to **claim** assistance, including the documentary evidence the person needs to have to support the claim. Part 4 also allows a claimant to apply to be a *self-assessed claimant, and to lodge claims using a ***claims agent**, and sets out rules applying to self-assessed claimants and claims agents;
- (e) Part 5 deals with **payment** of the claim;
- (ea) Part 5A deals with payment of **interest** if there is a delay in payment of the claim;
- (f) Part 6 sets out the powers the Commonwealth has to enable it to **audit** claims and verify information given about claims;
- (g) Part 7 sets out the procedure to be followed by a person who wants a **review of a decision** affecting them;
- (h) Part 8 contains provisions about **how the Scheme is administered**;
- (i) Part 9 allows for the **publication** of certain information about the operation of the Scheme;
- (j) Part 10 deals with miscellaneous matters and the **transition** of the Scheme from the rules in force before 1 January 2016, to those in force after that date.

1.5 Definitions

Note: Throughout these Directions, an asterisk is used as a reminder that the word or phrase after the asterisk is defined in clause 1.5 (for example: *eligible northbound goods). The asterisk occurs only the first time a term is used in a clause.

1.5.1 In *these Directions:

administrator means a *person or body with whom the *Secretary has entered an arrangement under clause 8.1.

agriculture, forestry and fishing industry has the meaning given by clause 1.6.

ANZSIC 2006 means the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification 2006, as amended from time to time.

Note: At the time these Directions were made (2015), ANZSIC 2006 could be obtained from the website of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (cat. No. 1292.0).

approved means approved by the *Secretary in writing.

assistance means financial assistance under *these Directions.

Australian equivalent, in relation to *imported goods in respect of which assistance is being claimed, means goods that the Secretary is satisfied are:

- (a) not imported goods; and

*A word or phrase with an asterisk in front of it is defined in clause 1.5

- (b) put, or capable of being put, to a use that corresponds with a use (including a design use) to which the imported goods can be put (the *desired use*); and
- (c) suitable for being put to the desired use in the course of activities carried out by the claimant in Tasmania that are listed in Divisions A, B or C of *ANZSIC 2006; and
- (d) available to the claimant for the desired use in sufficient scale and quality.

BGSF company is an abbreviation for ‘bulk grain storage facility company’ and means a company that:

- (a) ships grain to Tasmania from the *mainland; and
- (b) stores the grain in a storage facility in Tasmania that has a storage capacity of 2,000 tonnes or more.

bulk cargo means any freight that is shipped loose in a ship’s holds or tanks without any form of unitisation or packaging.

business day means a day other than:

- (a) a Saturday or Sunday; or
- (b) a public holiday in the place concerned; or
- (c) a day during the *administrator’s reduced activity period.

Note: The administrator’s reduced activity period occurs around Christmas and New Year. The exact dates will vary each year and can be found in the Services Australia Enterprise Agreement.

charitable organisation means a charity referred to in section 5 of the *Charities Act 2013* (Cth).

claims agent means a *person *approved under clause 4.1.

date of shipment has the meaning given in clause 1.8.

Department means the Department administered by the *Minister.

departmental review officer means a Senior Executive Service employee in the *Department authorised to conduct reviews under clause 7.3.

document has the meaning given to that word in section 2B of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

door to door adjustment means the adjustment described in clause 3.9.

electronic communication has the same meaning as in the *Electronic Transactions Act 1999*.

eligible Furneaux Group goods has the meaning given by subclause 2.5.3.

eligible intrastate goods has the meaning given by clause 2.13.

*A word or phrase with an asterisk in front of it is defined in clause 1.5

eligible northbound goods has the meaning given by clause 2.4.

eligible southbound goods has the meaning given by clause 2.9.

FC is an abbreviation for *fixed intermodal cost.

FCL is an abbreviation for *full container load.

fixed intermodal cost means the amount of \$100 per *TEU attributable to unavoidable intermodal costs incurred when goods are moved by sea between the *mainland and Tasmania, or between King Island and the main island of Tasmania, or between the Furneaux Group and the main island of Tasmania.

full container load means a container utilised at its maximum capacity for the freight in it.

Guidelines means Guidelines issued by the Secretary under clause 8.3.1.

high density freight means freight which when efficiently packed has a stowage factor of 1.1 cubic metres or less per tonne.

imported goods means goods imported into Australia which have not undergone a *manufacturing process on the mainland.

incurred and paid is explained in clause 2.2.

independent auditor means a *person who is registered as an auditor under section 1280 of the *Corporations Act 2001* and:

- (a) in relation to a claimant who is an individual—is not an employee of the individual; and
- (b) in relation to a claimant who is a company—is not an employee, public officer, member or employee of a member of the claimant company; and
- (c) in relation to a claim lodged by a *claims agent—is also not an employee, public officer, member or employee of a member of the claims agent.

LCL is an abbreviation for *less than a container load.

less than a container load means a container utilised at less than its maximum capacity for the freight in it.

mainland means the mainland of Australia.

manufacturing industry has the meaning given by clause 1.6.

manufacturing process means a process that:

- (a) transforms material or a product into a new product; and

*A word or phrase with an asterisk in front of it is defined in clause 1.5

- (b) is carried out in the course of activities defined in Division C of ANZSIC 2006.

mining industry has the meaning given by clause 1.6.

Minister means the Commonwealth Minister responsible for the administration of *these Directions.

northern Tasmania means the area in Tasmania north of latitude 42 degrees south.

notional entitlement has the meaning given by subclauses 3.7.2 and 3.7.4.

notional wharf to wharf freight cost (WW) has the meaning given by clause 3.8.

online portal means the online portal established by the Secretary or the administrator in relation to the *Scheme.

Note: The administrator will automatically give eligible claimants access to the Scheme online portal.

person means a person (including an individual or a company) who is a resident of Australia for the purposes of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*.

public sector auditor means the Auditor-General of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory.

reassessment officer means an employee of the administrator, or of the *Department, who is authorised by the *Secretary to conduct reviews under clause 7.2.

record has the meaning given to that word in section 2B of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

reefer means a refrigerated shipping container, or other refrigerated transport unit, used for the transportation of temperature sensitive cargo.

RFE - see *road freight equivalent cost.

road freight equivalent cost (RFE) means, in relation to a shipment of goods, the relevant amount set out in subclause 3.11.1.

route scaling factor adjustment means the adjustment described in clause 3.10.

Secretary means the *person from time to time occupying the position of Secretary of the *Department.

*A word or phrase with an asterisk in front of it is defined in clause 1.5

Scheme means the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme referred to in item 419.001 of Part 4 of Schedule 1AA to the *Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Regulations 1997*.

self-assessed claimant means a claimant approved under clause 4.5.2.

SES employee means an SES employee or an acting SES employee, within the meaning of the *Public Service Act 1999*.

shipment means shipment by sea.

southern Tasmania means the area in Tasmania south of latitude 42 degrees south.

standard weight assistance means, in relation to a consignment of goods, the relevant amount worked out under subclause 3.12.1 or 3.14.1.

TEU means a standard 6.1 metre container or *reefer equivalent.

these Directions means the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme Ministerial Directions 2015, as amended from time to time.

transhipment has the meaning given by clause 1.7.

transport unit means a *TEU, trailer, tanker or any other container in which goods are placed for *shipment.

WW - see *notional wharf to wharf freight cost.

1.5.2 The rules for calculating time in section 36 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* apply to these Directions as if it were an Act.

1.6 Meaning of *manufacturing, mining, or agriculture, forestry and fishing industry*

1.6.1 In *these Directions, a reference to the ***manufacturing, mining, or agriculture, forestry and fishing industry*** is taken to be a reference to that industry as described in Division A, B or C of *ANZSIC 2006.

1.7 Meaning of *transhipment*

1.7.1 For the purpose of *these Directions, goods are shipped to the *mainland for the purpose of ***transhipment*** if the goods are shipped from Tasmania to a port on the mainland, and arrangements have been made for the goods to be off-loaded from the vessel on which they were shipped to the port and:

- (a) carried on a separate voyage (whether on the same vessel or a different vessel) to a point beyond Australia within 6 months of the *date of shipment; or
- (b) carried by aircraft to a point beyond Australia within 6 months of the date of shipment; or

*A word or phrase with an asterisk in front of it is defined in clause 1.5

- (c) handled in a manner determined in writing by the *Secretary for the purposes of this paragraph.

1.7.2 For the purpose of these Directions, goods are also taken to be shipped to the mainland for the purpose of *transshipment* if the goods are shipped from Tasmania to a port on the mainland, and arrangements have been made for the goods to be off-loaded from the vessel on which they were shipped to the port, and:

- (a) the final destination of the goods is unknown at the time the claim is made; or
- (b) the goods are to be transported to a point beyond Australia at a time after 6 months from the date of shipment; or
- (c) the date on which the goods are to be transported to a point beyond Australia is unknown at the time the claim is made.

Note 1: If assistance is paid in respect of goods to which clause 1.7.2 applies, the claimant (or the claimant's claims agent) is required to notify the Secretary of the final destination of the goods, and the date on which the goods were transported to a point beyond Australia (whichever is applicable) (clause 5.4.1(d)).

Note 2: If assistance is paid in respect of goods to which clause 1.7.2 applies, and such goods are repurposed for permanent use, or sale, on the mainland within 6 months of the date of shipment, a claimant may notify the Secretary of this and have the amount of assistance adjusted (clause 5.7).

1.8 Date of shipment

1.8.1 For the purpose of *these Directions, the *date of shipment* of goods is:

- (a) if the goods are *imported goods—the date the ship left the port on the *mainland to ship the goods to Tasmania;
- (b) in all other cases—the date the ship left the port at which the goods were loaded onto the ship for the first leg of the journey in relation to which assistance is being sought.

1.8.2 However, where a claimant is unable to provide a date of shipment in respect of goods, *these Directions are to apply in respect of those goods as if each reference to the date of shipment of goods were a reference to the date of the consignment note applicable to the goods.

1.9 Manner of transmission and date of receipt of claims, notices etc

1.9.1 Except where *these Directions expressly provide otherwise, where these Directions require information in writing to be given, lodged, or received within a specified time, the information may be transmitted by hand, prepaid post, facsimile or *electronic communication.

1.9.2 The information is taken to be duly given or lodged, and received:

- (a) if delivered by hand—when delivered;
- (b) if sent by post to the *Secretary or the *administrator—when the information enters into the possession of the addressee;

*A word or phrase with an asterisk in front of it is defined in clause 1.5

- (c) if sent by post to a person other than the Secretary or the administrator—on the third *business day after posting;
- (d) if sent by facsimile—on the business day after the day the sender received the appropriate transmission report;
- (e) if sent by electronic communication—when the electronic communication enters the addressee’s information system.

