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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS

Food Producer must be declared for all imported foods

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) have advised that from the **1st of October 2013**, each line of food listed in an Import Declaration must include the producer.

If a food product is purchased from a supplier other than the original producer, it is still the original producer's details that must be reported to DAFF.

If no producer is declared, then the Import Entry cannot be generated, meaning the goods cannot be cleared for pickup.

Previously this rule only applied to foods categorised as 'at risk' or foods that required a Holding Order. However, to reduce document assessment and goods inspection times, along with improving producer profiling, DAFF has decided to apply this rule to all imported food products.

As a result of this new rule, it is important that all food importers can provide the full contact details of the original producers of their food products (including Name, Address and Telephone Number).

For more information on this change, visit:

http://www.daff.gov.au/aqis/import/food/notices/2009/2013/ifn_02-13

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your account representative.

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