

Tasmanian Shipping Supplies

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Dear Sirs,

Tasmanian Shipping Supplies (TSS) would like to make the review of the Export Control Act aware of our special commercial circumstances with regard to the export of products to foreign Antarctic stations.

TSS have been long term suppliers to the Australian Antarctic Division and the Antarctic stations of France, Italy, China and South Korea. We supply a full range of produce, FF&V, Meats, Poultry, Dairy, Dry and frozen goods used on the stations from our warehouse in Hobart. The quantities supplied are in general enough for up to 100 persons for 12 months, with over 600 different line items in a typical order. For over 10 years we have had an exemption under the Export Control Act to allow supply of domestic product to these stations subject to the approval of the importing nation, we had found that due to the quantities being so small it was impossible to find export accredited products for each product line. This exemption has worked very well for the past 10 years, however this season we were made aware that under the AMLI(meat Export) Act we were required to hold a meat exporters licence in addition to the exemption. The conditions to hold a meat export licence, administered by AusMeat are particularly high given the very small quantity of red meat we export and varied range of products. We would like to ask the review to bring the AMLI Act into line with the Export Control Act and allow an exemption from the requirement to hold a meat exporters licence when supplying foreign Antarctic stations.