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MEDIA RELEASE

GST non-decision a disgrace

The Australian Made Campaign has expressed extreme concern at the decision by State and Federal Government Treasurers to defer dealing with the issue of GST not applying to online purchases of imported goods costing less than \$1000.

Australian Made Chief Executive, Ian Harrison, said the situation was unacceptable.

"This should not be a political issue," Mr Harrison said.

"The \$1000 threshold – below which GST is not payable on imported goods purchases online – is simply a case of Australian taxation law discriminating against Australian retailers, and through that, Australian manufacturers."

"It is a ridiculous and unsustainable policy position to maintain," Mr Harrison said.

"State vs Federal politics should not be allowed to interfere with the urgent need to remove this unfair and unjust impost on Australian businesses."

Australian Made has been calling for the abolition or reduction of the tax-free threshold since 2012.

State and Federal Governments met last week to deal with the issue, but were unable to agree on a way to extend the reach of the GST.

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NOTE TO MEDIA

Australian Made Campaign Chief Executive, Ian Harrison, is available for interview and vision opportunities. Please contact us if you would like to schedule a time.

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ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN MADE, AUSTRALIAN GROWN LOGO

The green-and-gold Australian Made, Australian Grown (AMAG) logo is the only registered country-of-origin certification trade mark for genuine Australian products and produce.

The AMAG logo supports growers, processors and manufacturers in Australia by helping businesses to clearly identify to consumers that their products are Australian. At the same time it provides consumers with a highly recognised and trusted symbol for genuine Aussie products and produce. It does both of these things in conjunction with a campaign encouraging consumers to look for the logo when shopping; it has been doing this since its introduction by the federal Government in 1986.

The AMAG logo can only be used on products that are registered with the not-for-profit organisation Australian Made Campaign Limited. The strict set of rules governing the logo's use also require that it must



always be used with one of five descriptors; 'Australian Made', 'Australian Grown', 'Product of Australia', 'Australian Seafood' or 'Australian' (for export use only). To use the logo goods must meet the criteria set out in the Australian Consumer Law as well the more stringent Australian Made, Australian Grown Logo Code of Practice. More than 1900 businesses are registered to use the AMAG logo, which can be found on more than 10,000 products sold here and around the world.

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