1.10 Interpretation

1.10.1 In *these Directions:

- (a) words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular; and
- (b) where a word or phrase is defined, other parts of speech and grammatical forms of that word or phrase have corresponding meanings.

PART 2—ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE

2.1 Overview of eligibility rules

2.1.1 The *Scheme has different eligibility rules, depending on whether the goods are being shipped:

- (a) north from Tasmania to the *mainland (see clauses 2.3 to 2.7 dealing with the northbound component of the Scheme); or
- (b) south from the mainland to Tasmania (see clauses 2.8 to 2.11 dealing with the southbound component of the Scheme); or
- (c) between the main island of Tasmania and King Island, or between the main island of Tasmania and the Furneaux Group (see clauses 2.12 to 2.15 dealing with the intrastate component of the Scheme).

2.2 Application of *incurred and paid the cost of shipping* requirement

2.2.1 A *person is not eligible for *assistance under any component of the *Scheme unless the person has *incurred and paid the cost of shipping the goods concerned between Tasmania and the *mainland, between the main island of Tasmania and King Island, or between the main island of Tasmania and the Furneaux Group.

2.2.2 Some examples of situations where a person is taken *not* to have *incurred and paid the cost of shipping* are where the person incurred the cost in the course of providing a commercial service to a client of any of the following:

- (a) shipping;
- (b) arranging shipping;
- (c) advising on shipping;
- (d) advising on this *Scheme.

*A word or phrase with an asterisk in front of it is defined in clause 1.5

- 2.2.3 A person is also taken *not* to have *incurred and paid the cost of shipping* if the person:
- (a) did, or may have, set the price of shipping the goods concerned; or
 - (b) is involved in a non-arms-length commercial arrangement with a person who did, or may have, set the price of shipping the goods concerned.
- 2.2.4 A person may be taken to have *incurred and paid the cost of shipping* even if they have not dealt directly with the shipping company. For example, if the person engages an intermediary such as a customs broker, freight broker, freight forwarder or freight logistics business to arrange the *shipment, that person ultimately bears the cost of shipping, in the form of charges payable to the intermediary. Conversely, because the intermediary recovers the cost of shipping from its client, the intermediary is taken not to have incurred the cost.
- 2.2.5 A person may also be taken to have *incurred and paid the cost of shipping* if:
- (a) the person is the seller of goods; and
 - (b) the goods have been shipped to the mainland for the purpose of *transshipment; and
 - (c) the buyer and the seller of the goods have entered into an arrangement whereby the buyer pays for the cost of shipping the goods; and
 - (d) the buyer is not a resident of Australia for the purposes of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*.

2.3 Northbound assistance—general eligibility

- 2.3.1 A *person is eligible for *assistance in relation to goods shipped from Tasmania to the *mainland if:
- (a) the goods are *eligible northbound goods; and
 - (b) the person has *incurred and paid the cost of shipping the goods; and
 - (c) assistance has not been paid to any other person in respect of that *shipment of those goods.

2.4 Meaning of *eligible northbound goods*

- 2.4.1 The term *eligible northbound goods* means goods that are listed in Schedule 1 and produced or manufactured in Tasmania for permanent use, or sale, on the *mainland, or which have been shipped to the mainland for the purpose of *transshipment.
- 2.4.2 However, goods that are shipped as *bulk cargo are not *eligible northbound goods*.

2.5 Northbound assistance—additional rates of assistance for goods shipped from King Island and Furneaux Group

- 2.5.1 If a *person is eligible for *assistance under clause 2.3, and the relevant goods have been shipped from King Island to the *mainland for the purpose of

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*transshipment, the person is eligible for assistance in relation to those goods at an additional rate.

Note: The additional rate is specified in subclause 3.5.2 (in relation to goods shipped for the purpose of transshipment).

2.5.2 If a person is eligible for assistance under clause 2.3, and:

- (a) the relevant goods have been shipped from the Furneaux Group to the mainland for the purpose of transshipment; or
- (b) the relevant goods are *eligible Furneaux Group goods which have been produced or manufactured on the Furneaux Group for permanent use, or sale, on the mainland;

the person is eligible for assistance in relation to those goods at an additional rate.

Note 1: The additional rate paid in respect of goods shipped from the Furneaux Group to the mainland for the purpose of transshipment differs depending on whether the goods are eligible Furneaux goods. The additional rates are specified in clause 3.5.3.

Note 2: The additional rate paid in respect of eligible Furneaux goods shipped for permanent use, or sale, on the mainland is specified in clause 3.13.

2.5.3 Goods are *eligible Furneaux Group goods* if:

- (a) the goods are *eligible northbound goods; and
- (b) the goods have been shipped from the Furneaux Group to the mainland via the main island of Tasmania; and
- (c) the *shipment of the goods involved a land transport component on the main island of Tasmania; and
- (d) when the goods were moved from one vehicle or vessel to another, the move took place as soon as practicable; and
- (e) the goods did not undergo a *manufacturing process on the main island of Tasmania prior to their shipment to the mainland.

2.6 Northbound assistance—sportspersons and professional entertainers

2.6.1 A *person is eligible for *assistance in relation to goods shipped from Tasmania to the *mainland if:

- (a) the person is a sportsperson competing for prize money or other financial reward, or is a professional entertainer; and
- (b) the goods are equipment used by the person in the practice of that sport or entertainment; and
- (c) the goods were transported in a round trip between the mainland and Tasmania that was completed within 6 months; and
- (d) the goods are being shipped on the return leg of the round trip; and
- (e) the person has *incurred and paid the cost of the *shipment; and
- (f) assistance has not been paid to any other person in respect of the shipment.

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2.7 Northbound assistance—brood mares

- 2.7.1 A *person is eligible for *assistance in relation to a Tasmanian-based brood mare shipped from Tasmania to the *mainland for stud purposes if:
- (a) the person has *incurred and paid the cost of the *shipment; and
 - (b) assistance has not been paid to any other person in respect of the shipment; and
 - (c) the mare has been transported in a round trip between the *mainland and Tasmania.

Note: Assistance in relation to horses shipped in other circumstances or for other purposes may be available under clause 2.3 or clause 2.6.

2.8 Southbound assistance—general eligibility

- 2.8.1 A *person is eligible for *assistance in relation to goods shipped from the *mainland to Tasmania in the following circumstances:
- (a) the goods are *eligible southbound goods; and
 - (b) the person is engaged in the *manufacturing, mining, or agriculture, forestry and fishing industry in Tasmania; and
 - (c) the person has *incurred and paid the cost of shipping the goods; and
 - (d) assistance has not been paid to any other person in respect of that *shipment of those goods.

2.9 Meaning of *eligible southbound goods*

- 2.9.1 The following goods are *eligible southbound goods*:
- (a) if the claimant is engaged in the *manufacturing industry in Tasmania—raw materials or equipment for use by the claimant in the claimant’s *manufacturing processes; or
 - (b) if the claimant is engaged in the *mining industry in Tasmania—raw materials or equipment for use by the claimant in the claimant’s production processes; or
 - (c) if the claimant is engaged in the *agriculture, forestry or fishing industry in Tasmania—material inputs to, or machinery, implements and equipment for use in, that industry.
- 2.9.2 Goods are also *eligible southbound goods* if:
- (a) the goods are used by a person as an input into a process that is carried out in the course of activities carried out by the claimant in Tasmania that are listed in Divisions A, B or C of *ANZSIC 2006; and
 - (b) the process meets either of the following requirements:
 - (1) an output of the process is used in the course of the claimant’s main business activity (as listed in the class of ANZSIC 2006 to which the claimant has been assigned);
 - (2) the process uses as an input an item that is an output of the claimant’s main business activity (as listed in the class of ANZSIC 2006 to which the claimant has been assigned).

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2.9.3 However, the following are not *eligible southbound goods*:

- (a) *imported goods which:
 - (i) the *Secretary is satisfied have an *Australian equivalent; or
 - (ii) are listed in Schedule 1A; or
 - (iii) were loaded onto a ship for the journey to Tasmania at a port that was not on the *mainland; or
 - (iv) have a *date of shipment that is before 1 July 2021 or more than 6 months after the goods were imported to Australia from overseas;
- (b) fuels and lubricants;
- (c) goods of Tasmanian origin which have not undergone a manufacturing process on the mainland before shipment back to Tasmania;
- (d) building and construction materials and equipment;
- (e) motor vehicles for the manufacturing and mining industries, if they are to be registered for use on public roads;
- (f) goods shipped as *bulk cargo.

2.10 Southbound assistance—sportspersons and professional entertainers

2.10.1 A *person is eligible for *assistance in relation to goods shipped from the *mainland to Tasmania if:

- (a) the person is a sportsperson competing for prize money or other financial reward, or is a professional entertainer; and
- (b) the goods are equipment used by the person in the practice of that sport or entertainment; and
- (c) the goods were transported in a round trip between the mainland and Tasmania that was completed within 6 months; and
- (d) the goods are being shipped on the return leg of the round trip; and
- (e) the person has *incurred and paid the cost of the *shipment; and
- (f) assistance has not been paid to any other person in respect of the shipment.

2.11 Southbound assistance—brood mares and foals

2.11.1 A *person is eligible for *assistance in relation to Tasmanian-based brood mares shipped from the *mainland to Tasmania if:

- (a) the mare was on the mainland for stud purposes; and
- (b) the person has *incurred and paid the cost of the *shipment; and
- (c) assistance has not been paid to any other person in respect of the shipment.

2.11.2 A person is eligible for assistance in relation to a foal shipped from the mainland to Tasmania if:

- (a) the foal is the progeny of a mare referred to in subclause 2.11.1; and
- (b) the foal is less than 6 months old at the time of its shipment from the mainland; and
- (c) the person has incurred and paid the cost of the shipment; and

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- (d) assistance has not been paid to any other person in respect of the shipment.

Note: Assistance in relation to horses shipped in other circumstances or for other purposes may be available under clause 2.8 or clause 2.10.

2.11A Southbound assistance – charitable organisations providing hardship relief

- 2.11A.1 A *charitable organisation is eligible for *assistance in relation to goods shipped from the *mainland to King Island if:
- (a) the charitable organisation is donating goods to a *person engaged in the agriculture, forestry and fishing industry in King Island; and
 - (b) the goods being donated by the charitable organisation is fodder and stockfeed provided to a person in subclause 2.11A.1(a) enduring hardship caused by drought; and
 - (c) the charitable organisation has *incurred and paid the cost of the *shipment; and
 - (d) assistance has not been paid to any other person in respect of the shipment.
- 2.11A.2 A charitable organisation may only make a claim under subclause 2.11A.1 for claims relating to shipments where the *date of shipment of the goods is between the period commencing on 1 May 2024 and ending on 30 June 2025.

