



No change to de minimis level

Customs Minister Hon Maurice Williamson has announced that the de minimis level – the minimum amount of duty (including GST) which Customs collects – will remain at \$60.

This means that if duty on imported goods, including GST, is less than \$60, Customs will not collect it.

Given the current capabilities of customs' cargo reporting and revenue collections systems;

- a higher de minimis would decrease the amount of revenue collected by the Crown.
- There would be negative impacts on wider risk management (for example illicit drugs) if the present cargo reporting system for low value imports was extended for a higher level de minimis.
- a lower de minimis would increase compliance costs to importers and not produce a worthwhile increase in Crown revenue.

The de minimis will next be reviewed as part of the implementation of the Joint Border Management System.