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Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme Information Paper

This information paper is made under subclause 8.3.1 of the Ministerial Directions for the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme (TFES).

Goods shipped across the Bass Strait for transshipment

The Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme (TFES) supports the Tasmanian economy by subsidising the cost of transporting non-bulk freight across Bass Strait.

Transshipment means shipping goods from Tasmania to a port on the mainland and arrangements have been made for the goods to be off-loaded from one ship and loaded onto the same ship or a different ship for carriage under a separate voyage, or via aircraft.

Goods are also considered to be transhipped if they have been shipped from Tasmania to a port on the mainland and arrangements have been made for the goods to be off-loaded from the vessel if either:

- the final destination of the goods is unknown at the time of submitting a TFES claim;
- the goods are transported to the final destination more than 6 months after the date of shipment; or
- you don't know the date that the goods will be transported to the final destination at the time of submitting a TFES claim.

If the final destination of your goods is unknown when you submit your TFES claim, you need to advise Services Australia once the final destination is known. If the goods were used for permanent use or sale on the mainland within 6 months of shipment, you may notify Services Australia and the amount of assistance you receive may be adjusted.

Examples where goods are shipped across Bass Strait for transshipment

You manufacture goods in Hobart, ship the goods to the Port of Melbourne and

- transport the goods to your distribution centre in Victoria but you do not know how much of the goods will be distributed to your markets until 12 months after the date of shipment; or
- offload the goods from the vessel at Melbourne and load them back onto the same vessel and transport them on a separate voyage to their final destination.



Examples where goods are NOT shipped across Bass Strait for transshipment

You manufacture goods in Hobart, ship the goods to the Port of Melbourne and

- leave the goods on the ship, and carry the goods on the same voyage beyond Australia.
- transport the goods to your distribution centre in Victoria but within 6 months of the date of shipment all of the goods are distributed to markets within Victoria.

Assistance Available for Transhipped Goods

The rate of assistance for eligible transhipped goods is \$700 per Twenty-Foot Equivalent Unit.

For full container/trailer loads of other sizes this rate is adjusted based on the length of the shipping unit.

For less than container load shipments this rate is adjusted to pay on either the tonnes or the m3 shipped.

Evidence required to claim Transhipped Goods:

- Invoice to show you have incurred and paid the costs of shipping across Bass Strait
- Evidence to support all the details required on the claim form
- Evidence that the goods have been transhipped at a port on the Australian mainland. This can be a Bill of Lading, export documentation or any other evidence. If you do not have acceptable evidence of this you may still claim Other Markets assistance using the unknown option.

For further information, please see Clause 1.7 of the TFES Ministerial Directions