2.12 Intrastate assistance—general eligibility

- 2.12.1 A *person is eligible for *assistance in relation to goods shipped between King Island and the main island of Tasmania, or between the Furneaux Group and the main island of Tasmania, if:
- (a) the goods are *eligible intrastate goods; and
 - (b) the person has *incurred and paid the cost of shipping the goods; and
 - (c) assistance has not been paid to any other person in respect of that *shipment of those goods.

2.13 Meaning of *eligible intrastate goods*

- 2.13.1 Goods are *eligible intrastate goods* if the goods are:
- (a) listed in Schedule 1 and produced or manufactured on the main island of Tasmania for permanent use or sale on King Island or the Furneaux Group; or
 - (b) listed in Schedule 1 and produced or manufactured on King Island or the Furneaux Group for permanent use or sale on the main island of Tasmania; or
 - (c) if the claimant is engaged in the *manufacturing industry on King Island or the Furneaux Group—raw materials or equipment for use by the claimant in the claimant’s *manufacturing processes; or

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- (d) if the claimant is engaged in the *mining industry on King Island or the Furneaux Group—raw materials or equipment for use by the claimant in the claimant’s production processes; or
- (e) if the claimant is engaged in the *agriculture, forestry or fishing industry on King Island or the Furneaux Group—material inputs to, or machinery, implements and equipment for use in, that industry.

Note: Paragraph 2.13.1(b) above does not cover Schedule 1 goods produced or manufactured in King Island or the Furneaux Group for *transshipment or permanent use or sale on the *mainland. However:

- (a) in the case of goods shipped from the Furneaux Group to the mainland—the goods may be eligible for *assistance at an additional rate (see subclauses 2.5.2 and 3.5.3, and clause 3.13);
- (b) in the case of goods shipped from King Island to the mainland for the purpose of transshipment—the goods may be eligible for assistance at an additional rate (see subclauses 2.5.1 and 3.5.2).

2.13.2 Goods are also *eligible intrastate goods* if:

- (a) the goods are used by a person as an input into a process that is carried out in the course of activities carried out by the claimant on King Island or the Furneaux Group that are listed in Divisions A, B or C of *ANZSIC 2006; and
- (b) the process meets either of the following requirements:
 - (i) an output of the process is used in the course of the claimant’s main business activity (as listed in the class of ANZSIC 2006 to which the claimant has been assigned);
 - (ii) the process uses as an input an item that is an output of the claimant’s main business activity (as listed in the class of ANZSIC 2006 to which the claimant has been assigned).

2.13.3 However, the following are not *eligible intrastate goods*:

- (a) goods brought into the main island of Tasmania from the mainland or from overseas which have not undergone a *manufacturing process on the main island of Tasmania prior to their *shipment to King Island or the Furneaux Group;
- (b) goods brought into King Island or the Furneaux Group from the mainland or from overseas which have not undergone a manufacturing process on that island prior to their shipment to the main island of Tasmania;
- (c) goods shipped from King Island to the Furneaux Group which have not undergone a manufacturing process on the main island of Tasmania prior to their shipment to the Furneaux Group, and vice versa;
- (d) fuels and lubricants;
- (e) building and construction materials and equipment;
- (f) motor vehicles for the manufacturing and mining industries, if they are to be registered for use on public roads;

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- (g) goods shipped as *bulk cargo.

2.14 Intrastate assistance—sportspersons and professional entertainers

2.14.1 A *person is eligible for *assistance in relation to goods shipped between King Island and the main island of Tasmania, or between the Furneaux Group and the main island of Tasmania, if:

- (a) the person is a sportsperson competing for prize money or other financial reward, or is a professional entertainer; and
- (b) the goods are equipment used by the person in the practice of that sport or entertainment; and
- (c) the goods were transported in a round trip between King Island and the main island of Tasmania, or between the Furneaux Group and the main island of Tasmania, that was completed within 6 months; and
- (d) the goods are being shipped on the return leg of the round trip; and
- (e) the person has *incurred and paid the cost of the *shipment; and
- (f) assistance has not been paid to any other person in respect of the shipment.

2.15 Intrastate assistance—brood mares and foals

2.15.1 A *person is eligible for *assistance in relation to a King Island-based brood mare, or a Furneaux Group-based brood mare, shipped between that Island or Group and the main island of Tasmania for stud purposes if:

- (a) the person has *incurred and paid the cost of the *shipment; and
- (b) assistance has not been paid to any other person in respect of that shipment.

2.15.2 A person is eligible for assistance in relation to a foal shipped from the main island of Tasmania to either King Island or the Furneaux Group if:

- (a) the foal is the progeny of a mare referred to in subclause 2.15.1; and
- (b) the foal is less than 6 months old at the time of its shipment from the main island of Tasmania; and
- (c) the person has incurred and paid the cost of the shipment; and
- (d) assistance has not been paid to any other person in respect of that shipment of those goods.

Note: A person is not eligible for assistance under clause 2.15 in respect of a brood mare based on the main island of Tasmania shipped between the main island of Tasmania and either King Island or the Furneaux Group. Assistance in relation to horses shipped in such circumstances, or for other purposes, may be available under clause 2.12 or clause 2.14.

2.16 Transport by air in exceptional circumstances

2.16.1 The *Secretary may make an Exceptional Circumstances declaration under this clause in relation to goods transported by air if satisfied that:

- (a) in normal circumstances the goods would have been shipped by sea; and

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- (b) the goods were, or will be, transported by air because of the temporary unavailability of a regular shipping service.

Note: Some examples of exceptional circumstances are where a regular shipping service is unavailable due to industrial dispute, mechanical failure, vessel maintenance, unfavourable weather.

- 2.16.2 An Exceptional Circumstances declaration may cover goods, or classes of goods, transported on a particular route, or routes, on a particular day or days.
- 2.16.3 The Secretary may make an Exceptional Circumstances declaration before, during or after the relevant period of temporary unavailability of the shipping service.
- 2.16.4 Where goods are covered by an Exceptional Circumstances declaration, this Part applies to the goods as if the references to “shipped” were references to “transported by air”.

Note: For the calculation of the amount of *assistance for air transport covered by an Exceptional Circumstances declaration, see clause 3.4.

PART 3—AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE

SUBPART 3A - GENERAL

3.1 Assistance payable

- 3.1.1 *Assistance is payable to a claimant on a per *TEU basis. Where goods are shipped in *transport units other than TEUs, these are converted to a TEU basis under clause 3.2.
- 3.1.2 Where *eligible northbound goods are shipped to the *mainland for the purpose of *transshipment or *imported goods that are *eligible southbound goods are shipped to Tasmania, the assistance payable to a claimant is to be determined in accordance with Subpart 3B.
- 3.1.3 In all other cases, the assistance payable to a claimant is to be determined in accordance with Subpart 3C.
- 3.1.4 For goods with a *date of shipment from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2027 (inclusive), the amount of *assistance payable to a claimant under Part 3 will be increased by 25 per cent.

3.2 TEU adjustment

- 3.2.1 Where a claimant’s freight invoice includes *transport units of a different size to a *TEU and/or represents less than a *FCL, the invoice is adjusted by converting the transport unit to a TEU equivalent size and/or a FCL basis. The conversion factors for commonly claimed goods are set out in the *Guidelines.

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3.3 General rules affecting calculation of assistance

- 3.3.1 For the purpose of calculating *assistance under this Part, the amount of any freight invoice or cost is taken to be that amount:
- (a) exclusive of any GST; and
 - (b) exclusive of any amount attributable to a fee for service charged by a *claims agent acting on behalf of the claimant.

3.4 Assistance for air transported goods

- 3.4.1 Where, because of a declaration under clause 2.16, a *person is eligible for *assistance for goods transported by air, this Part applies to the assistance payable for those goods as if:
- (a) each reference to ‘wharf’ (eg ‘wharf to wharf freight cost’, ‘door to wharf task’) were a reference to ‘airport’; and
 - (b) each reference to ‘shipped’ were a reference to ‘transported by air’.

SUBPART 3B - ASSISTANCE FOR TRANSHIPPED AND IMPORTED GOODS

3.5 Assistance payable for goods shipped to the mainland for the purpose of transshipment

- 3.5.1 In the case of *eligible northbound goods shipped to the *mainland for the purpose of *transshipment, the assistance payable to a claimant in respect of those goods is \$700 per *TEU.
- 3.5.2 Where eligible northbound goods are shipped from King Island to the mainland for the purpose of transshipment, the assistance payable to a claimant in respect of those goods is \$805 per TEU.
- 3.5.3 Where eligible northbound goods are shipped from the Furneaux Group to the mainland for the purpose of transshipment, the assistance payable to a claimant in respect of those goods is:
- (a) if the goods are not *eligible Furneaux Group goods—\$805 per TEU; or
 - (b) if the goods are eligible Furneaux Group goods—\$1,610 per TEU.

3.5A Assistance payable for imported goods shipped to Tasmania

- 3.5A.1 In the case of *imported goods that are *eligible southbound goods shipped to Tasmania from the *mainland, the *assistance payable to a claimant in respect of those goods is \$700 per *TEU.
- 3.5A.2 Where imported goods shipped to King Island from the mainland are eligible southbound goods, the assistance payable to a claimant in respect of those goods is \$805 per TEU.

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3.5A.3 Where imported goods shipped to the Furneaux Group from the mainland are eligible southbound goods, the assistance payable to a claimant in respect of those goods is:

- (a) if subclause 3.5A.4 does not apply to the goods—\$805 per TEU;
or
- (b) if subclause 3.5A.4 applies to the goods—\$1,610 per TEU.

3.5A.4 This subclause applies to goods if:

- (a) the goods are eligible southbound goods; and
- (b) the goods have been shipped to the Furneaux Group from the mainland via the main island of Tasmania; and
- (c) the *shipment of the goods involved a land transport component on the main island of Tasmania; and
- (d) when the goods were moved from one vehicle or vessel to another, the move took place as soon as practicable; and
- (e) the goods did not undergo a *manufacturing process on the main island of Tasmania prior to their shipment to the Furneaux Group.

Note 1: Claims for assistance under this clause can be made from 1 October 2021 (see subclause 4.12.4).

Note 2: No assistance is payable under the Scheme in respect of imported goods unless the goods are shipped from the mainland to Tasmania (see subclause 2.8.1).

3.6 Subsidies or rebates provided to claimants

3.6.1 Where a claimant has received, claimed, or is entitled to, any other subsidy or rebate (however described) from any source in relation to the costs of the *shipment, the *assistance payable to the claimant under clause 3.5 or clause 3.5A is reduced in accordance with subclause 3.6.2.

3.6.2 The assistance payable is to be calculated by subtracting from it the amount of the subsidy or rebate.

Note: If the *Secretary does not become aware of the subsidy or rebate until after assistance has been paid in respect of the shipment, then part of the assistance so paid is an overpayment. The assistance payable in respect of the shipment will be recalculated under this clause and the amount of the overpayment will be recoverable under clause 5.7.

SUBPART 3C - ASSISTANCE IN ALL OTHER CASES

3.7 Assistance payable

3.7.1 Subject to this Division, the assistance payable to a claimant (besides in respect of goods for which assistance is payable under Subpart 3B) is equivalent to the claimant's *notional entitlement.

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- 3.7.2 A claimant's *notional entitlement* is the amount worked out under the following formula:

$$NE = (WW - RFE)$$

where:

WW means the claimant's *notional wharf to wharf freight cost

RFE means the relevant *road freight equivalent cost (see subclause 3.11.1).

- 3.7.3 The rules for working out the amounts of the elements of the formula are set out in the remainder of this Subpart and in Schedules 2 and 3.
- 3.7.4 However, if the claimant's claim has been lodged by a *BGSF company, the claimant's *notional entitlement* is not worked out under subclause 3.7.2 but is the amount determined by the *Secretary, in accordance with the *Guidelines, to be the claimant's notional entitlement for a particular period.
- 3.7.5 In no case can the amount of assistance payable exceed the claimant's *notional wharf to wharf freight cost.

3.8 Notional wharf to wharf freight cost

- 3.8.1 A claimant's freight invoice is to be converted to a *notional wharf to wharf freight cost* by applying this clause.
- 3.8.2 Where a freight invoice represents one or more *TEUs (*full container load) and is presented on a wharf to wharf basis, clause 3.10 is applied.
- 3.8.3 Where a freight invoice represents* less than a container load and is presented on terms other than:
- (a) a wharf to wharf basis; or
 - (b) for the *shipment of a consignment of TEUs;
- clauses 3.2, 3.9, and 3.10 are applied (in that order).
- 3.8.4 Where a freight invoice represents a full container load and is presented on terms other than:
- (a) a wharf to wharf basis; or
 - (b) for the shipment of a consignment of TEUs;
- clauses 3.9 and 3.10 are applied (in that order).

3.9 Door to door adjustment

- 3.9.1 Where a claimant's freight invoice is not in terms of wharf to wharf costs, the invoice is reduced by:
- (a) \$230 per *transport unit in respect of a door to wharf task; and
 - (b) \$230 per transport unit in respect of a wharf to door task; and
 - (c) \$460 per transport unit in respect of a door to door task.

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3.10 Route scaling factor adjustment

3.10.1 The **route scaling factor adjustment* is applied to a claimant's freight invoice as follows:

- (a) if it is a wharf to wharf freight invoice – it is adjusted in accordance with subclause 3.10.2, by applying the relevant scaling factor specified in Schedule 2; and
- (b) if it is not a wharf to wharf freight invoice – it is adjusted first in accordance with clause 3.9, and then in accordance with subclause 3.10.2, by applying the relevant scaling factor specified in Schedule 2.

3.10.2 In applying the relevant scaling factor specified in Schedule 2, the following conditions apply:

- (a) where a wharf to wharf freight invoice is provided in support of the claim, the points of origin and destination are the State or Territory in which the ports of *shipment and unloading are located; and
- (b) where a wharf to wharf freight invoice is not provided in support of the claim, the points of origin and destination are, as appropriate, either:
 - (i) for goods shipped north, the area of Tasmania (that is, either *northern Tasmania or *southern Tasmania) where the transport of the goods commences and the State or Territory in which the destination is located, irrespective of the actual port of shipment or unloading; or
 - (ii) for goods shipped south, the State or Territory in which the transport of the goods commences and the area of Tasmania where the destination is located, irrespective of the actual port of shipment or unloading.

Example: If the freight invoice covers a journey where goods are loaded in New Norfolk and trucked to Devonport, the point of origin is taken to be southern Tasmania (even though the port where the goods are loaded is in northern Tasmania). If the goods are then unloaded in Melbourne but trucked to Alice Springs, the point of destination is taken to be the Northern Territory, not Victoria.

3.11 Road freight equivalent cost and notional entitlement

3.11.1 Once the **notional wharf to wharf freight cost* of the relevant consignment, or part thereof, has been calculated under the preceding clauses, the *road freight equivalent cost (RFE)* is deducted from it. The RFE is:

- (a) in the case of goods moved between the *mainland and Tasmania—\$281 per *TEU for dry freight and \$309 per TEU for *reefer freight; and
- (b) in the case of goods moved between King Island and the main island of Tasmania—\$675 per TEU for dry freight and \$742 per TEU for reefer freight; and

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- (c) in the case of goods moved between the Furneaux Group and the main island of Tasmania—\$259 per TEU for dry freight and \$285 per TEU for reefer freight.

3.11.2 The result of deducting the RFE from the notional wharf to wharf freight cost is the claimant's *notional entitlement.

3.12 Sliding scale applied to notional entitlement

3.12.1 Once the *notional entitlement has been calculated under subclause 3.11.1, the *standard weight assistance* per *TEU for that consignment, or part thereof, is calculated under Schedule 3. The application of the Schedule produces a sliding scale of *assistance depending on whether the claimant's notional entitlement makes them a Class 1, Class 2, Class 3 or Class 4 claimant under Schedule 3.

3.13 Furneaux Group Additional Assistance

3.13.1 In the case of *eligible Furneaux Group goods which have been produced or manufactured on the Furneaux Group for permanent use, or sale, on the mainland:

- (a) paragraph 3.11.1(c) is applied in respect of the freight costs of the *shipment between the Furneaux Group and the main island of Tasmania to calculate the *notional entitlement for that leg of the journey; and
- (b) paragraph 3.11.1(a) is applied in respect of the freight costs of the shipment between the main island of Tasmania and the mainland to calculate the notional entitlement for that leg of the journey; and
- (c) clause 3.12 is applied twice, that is, once in respect of the notional entitlement for the first leg of the journey, and once in respect of the notional entitlement for the second leg of the journey (allowing for *standard weight assistance up to a maximum of \$1,710 per *TEU for the entire journey from the Furneaux Group to the mainland).

3.14 Charitable organisations

3.14.1 Clause 3.12 does not apply in respect of claims by *charitable organisations. Charitable organisations are eligible for their full *notional entitlement, plus the *fixed intermodal cost, up to a *standard weight assistance* maximum of:

- (a) in the case of goods shipped from the Furneaux Group to the *mainland via the main island of Tasmania—\$1,710 per *TEU; and
- (b) in every other case—\$855 per TEU.

Note: For other claimants, the fixed intermodal cost is added to the claimant's notional entitlement in accordance with clause 3.12 and Schedule 3.

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3.15 High density assistance

- 3.15.1 Where a claimant's freight invoice includes *high density freight, the *assistance payable to the claimant under clause 3.7 is reduced under subclause 3.15.2.
- 3.15.2 The assistance payable to a claimant in respect of high density freight is calculated on the basis of 60 per cent of the *standard weight assistance calculated for the consignment in accordance with clause 3.12 or 3.14, but in respect of only that part of the freight invoice applicable to the high density *TEUs.
- 3.15.3 This clause only applies in respect of goods with a *date of shipment before 1 October 2019.

3.16 Subsidies or rebates provided to claimants

- 3.16.1 Where a claimant has received, claimed, or is entitled to, any other subsidy or rebate (however described) from any source in relation to the costs of the *shipment, the *assistance payable to the claimant under clause 3.7 is reduced in accordance with subclause 3.16.2.
- 3.16.2 The assistance payable is calculated by reducing the claimant's *notional wharf to wharf freight cost by the amount of the subsidy or rebate.

Note: If the *Secretary does not become aware of the subsidy or rebate until after assistance has been paid in respect of the shipment, then part of the assistance so paid is an overpayment. The assistance payable in respect of the shipment will be recalculated under this clause and the amount of the overpayment will be recoverable under clause 5.7.

PART 4—CLAIMS PROCESS

SUBPART 4A - CLAIMS AGENTS

4.1 Who may be a claims agent?

- 4.1.1 A claimant may authorise another *person to act on their behalf in relation to a claim for *assistance. If the claimant wishes that person to sign or lodge the claimant's claims, that person must be a *claims agent.
- 4.1.2 A person may apply to the *Secretary for approval as a claims agent. The application must be in the *approved form.

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- 4.1.3 The Secretary must establish a system to verify the identity of applicants for approval as a claims agent before their applications are assessed. The system may require an applicant to provide proof of identity:
- (a) in the case of an applicant who is an individual—by a combination of business and personal identification (for example, ABN, business address and drivers licence or passport; and
 - (b) in the case of an applicant who is a company—by a combination of business identification (for example, ABN, ACN and business address).
- 4.1.4 The Secretary may, upon application in the approved form, approve a person as a claims agent if satisfied that the person:
- (a) has adequate *record keeping processes; and
 - (b) has an information management system covering all claimants on whose behalf the person intends to lodge claims; and
 - (c) has a billing system which includes itemising both the estimated, and subsequently the actual, dollar value of the assistance in every invoice issued to a claimant; and
 - (d) can demonstrate, with documentary evidence, that they are neither a person whose business allows them to set the price of shipping goods, nor involved in a non-arms-length commercial arrangement with such a person; and
 - (e) will comply with the requirements of *these Directions; and
 - (f) has provided proof of identity as required by the system established by the Secretary in accordance with clause 4.1.3.

Note: The Secretary's approval must be in writing (see definition of 'approved').

- 4.1.5 An approval of a person as a claims agent under clause 4.1.4 is subject to a probationary period of six months, or such longer period as the Secretary determines in writing and notifies to the applicant. If, at the end of the probationary period in respect of an approval of a claims agent, the Secretary is not satisfied that the claims agent:
- (a) has demonstrated a satisfactory record of compliance with these Directions; or
 - (b) has demonstrated a commitment to ensuring that claims the agent submits are accurate, complete and correct; or
 - (c) has satisfied relevant audit requirements;
- the Secretary may revoke the approval of the claims agent under clause 4.2.1.

Note: A person whose approval as a claims agent has been revoked by the Secretary is not prevented from applying for approval again under clause 4.1.2.

4.2 Variation or revocation of approval as claims agent

- 4.2.1 The *Secretary may vary or revoke a *claims agent's approval at any time.

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- 4.2.2 Without limiting subclause 4.2.1, the Secretary may vary or revoke the approval if the Secretary:
- (a) is no longer satisfied that the claims agent meets all the criteria set out in subclause 4.1.4; or
 - (b) is satisfied that the claims agent has failed to comply with any requirement that applies to the claims agent under *these Directions.

Note: See also clause 4.1.5

- 4.2.3 The variation or revocation must be in writing.

4.3 Acting as claims agent for claimants

- 4.3.1 A *claims agent may act as a claims agent for a claimant only if, prior to (or at the same time as) submitting a claim for the claimant for the first time, the claims agent has given the *Secretary the following information in the *approved form signed by the claimant:
- (a) the name of the claimant;
 - (b) the details of the bank or other financial institution account nominated by the claimant for payment of assistance.

- 4.3.2 The Secretary must establish and maintain a register of approved claims agents and, in respect of each claims agent, the claimants who have authorised the claims agent to act on their behalf. The Secretary must ensure that the register is kept up to date.

4.4 Obligations of claims agent

- 4.4.1 If a *claims agent knows, or ought reasonably to know, that they no longer meet a criterion set out in subclause 4.1.4, the claims agent must notify the *Secretary of this fact at, or before, the time of lodging any subsequent claim.
- 4.4.2 A claims agent must ensure that any matters relevant to the operation of *these Directions or the Scheme of which the agent is made aware, and any matters relevant to the claims agent's status as such, are notified to each claimant for whom the claims agent acts and to whom the matter is relevant.
- 4.4.3 If a claims agent is no longer authorised by a claimant to act on behalf of the claimant, the claims agent must immediately notify the Secretary of that fact. The Secretary must update the register of claims agents maintained under clause 4.3.2 accordingly.

SUBPART 4B - SELF-ASSESSED CLAIMANTS

4.5 Who may be a self-assessed claimant?

- 4.5.1 The *Secretary may invite a person to apply for approval as a *self-assessed claimant. The application must be in the *approved form.

*A word or phrase with an asterisk in front of it is defined in clause 1.5

- 4.5.2 The Secretary may approve the person as a self-assessed claimant if satisfied that the person:
- (a) makes a high volume of claims; and
 - (b) has a demonstrated history of accuracy and compliance with *these Directions in relation to claims previously made; and
 - (c) agrees to comply with the obligations set out in a self-assessment service agreement between the claimant and the Secretary; and
 - (d) has provided proof of identity to the satisfaction of the Secretary.
- The Secretary's approval must be in writing.

- 4.5.3 A relevant agreement is taken to be, on and from the commencement of *these Directions, a self-assessment service agreement between a claimant and the Secretary for the purposes of paragraph 4.5.2(c). A relevant agreement is an agreement that meets all of the following criteria:
- (a) it relates to self-assessment under the *Scheme;
 - (b) it is an agreement between the claimant and Centrelink or the Commonwealth;
 - (c) it was entered into prior to the commencement of these Directions and was in force on the commencement of these Directions;
 - (d) it was in force on 14 February 2017.

4.6 Variation, suspension or revocation of approval as self-assessed claimant

- 4.6.1 The *Secretary may vary, suspend or revoke a *self-assessed claimant's approval at any time.
- 4.6.2 Without limiting subclause 4.6.1, the Secretary may vary, suspend or revoke the approval if the Secretary:
- (a) is no longer satisfied that the self-assessed claimant meets all the criteria set out in subclause 4.5.2; or
 - (b) is satisfied that the self-assessed claimant has failed to comply with any requirement that applies to the self-assessed claimant under *these Directions.
- 4.6.3 The variation, suspension or revocation must be in writing.

4.7 Obligations of self-assessed claimant

- 4.7.1 If a *self-assessed claimant knows, or ought reasonably to know, of any information that may affect the self-assessed claimant's ability to meet the criteria set out in subclause 4.5.2, the self-assessed claimant must notify the *Secretary of this information at, or before, the time of lodging any subsequent claim.
- 4.7.2 A self-assessed claimant must comply with the obligations set out in a self-assessment service agreement between the self-assessed claimant and the Secretary.

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SUBPART 4C - MAKING A CLAIM

4.8 Claim for assistance

- 4.8.1 A claim for *assistance must be in writing in the *approved form. The claim must be signed by either the claimant, or a *claims agent of the claimant.
- 4.8.2 If the *person lodging the claim is a company, the claim must be signed by an individual duly authorised by the company for this purpose.
- 4.8.3 If the person lodging the claim is a claims agent or if the claim includes *imported goods, the claim must be lodged through the *online portal.
- 4.8.4 The form approved for use under subclause 4.8.1 may require the provision of information about *high density freight.

4.9 Documentary evidence required with claim

- 4.9.1 The claim must be accompanied by evidence in the *approved form of the following:
- (a) *shipment of the goods;
 - (b) that the claimant has *incurred and paid the cost of shipping in relation to shipment of the goods;
 - (c) if the claimant is claiming under clause 2.6 (entertainer/sportsperson) evidence that the claimant has the status required by that clause;
 - (d) if the goods in respect of which assistance is being claimed are livestock, the number of heads of livestock;
 - (e) if the goods in respect of which assistance is being claimed are not livestock, the weight of the goods, or if such evidence is not available, the volume of the goods;
 - (f) if the goods in respect of which assistance is being claimed have been shipped to the *mainland for the purpose of transshipment, evidence that arrangements have been made for the goods to be transported to a point beyond Australia;
 - (g) if the claimant has received, claimed, or is entitled to, any other subsidy or rebate (however described) in relation to the costs of the shipment—details of the amount received, claimed or to which the claimant is entitled;
 - (h) if the goods in respect of which assistance is being claimed are *imported goods:
 - (i) evidence of the importation of the goods into Australia; and
 - (ii) a TCO (tariff concession order) within the meaning of Part XVA of the *Customs Act 1901* that applies to the goods, or an approved statutory declaration made by the claimant (or, if the claimant is a company, an individual duly authorised by the company for this purpose) in respect of the goods (including documents required by the approved statutory declaration).

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- (i) if the claimant is claiming under subclause 2.11A.1, evidence that the claimant is a *charitable organisation.

4.9.2 However, clause 4.9.1 does not apply to a claim if:

- (a) the claimant is a *self-assessed claimant; and
- (b) when the claim is decided, the claimant's approval is not suspended under clause 4.6.

Note: Clause 6.1 requires claimants (including self-assessed claimants) to keep all documents relating to a claim (including those set out in clause 4.9.1) for a period of 5 years after the date the claim was decided.

4.10 Documentary evidence required with claim lodged by BGSF

4.10.1 In the case of a claim lodged on behalf of claimants (the *relevant claimants*) by a *claims agent who is a *BGSF company, this clause applies instead of clause 4.9. The claim must be accompanied by evidence in the *approved form of the following:

- (a) evidence of:
 - (i) each *shipment of grain shipped to Tasmania by the BGSF company in the period specified by the *Secretary as the relevant period for that claim, and the type and quantity of grain in each such shipment;
 - (ii) the State or Territory in which the transport of the grain commenced;
 - (iii) the freight costs *incurred and paid by the company in relation to each such shipment;
- (b) evidence that the grain in respect of which the claim is made has been despatched to the relevant claimants;
- (c) any other information requested by the Secretary for the purpose of determining the *notional entitlement of the relevant claimants.

4.11 Secretary may request supplementary information

4.11.1 Before deciding a claim, the *Secretary may request further information from the claimant or *claims agent (if applicable) to clarify, or address an omission in, information given in support of the claim.

4.11.2 A claimant or claims agent must provide the requested information through the *online portal.

4.11.3 The Secretary may defer deciding the claim until the information is provided as required by this clause.

4.11.4 If the information is not provided as required by this clause within 21 days of the request, the Secretary may reject the claim.

Note: If a claim is made which is incomplete, incorrect or not accompanied by all the required information, the Secretary may not pay assistance in respect of that claim - see clause 5.1.

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4.12 Timeframes for lodging claims

- 4.12.1 Claims must be lodged within 6 months after the *date of shipment.
- 4.12.2 However, if the claimant is claiming *assistance under clauses 2.7 and 2.11 in respect of a brood mare, both claims must be lodged within 6 months after the date of shipment for the mare from the *mainland to Tasmania.
- 4.12.3 If the date of shipment for goods is before 1 January 2016, a claim in respect of those goods may be lodged any time before 30 June 2016.
- 4.12.4 A claim for assistance in respect of *imported goods may only be lodged from 1 October 2021.

Note: See clause 1.9 for rule about time when lodgement is taken to happen.

4.13 Proof of identity a pre-condition of assistance

- 4.13.1 The *Secretary must establish a system to verify the identity of claimants before their claims for *assistance are assessed. The system may require a claimant to provide proof of identity:
 - (a) in the case of a claimant who is an individual—by a combination of business and personal identification (for example, ABN, business address and drivers licence or passport); and
 - (b) in the case of a claimant who is a company—by a combination of business identification (for example, ABN, ACN and business address).

4.14 Registration a pre-condition for southbound assistance

- 4.14.1 Where *assistance is claimed under clause 2.8 (southbound component) in respect of goods for use in the *manufacturing, mining, or agriculture, forestry and fishing industry in Tasmania, the claimant must be a registered claimant before their claim for *assistance can be granted.
- 4.14.2 The *Secretary may, upon application in the *approved form, register a *person as a **registered claimant** if satisfied that the person is engaged in the manufacturing, mining, or agriculture, forestry and fishing industry in Tasmania.
- 4.14.3 The registration must be in writing. The Secretary may, in writing, vary or revoke the registration at any time.
- 4.14.4 If a registered claimant ceases to be engaged in the industry on which their registration was based, the claimant must notify the Secretary of this fact at, or before, the time of any subsequent claim.
- 4.14.5 If a claimant has authorised a *claims agent to lodge claims on their behalf, the claims agent may also act on behalf of the claimant for the purposes of this clause.

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PART 5—PAYMENT OF CLAIM

5.1 Secretary may make payment of assistance

- 5.1.1 The *Secretary may make a payment of *assistance under *these Directions if, and only if:
- (a) a claim is made in accordance with Part 4; and
 - (b) the Secretary is satisfied that the claimant is eligible for assistance under these Directions.

However, these Directions do not give rise to any entitlement to assistance.

- 5.1.2 For the avoidance of doubt, if a claim is incomplete, inaccurate, not accompanied by all the required information, or if the *approved form has not been properly completed, the claim is not made in accordance with Part 4 and the Secretary may not make a payment in respect of that claim.

5.2 Payment into account nominated by claimant

- 5.2.1 Any payment of *assistance is to be made into the account nominated by the claimant. The claimant may vary the nomination at any time by giving new account details, in writing, to the *Secretary.

5.3 Notification of claimant

- 5.3.1 Where a payment of *assistance is made on a claim, the *Secretary must notify the relevant claimant (or, if the claim has been lodged by a claims agent, the relevant claims agent) of the amount of assistance paid by the Commonwealth in respect of the claim. The notice must be in writing and given to the claimant within 30 days.
- 5.3.2 Where payment of assistance is made on a claim lodged by a *claims agent, the claims agent must notify the relevant claimant of the amount of assistance paid by the Commonwealth in respect of the claim. The notice must be in writing and given to the claimant within 30 days after the claims agent receives notice of the amount of assistance.

Note 1: See clause 1.9 for rule about time when notification of information is taken to happen.

Note 2: Failure to comply may result in the revocation of a claims agent's approval (subclause 4.2).

5.4 Assistance is subject to conditions

- 5.4.1 Payment of *assistance on a claim is subject to the following conditions:
- (a) the *person signing the claim has not, either knowingly or recklessly, made any false or misleading statements in the claim, or lodged any false or misleading information in support of the claim;

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- (b) neither the claimant, nor the claimant's *claims agent (if applicable), has otherwise acted unreasonably or unconscionably in relation to the claim;
- (c) the claimant, or the claimant's claims agent (if applicable), will notify the *Secretary of any circumstance affecting the claim which comes to their knowledge after the claim is lodged (e.g. entitlement to another subsidy in relation to the *shipment or the goods no longer being for permanent use, or sale, on the *mainland);
- (d) if the goods in respect of which assistance is being paid are taken to be shipped to the mainland for the purpose of *transshipment because of clause 1.7.2, the claimant, or the claimant's claims agent (if applicable), will notify the *Secretary of the final destination of the goods and the date on which the goods were transported to a point beyond Australia (whichever is applicable);
- (e) the claimant consents to the publication of information relating to assistance paid to the claimant that may be published under clause 9.2, unless the Secretary has exempted the claimant under clause 9.3;
- (f) the claimant's claims agent (if applicable) consents to the publication of information relating to claims lodged by the claims agent that may be published under clause 9.2.

5.4.2 Payment of *assistance on a claim is also subject to the conditions set out in Part 6 (Audit).

5.5 Assistance may be denied, reduced or withheld if condition etc breached

5.5.1 If, before payment is made in relation to a claim, the claimant is found to have breached a condition set out in clause 5.4 or in Part 6 in relation to that claim, the *Secretary may reject the claim, reduce the amount of *assistance to be paid, or withhold payment of any further assistance until there is compliance.

5.5.2 If, before payment is made in relation to a claim, the claimant's *claims agent (if applicable) is found to have:

- (a) breached a condition set out in clause 5.4 or in Part 6 in relation to that claim or any other claim; or
- (b) failed to comply with any other requirement that applies to the claims agent under *these Directions;

the Secretary may reject the claim, reduce the amount of assistance to be paid, or withhold payment of any further assistance until there is compliance.

5.5.3 If, before payment is made in relation to a claim, the claimant or the claimant's claims agent has not complied with a request for information made under subclause 8.4A.4, the Secretary may reject the claim, reduce the amount of assistance to be paid, or withhold payment of any further assistance until there is compliance.

Note: Such action by a claims agent may also be grounds for the Secretary revoking the claims agent's approval under clause 4.2.

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5.6 Assistance may be recovered if condition breached

- 5.6.1 If, after payment is made in relation to a claim, the claimant, or the claimant's *claims agent, is found to have breached any of the conditions set out in clause 5.4 or in Part 6 in relation to the claim, the *Secretary may determine that the amount of any such payment, or part of that amount, is to be treated as an overpayment (see clause 5.8).

5.7 Assistance may be reduced or increased if purpose of goods changes

- 5.7.1 If:
- (a) *assistance has been paid in respect of goods; and
 - (b) at the time of making the claim, the goods were taken to be shipped to the *mainland for the purpose of *transshipment under clause 1.7.2; and
 - (c) assistance was paid in respect of the goods at the rate set out in clause 3.5; and
 - (d) the goods were subsequently repurposed for permanent use, or sale, on the mainland;
- the claimant, or the claimant's claims agent (if applicable), may notify the *Secretary of this change in purpose, and the Secretary may determine that the amount of assistance to be paid in respect of the goods should be adjusted under clause 5.8.
- 5.7.2 A notification under clause 5.7.1 must be accompanied by evidence that the goods are being permanently used, or have been sold, on the mainland.
- 5.7.3 However, no adjustment to the amount of assistance to be paid shall be made if the Secretary receives the notification more than 6 months after the *date of shipment of the goods.

5.8 Overpayments and underpayments

- 5.8.1 If:
- (a) the *Secretary has determined under clause 5.6 that an amount is to be treated as an overpayment; or
 - (b) an overpayment has been made for any other reason (for example, because of an error in calculating the amount of *assistance);
- the overpayment may, in whole or in part, be:
- (c) deducted from any amount that is payable or to be paid to the claimant under Part 5; or
 - (d) recoverable as a debt due to the Commonwealth.
- 5.8.2 If the Secretary is satisfied that an underpayment has been made to a claimant, the Secretary may make a further payment to the claimant to correct the underpayment.

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PART 5A—PAYMENT OF INTEREST IF PAYMENT OF CLAIM DELAYED

5A.1 Secretary may pay interest if there is a delayed payment of assistance

5A.1.1 If, in relation to a claim:

- (a) the payment day is later than the interest day; and
- (b) the amount calculated under clause 5A.2 is \$100 or greater; and
- (c) the claim has been received through the *online portal;

the *Secretary may pay interest in respect of the claim as calculated under clause 5A.2. However, *these Directions do not give rise to any entitlement to interest.

5A.1.2 In this clause, in relation to a claim for *assistance in respect of goods:

claim complete day means the later of the following:

- (a) the day the claim is received by the Secretary;
- (b) the latest day the Secretary receives material that results in the claim becoming in accordance with Part 4 (within the meaning of clause 5.1);
- (c) the day the claimant is registered under the Scheme;
- (d) the day the claimant receives a notification that the goods are *eligible southbound goods;
- (e) if the claimant is a *self-assessed claimant—the day the claimant is *approved under clause 4.5;
- (f) the latest day all information requested under clause 4.11 in respect of the claim is provided to the Secretary in accordance with that clause;
- (g) if the claimant is granted an extension of time for the purposes of clause 4.12 allowing the claimant to submit the claim more than 6 months after the *date of shipment—the day the Secretary notifies the claimant that the claim is ready for processing;
- (h) the day the claimant's identity becomes verified under clause 4.13;
- (i) if assistance is claimed under clause 2.8 (southbound component)—the day the claimant is registered under clause 4.14;
- (j) the day on which there is compliance within the meaning of clause 5.5;
- (k) if incorrect bank account details have been provided—the day on which the Secretary receives the correct details.

interest day means the first *business day arising after the period of 30 processing days after the claim complete day.

processing day means a day other than the following:

- (a) any public holiday in Hobart;
- (b) any day during the *administrator's reduced activity period;

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Note: The administrator's reduced activity period occurs around Christmas and New Year. The exact dates will vary each year and can be found in the Services Australia Enterprise Agreement.

- (c) if a decision relating to the claim is the subject of a review under clause 7.2 or 7.3—the day the applicant for the review receives a copy of the decision under clause 7.2 or 7.3;
- (d) any day before the day mentioned in paragraph (c);
- (e) if a request for an extension of time is made in relation to the claim under clause 8.6—a day during the period beginning on the day the request is made and ending on:
 - (i) if the time limit is extended—the last day of the extension; or
 - (ii) in all other cases—the day the claimant receives notification of the outcome of the request.

payment day means the day on which the Secretary makes a payment in relation to the claim under clause 5.1.

Note: See clause 1.9 for the rule about time when *documents are taken to be received.

5A.2 Amount of interest payable

5A.2.1 The amount of interest payable is calculated according to the following formula and rounded to the nearest whole number of cents:

$$A \times D \times GIC$$

where:

A refers to the assistance otherwise payable under this Part; and

D refers to the number of processing days between the interest day and the payment day and is inclusive of both days; and

GIC means the general interest charge rate determined under section 8AAD of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* on the interest day, expressed as a daily rate; and

interest day, **payment day** and **processing day** have the same meaning as in clause 5A.1.

Note: The general interest charge rate is published on the website of the Australian Taxation Office as an annual and daily rate.

Example: Assume the assistance otherwise payable under the Part is \$50,000, all information required for the claim is received at 4pm on 19 October 2019, the payment of financial assistance is made at 1am on 5 January 2020 and the general interest charge daily rate applicable through the month of November 2019 is 0.02339726%.

Step 1: Determine the claim complete day. In this case, if none of the things listed under the definition of 'claim complete day' occurred after the information was received, the claim complete day is 19 October 2019.

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Step 2: Determine the interest day. Count 30 processing days from (and including) the day after the 'claim complete day' (20 October 2019). Do not include 24 October 2019, which is a public holiday in Hobart (Royal Hobart Show day). The 30th processing day is 19 November 2019. The first business day after that day is 20 November 2019, which is the interest day.

Step 3: Determine the payment day. Here, the payment was made on 5 January 2020, which is the payment day.

Step 4: Determine the number of processing days between the interest day and the payment day (including both days). Looking at the period between the interest day (20 November 2019) and the payment day (5 January 2020), the days during the administrator's reduced activity period (between 24 December 2019 and 1 January 2020) are not 'processing days'. Therefore, the days that are processing days are the days 20 November 2019 to 23 December 2019 inclusive (34 days) and 2-5 January 2020 inclusive (4 days), and D is thus 38.

Step 5: Determine the interest rate applicable on the interest day. Here, the general interest charge rate on 20 November 2019 is 0.02339726%.

Step 6: Calculate the amount of interest payable as follows:

A = \$50,000

D = 38 days

GIC = 0.02339726%

$50000 \times 38 \times (0.02339726 / 100) = 444.5479 = \$ 444.55$

5A.3 Same requirements apply to payment of interest

5A.3.1 If interest is payable or has been paid in relation to a payment of *assistance, clauses 5.2 to 5.8, and Part 6, apply as if the interest were part of the assistance.

PART 6—AUDIT

6.1 Documents relating to claim to be kept for 5 years

6.1.1 Where *assistance has been paid in relation to a claim, the claimant must keep all *documents in their possession that relate to the claim for a period of 5 years after the date the claim was decided.

6.1.2 Where the claim was signed by the claimant's *claims agent, that claims agent must keep all documents in their possession that relate to the claim for a period of 5 years after the date the claim was decided.

6.2 Entry of Secretary to inspect etc documents relating to claim

6.2.1 If the Secretary, at any reasonable time, requests permission to enter a claimant's or *claims agent's premises for the purpose of inspecting, making and retaining copies of, and extracts from, any *document or other *record relating to the *shipment of the goods for which *assistance has been claimed, the claimant or claims agent must give the permission.

6.2.2 The claimant or claims agent must give reasonable assistance to the Secretary in locating and interpreting relevant documents and records.

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- 6.2.3 The claimant or claims agent must, if requested, give the Secretary permission to remove documents and records temporarily from the claimant's or claims agent's premises for the purpose of making copies.

6.3 Supplementary information

- 6.3.1 If at any time the *Secretary requests information from a claimant or a *claims agent to:
- (a) clarify or verify information given in support of a claim; or
 - (b) to monitor a claims agent's continuing compliance with the criteria set out in clause 4.1; or
 - (c) to monitor a registered claimant's continuing engagement in the *manufacturing, mining, or agriculture, forestry and fishing industry, as required by clause 4.14;
- the claimant or claims agent must comply with the request.

6.4 Independent audit of claim

- 6.4.1 If the *Secretary requests a claimant or a *claims agent to provide to the Secretary a written statement by an *independent auditor as to whether criteria specified by the Secretary in relation to a specified claim, or claims lodged during a specified period, are satisfied, the claimant or claims agent must comply with the request.

6.5 Compliance with audit obligations a condition of assistance

- 6.5.1 Compliance with this Part is a condition of the payment of *assistance.

Note: For consequences of failure to comply with a condition, see Part 5.

PART 7—REVIEW OF DECISIONS

7.1 Application for review of decision

- 7.1.1 A *person who is adversely affected by a decision under *these Directions, other than a decision under clause 8.4A, may request a review of the decision in the *approved form.
- 7.1.2 The person must send the request to the *Secretary within 30 days after the date on which the person was notified of the decision by the Secretary.

7.2 Reassessment of decision

- 7.2.1 Within 30 days after receipt of the request by the *Secretary, a *reassessment officer must review the decision. The reassessment officer must not be the *person who made the original decision.

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- 7.2.2 The reassessment officer must:
- (a) make a decision in writing (*reassessment decision*) affirming or varying the original decision; and
 - (b) give reasons in writing for the reassessment decision; and
 - (c) give the applicant a copy of the reassessment decision and of the reasons for the reassessment decision.

7.3 Review of reassessment by departmental review officer

- 7.3.1 If the applicant is dissatisfied with the reassessment decision, the applicant may, within 30 days of the day on which they were notified of the reassessment decision, request a review of it.
- 7.3.2 A *departmental review officer must, within 30 days of receipt of the request by the *Secretary, review the reassessment decision.
- 7.3.3 The departmental review officer must:
- (a) make a decision in writing (*DRO decision*) affirming or varying the reassessment decision; and
 - (b) give reasons in writing for the DRO decision; and
 - (c) give the applicant a copy of the DRO decision and of the reasons for that decision.

7.4 Formal requirements of request for reassessment or review

- 7.4.1 A request under clause 7.1 or 7.3:
- (a) must be made to the *Secretary in writing; and
 - (b) must state why the person is making the request; and
 - (c) must be supported by appropriate documentary evidence.

Note: See clause 1.9 for rule about time when *documents are taken to be received.

7.5 Extension of time to complete reassessment or review

- 7.5.1 If a *reassessment officer or *departmental review officer believes that the reassessment or review cannot be properly conducted within 30 days (for example, because legal advice must be sought), the officer may extend the time limit. The officer must give the applicant written notice of the extension, including the reasons for the extension and the estimated time of completion of the reassessment or review.

PART 8—ADMINISTRATION

8.1 Secretary to administer Scheme

- 8.1.1 The *Secretary is to administer the *Scheme in accordance with *these Directions.

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- 8.1.2 The Secretary may, in writing, enter an arrangement with a *person or body (the ***administrator**) to assist with the administration of the Scheme.
- 8.1.3 The Secretary may, in writing, authorise the following to exercise the Secretary's powers and functions under these Directions:
- (a) an employee of the *Department;
 - (b) the administrator, or an employee of the administrator;
 - (c) in relation to powers and functions set out in Part 6:
 - (i) an *independent auditor; or
 - (ii) a *public sector auditor who is able to exercise such powers and perform such functions.
- 8.1.4 In exercising powers or performing functions under an authorisation, a person must comply with any directions of the Secretary.
- 8.1.5 If the Secretary authorises a person who is an *SES employee of the administrator to exercise a power or perform a function under clause 8.1.3 of these Directions, the person may, by writing, authorise an employee of the administrator to exercise the power or perform the function under these Directions. In exercising powers or performing functions under such an authorisation, the employee must comply with any directions of the SES employee. The administrator must advise the Secretary of any authorisations so made.
- 8.1.6 The Secretary may, in writing, vary or revoke an authorisation at any time.
- 8.1.7 An authorisation given under this clause does not cease to be effective only because the person who gave it ceases to hold office.

8.2 Minister or Secretary may vary Directions

- 8.2.1 The *Minister may vary or revoke *these Directions at any time.
- 8.2.2 The *Secretary may make minor variations to these Directions at any time for the purpose of improving the administration of the *Scheme. However, these changes must not be such as to materially change the scope or intent of the Scheme.
- 8.2.3 Without limiting subclause 8.2.2, the Secretary may vary Schedule 1 and Schedule 1A at any time, either upon application or otherwise.
- 8.2.4 A variation or revocation of these Directions must be in writing.

8.3 Secretary may issue Guidelines

- 8.3.1 The *Secretary may issue *Guidelines in relation to the administration, meaning, or operation of, or manner of compliance with, *these Directions.

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8.4 Application to vary Schedule 1—eligible northbound and intrastate goods

8.4.1 A *person may apply to the *Secretary for the inclusion of goods in Schedule 1. The application must be in writing and must include the following:

- (a) a description of the goods;
- (b) details of the origin and destination of the goods;
- (c) details of the volume and weight of goods moved and the average quantity and size of each *shipment;
- (d) the types of *transport units normally used;
- (e) the wharf to wharf freight costs for the goods;
- (f) the total freight cost, excluding GST.

8.4.2 The Secretary is to decide the application, and give written notice of the decision to the applicant, within 90 days after receiving the application. If the decision is to approve the goods, the notice must specify the date of effect of the decision. *Assistance is payable only for shipments on, or after, the date of effect.

8.4A Application to vary Schedule 1A—ineligible imported goods

8.4A.1 A *person may apply to the *Secretary for the inclusion or removal of *imported goods in Schedule 1A. The application must be in writing and must include the following:

- (a) a description of the goods;
- (b) reasons for including or removing the goods in Schedule 1A.

8.4A.2 Unless the Secretary has referred the application to the *Minister for consideration, the Secretary is to decide the application within 90 days after receiving the application, and may have regard to the following:

- (a) the reasons stated in the application for including or removing the goods in Schedule 1A;
- (b) the extent to which suitable and available domestic equivalents to the goods exist;
- (c) the extent to which it may be desirable for such equivalents to be developed or the supply of such equivalents to be increased;
- (d) the extent to which provision of *assistance in respect of the goods:
 - i. is having, or is likely to have, a measurable impact on the use of goods by businesses; and
 - ii. that impact (or likely impact) is in turn impacting, or is likely to impact, the capacity of Australian businesses producing such equivalents to fairly compete;
- (e) any other matter the Secretary considers relevant.

8.4A.3 The Secretary must give written notice of and reasons for the Secretary's decision to the applicant.

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- 8.4A.4 The Secretary may request information from a claimant or a *claims agent for the purposes of deciding an application, and the claimant or claims agent must comply with the request.

8.5 Extension of time to decide application

- 8.5.1 If the *Secretary believes that an application to vary Schedule 1 or Schedule 1A cannot be properly decided within 90 days, the Secretary may extend the time limit. The Secretary must give the applicant written notice of the extension, including the reasons for the extension and the estimated time of completion of the decision.

8.6 Secretary may extend time limits for claimant or claims agent

- 8.6.1 Where *these Directions place a time limit on a claimant or *claims agent, and that *person applies in writing to the *Secretary for an extension of time, the Secretary may, in writing, extend the time limit.

PART 9—PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION ON OPERATION OF SCHEME

9.1 Secretary must publish Directions and Guidelines (if any)

- 9.1.1 The *Secretary must ensure that *these Directions are published on the *Department's website. If these Directions or the *Guidelines (if any) are amended, the Secretary must ensure that the amended version is published on the website as soon as practicable.

9.2 Secretary may publish information about operation of Scheme

- 9.2.1 The *Secretary may publish information in respect of the operation of the *Scheme during a financial year, including, but not limited to, the following:
- (a) the name of each claimant who has received more than \$5,000 in *assistance in that year, and the amount received by that claimant (whether expressed as a precise amount, or an amount within a range);
 - (b) the name of each *claims agent who has lodged claims that have resulted, in total, in the payment of more than \$5,000 in assistance in that year, and that total amount (whether expressed as a precise figure, or as within a range).
 - (c) the amount of assistance received in that year by any of the following industries, and by sub-categories of those industries:
 - (i) *manufacturing;
 - (ii) mining;
 - (iii) agriculture, forestry and fishing;

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- (d) the classes of goods in respect of which assistance has been paid, and the amount paid in respect of each such class of goods, in that year.

Note: For meaning of manufacturing, mining, agriculture, forestry and fishing industry, see clause 1.6.

9.3 Secretary may exempt claimant's information from publication

- 9.3.1 A *person may apply in the *approved form to the *Secretary for information in respect of the person not to be published under clause 9.2.
- 9.3.2 If, in the Secretary's view, publication of the information would unreasonably affect the person's commercial interests, the Secretary may, in writing, determine that information in respect of the person is not to be published under clause 9.2.

PART 10— MISCELLANEOUS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

10.1 Application of new Ministerial Directions

- 10.1.1 *These Directions apply in relation to all *shipments of goods occurring on or after the commencement of these Directions.

10.2 Application of previous Ministerial Directions

- 10.2.1 The Ministerial Directions for the operation of the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme, as in force immediately before the commencement of *these Directions (the *previous Ministerial Directions*), continue to apply in relation to *shipments of goods occurring before the commencement of these Directions.
- 10.2.2 Despite subclause 10.2.1 and subclause 22.3 of the previous Ministerial Directions, all claims for shipments of goods occurring before 1 January 2016 must be lodged before 30 June 2016.
- 10.2.3 Despite subclause 10.2.1, clause 25 of the previous Ministerial Directions has no effect on and after the commencement of *these Directions.

10.3 Saving of registration as a claimant

- 10.3.1 If, on 31 December 2015 a *person was registered as a claimant under subclause 11.1 of the previous Ministerial Directions, the person is taken, after that date, also to be registered under clause 4.14 of *these Directions.

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10.4 Transition period for ‘clause 12 agents’

- 10.4.1 If, on 31 December 2015, a *person was an agent under subclause 12.2 of the previous Ministerial Directions, the person is taken, after that date, to be a *claims agent under clause 4.1 of *these directions.

10.5 Review of the operation of the Scheme

- 10.5.1 In 2017, the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (the ***Bureau***) must review the component of the *Scheme covering *eligible northbound goods shipped to the *mainland for the purpose of *transshipment. The review must have regard to the volume and value of claims, including from the different industries, and other relevant factors. The Bureau must give the *Secretary a written report on the review before the end of 2017.
- 10.5.2 Every four years commencing 2019, the Bureau must review all components of the Scheme. The Bureau must give the *Secretary a written report on the review before the end of the calendar year in which the review is required to be undertaken.
- 10.5.3 Before giving the Secretary a report under clauses 10.5.1 or 10.5.2, the Bureau must allow interested parties to comment on a draft of the report.

Note: The Australian Government will consider adjustments to the parameters for the Scheme based on the reports, and will respond publicly to all reports. Details of responses will be subject to Government decision-making and budgetary processes.

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SCHEDULE 1

SCHEDULE 1: GOODS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE NORTHBOUND AND INTRASTATE COMPONENTS OF THE SCHEME

	Code
A	
Asbestos fibres and mixtures	
Asbestos fibres and mixtures	37920
Animal and vegetable oils and fats	
Animal fats like tallow; wool grease	21500
Margarine	21550
B	
Bakery products	
Bakery Products like bread, cakes, buns, etc	23400
Beverages	
Beer in kegs	24340
Beer in cartons	24350
Beer in stubbies or cans	24360
Beer in other packaging	24370
Malt	24320
Malt - Liquid preparations	24330
Cider and other fermented beverages	24230
Fruit juices and vegetable juices	21440
Natural water	18000
Other non-alcoholic beverages	24490
Spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	24100
Waters (unsweetened/flavoured) except natural water	24410
Wine in an isotainer	24240
Wine in a Pallocon	24250
Wine in cartons	24260
Wine in bottles	24270
Wine in other packaging	24280
C	
Carbon	
Artificial graphite or other carbon preparations	37950
Coke and semi-coke of coal, lignite, peat; carbon	33100
Cement, concrete and articles thereof	
Concrete products	37500
Other cement	37440

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SCHEDULE 1

Chemical products

Calcium carbide	34260
Cleaning and polishing preparations	35300
Colouring matter except Titanium dioxide	34300
Ferric and ferrous sulphate	34230
Other chemical products	35490
Paints, varnishes and removers	35100
Plastaid	34190
Silica fume	34250
Titanium dioxide	34220
Whiting (carbonate of lime)	34210

Confectionery and chocolate products

Confectionary and chocolate products – other	23690
Liquid chocolate	23680
Sugar confectionery and food preserved by sugar	23670

D

Dairy products

Butter and other derived from milk	22240
Casein	22260
Cheese and curd	22250
Condensed milk in Pallocon	22220
Milk, processed	22210

F

Fertilizers, pesticides

Mineral or chemical fertilizers	34600
Pesticides	34660

Fibreglass and plastic materials and products

Glass fibres, except woven fabrics	37120
Plastic products	36300

Fish

Fish, fresh or chilled	21210
Fish, frozen, preparations or other	21220

Footwear

Footwear	29300
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Fruit and fruit preparations

Apples – Cartons	01330
Apples – Containers	01340
Apples – Bins	01350
Apples - 3/4 Cartons	01360
Fruit, fresh	01310
Prepared and preserved fruit and nuts	02140

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SCHEDULE 1

Furniture		
	Furniture	03890
G		
Glass and glass products		
	Glassware (cullet)	37130
	Other glass articles	37190
Grain Mill Products		
	Cereals and Cereal preparations	23140
	Wheat flour	23110
L		
Livestock		
	Sheep, adult	02110
	Sheep, stud	02120
	Lambs	02130
	Goats, adult	02140
	Kids	02150
	Cattle, adult	02160
	Cattle, Stud	02170
	Calves	02180
	Horses	02190
	Foals, Alpacas	02200
	Deer, adult	02210
	Fawns	02220
	Pigs (weaner)	02231
	Pigs (grower)	02232
	Pigs (finisher)	02233
	Pigs (backfatter)	02234
	Emus, Ostriches	02240
	Donkeys	02250
M		
Machine and hand tools		
	Machine and hand tools	42900
Machinery and transport equipment		
	Machinery, pumps, ovens, lifting equipment	43000
	Agricultural, horticultural or forestry machinery	44100
	Machine-tools, powered hand tools	44200
	Machinery for metallurgy, casting machines	44300
	Machinery for mining, quarrying and construction	44400
	Machinery for food, beverage and tobacco processing	44500
	Machinery for textile, apparel and leather production	44600
	Other special-purpose machinery	44900
	Medical appliances, optical instruments, clocks	48000
	Other precision instruments	48200
	Vehicles	49100

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SCHEDULE 1

Trailers and semi-trailers; containers	49220
Transport equipment (ships, railway locomotive)	49300
Aircraft and parts	49600
Other transport equipment	49700

Meat and meat products

Meat, fresh, chilled, hanging	21110
Meat, frozen, processed, other	21150

Metal and metal products

Aluminium powder metal, paste and ingot	41500
Ferro silicon	34240
Other metal goods	42990
Other metals, ash and residue containing metallic compounds	41600
Rolled, drawn, folded products of iron and steel, like rods, tubes	41200
Unwrought metals e.g. copper, nickel, lead, zinc	41400

O

Ores and concentrates

Low density (Limil)	14270
Other metal ores and concentrates	14280
Rutile, zircon	14250
Tin	14260

Other animal products

Hides, skins, furskins	02950
Insect waxes like bees wax	02960
Natural honey	02910
Eggs, all forms	02920
Wool	02940

Other minerals

Salt and pure sodium chloride; sea water	16200
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Other transportable products

Polymer tanks for liquids	36950
Prefabricated buildings	38700

P

Paper and paper products

Newsprint	32120
Other paper, paper products and printed matter	32190
Paper	32140

Preparations used in animal feeding

Preparations used in animal feeding	23310
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R

Raw vegetable materials

Cut flowers	01930
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SCHEDULE 1

	Poppy Straw	01931
	Fodder being donated to mainland farmers	01932
	Fodder being donated for bushfire relief	01933
	Hops	01660
	Live plants, mushroom spawn	01920
	Sedge	01960
	Seeds	01900
	Turf	01940
	Tree ferns	01950
	Refractory products (bricks, blocks, tiles)	
	Refractory products (bricks, blocks, tiles)	37300
	Refractory products (pottery, other)	37310
S	Soil conditioners	
	Coal, lignite	11000
	Cocoa shells, husks, skins and other cocoa waste	39150
	Peat	11050
	Seaweeds and other algae	04930
	Wood chips or particles	31230
	Stone and sand	
	Natural sands	15310
	Pebbles, gravel, broken stone	15320
T	Textile fabric and articles; yarn	
	Floor covering	27200
	Knitted or crocheted fabrics; apparel; furskins; artificial fur	28000
	Made textile articles (blankets, tarps, cushions)	27100
	Yarn; thread; textile fabrics	26000
V	Vegetables and vegetable products	
	Vegetables – fresh	01200
	Vegetables - frozen, processed, prepared or other	21300
W	Waste or scraps	
	E-waste	39960
	Metal waste and scrap	39300
	Miscellaneous textile wastes	39210
	Recycled glass	39290
	Used tyres	39260
	Waste batteries	39380
	Waste organic solvents like oil	39940
	Waste, scrap paper or paperboard	39240
	Waste, scrap of plastics	39270

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SCHEDULE 1

Wood products

Hardboard	31400
Particle board	31430
Other plywood, veneers, laminates	31420
Other products of wood, cork, plaiting materials and straw	31900
Wood, processed	31000
Wood pulp; other fibrous cellulosic material	32110

Y

Yeast

Yeast	23990
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SCHEDULE 1A

SCHEDULE 1A: IMPORTED GOODS INELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE

(Reserved for future use)

ROUTE SCALING FACTORS

NORTHERN TASMANIA TO / FROM	SCALING FACTOR DIVISOR
<i>King Island or Furneaux Group</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Victoria</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>1.8</i>
<i>South Australia</i>	<i>1.45</i>
<i>Queensland</i>	<i>2.4</i>
<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>2.5</i>
<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>6.8</i>

SOUTHERN TASMANIA TO / FROM	SCALING FACTOR DIVISOR
<i>King Island or Furneaux Group</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Victoria</i>	<i>1.3</i>
<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>1.9</i>
<i>South Australia</i>	<i>1.3</i>
<i>Queensland</i>	<i>2.2</i>
<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>2.4</i>
<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>4.6</i>

For the purposes of this Schedule:

- (a) *southern Tasmania is the area in Tasmania south of latitude 42 degrees south; and***
- (b) *northern Tasmania is the area in Tasmania north of latitude 42 degrees south***

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SLIDING SCALE OF ASSISTANCE

DRY or *REEFER FREIGHT	<i>ASSISTANCE FORMULA</i>
<i>Class 1 Claimant</i> <i>(NE: \$0 to \$335.50)</i>	$NE + FC$
<i>Class 2 Claimant</i> <i>(NE: \$335.51 to \$671)</i>	$MWW/2 + 0.75(NE - MWW/2) + FC$
<i>Class 3 Claimant</i> <i>(NE: \$671.01 to \$1006.50)</i>	$MWW/2 + 0.75(MWW/2) + 0.5(NE - MWW) + FC$
<i>Class 4 Claimant</i> <i>(NE: \$1006.51 +)</i>	$MWW/2 + 0.75(MWW/2) + 0.5(MWW/2) + FC$ <i>[ie. \$755 + FC of \$100 = \$855 maximum per *TEU]</i>

Where:

NE – means the claimant’s *notional entitlement.

MWW – means the median level of wharf to wharf cost disadvantage for the population of eligible TFES claimants. For the purpose of calculating *assistance, this is \$671.

FC – means *fixed intermodal cost. For the purpose of calculating *assistance, this is \$100.

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