Import Cocaine Commercial Quantity

s.233B(1) (Cth) Customs Act

s 233B(1) (b) import

(c) possess prohibited import

(ca) possess reasonably suspected prohibited import

(cb) conspire to import (repealed 15.12.2001)

(d) knowingly concerned in import (repealed 15.12.2001)

Subsection substituted 28.9.2004

s 233B(1) (a)(iii) import

(a)(iv) possess prohibited import

(a)(vi) possess reasonably suspected prohibited import

Commercial Quantity: 2kg

Maximum Penalty: Life

s.235(2)(c)(i)

s.16G (CTH) Crimes Act was repealed 16.1.2003 (applies to all sentences imposed after that date)

Section s 233B repealed 6.12.2005

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| 1. | Pereira (25) (1991) 57 A Crim R 46 NSWCCA | Import Possess trafficable qty cocaine | 6.094kg 1.422kg | PG | 10y NPP 6y (concurrent sentences) | Crown AA 13y NPP 8y 6m | nil | Principal who had actively recruited others. Excellent prospects of rehabilitation. |

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| 2. | Luckier (68) NSWCCA 26.3.1993 | Import | 3.387kg | VG | 8y 6m NPP 5y 6m | AD | | Colombian |
| 3. | Warfield (41) (1994) 73 A Crim R 516 NSWCCA | Conspiracy to import | 4.378kg | PG (Sentence indication) | 7y NPP 4y 6m | Crown AA 9y NPP 6y | nil | Arranged for collection of consignment and storage of drugs until further orders - to receive \$50,000 - more than mere courier. In secure employment with no indication of financial need. |
| 4. | Martinez NSWCCA 24.11.1995 | Possess | 47.7kg | PG PG | 14y NPP 10y 10y NPP 7y | AD | nil nil | T local distributor working on commission basis for Columbian organisation - M lieutenant. T remorseful and health problems. M gave assistance. |
| 5. | Lara-Gomez (38) NSWCCA 24.4.1996 | 2 x Posses | 59kg 18kg | PG | 18y NPP13y 6m | AD | nil | Drugs found in flat rented by offender and nearby garage - came to Australia to establish warehouse facilities and distribute it according to orders - not principal but major player. No co-operation On appeal: Life would have been appropriate but for subjective features |
| 6. | Saade NSWCCA 27.9.1996 | Knowingly involved in importation | 4.009kg | VG | 12y NPP 6y 9m | Conviction AD | | Found secreted in luggage at airport - higher than courier but lower than principal. |
| 7. | Zapata (36) VSCA 17.10.1996 | Consp import | 2.98kg | VG | 8y 6m NPP 5y | AD | nil | Recruited by brother to be involved in importation of drugs from Colombia – drugs concealed in windsurfer brought in by brother Good prospects of rehabilitation |
| 8. | Salles [1997] QCA 129 [2003] QCA 127 Co-offenders: FILHO (2003) FERREIRA (2002) | Import | 14.872kg | PG | 20y NPP 10y | AA To allow backdate | | One of three seamen who brought drugs from Brazil–brought drugs ashore – arranged for new delivery when original plan to deliver drugs to Japan aborted |

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| 9. | Barsky NSWCCA 12.12.1997 | Import | 3.133kg | PG | 10y NPP 7y 6m | AA 10y NPP 6y | | Cocaine in windsurfer - participated in controlled delivery from airport - more than mere courier - to receive \$40,000 for involvement. Reduction for assistance. |
| 10. | Bernier (47) (1998) 102 A Crim R 44 NSWCCA | Import | 2.0451kg | PG | 12y 7y 6m NPP | AA 9y 5y 6m NPP | nil | Found at airport with drugs attached to body - drug user in Canada - importing drug to pay off debt to bikie gang – offender and wife threatened - sentenced as a courier who will not re-offend. |
| 11. | Spiteri (47) [1999] NSWCCA 3 | Import | 8.347kg | VG | 14y NPP 8y | Crown AD | nil | Sent horse carriage and ramp from Nicaragua to Australia containing cocaine - more culpable than courier - probably a partner in enterprise. Not driven to crime by need, association or duress. |
| 12. | Jiminez [1999] NSWCCA 7 | Import | 3.01kg | PG | 12y NPP 6y 8m | AA 9y NPP 6y | | Imported drugs in unaccompanied suitcase. Refugee - previously incarcerated in Nicaragua without trial for 9 years - assistance to authorities - medical condition - good prospects of rehabilitation. |
| 13. | Whitney (56) [1999] NSWCCA 38 | Import | 2.79 kg | PG | 7y NPP 4y 6m | AA 6y NPP 3y 9m (parity) | | Baggage found to contain drugs - acted as courier for \$30,000. US citizen - significant assistance to authorities leading to risk of danger to appellant and family. |
| 14. | Stead [1999] NSWCCA 41 | Conspiracy to import | 4 kg (approx) | PG | 10y NPP 5y | AD | | Imported cocaine in computers with co-offenders. Difficult to classify role - not dealer, main organiser or financier. |
| | Diaz (22) [1999] NSWCCA 123 | Conspiracy to import | 50 kg (proposed importation) | PG | 5y NPP 2y 6m | AD | nil | Female - Conspired with 6 others to import drugs. Ceased to be conspirator one week prior to arrest - provided assistance interpreting conversations for organisers - high order of assistance. |
| 15. | Co-accused: SAAVEDRA REARDON MICHAELS TAYLOR COX | | | | | | | |

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| 16. | Meggett (25) (1999) 107 A Crim R 257 [1999] NSWSC 606 Wood CJ at CL Co-offender: GONZALEZ- BETES FLAVEL VAQUERE | Import | 171.2793kg | PG | 10y NPP 6y | | | Sailed boat containing cocaine from Cuba - no knowledge of amount - more than courier but less than mid-level executive. Prior good character - favourable prospects of success - good assistance to police. |
| 17. | Koert (29) [2000] NSWCCA 21 | Import | 2.435kg | PG | 5y NPP 3y | AD | | Female brought drugs in from Chile - co-operated with police for 5 days - seeking to raise money to return to children she left in South Africa when husband's threat to kill her forced her to leave - courier. |
| 18. | Ruiz [2000] NSWCCA 50 | Import Possess comm qty cocaine Import | 4kg 4kg 4kg | PG PG | 9y NPP 6y 7y 9m NPP 4y 9m | AA 8y NPP 5y AD | nil nil | 2 females - four offenders brought 4kg cocaine each from America in backpacks - R arrested at airport - B arrested at hotel room with co-offender and his cocaine. B - not isolated importation - motivated by greed - hardship of being incarcerated in foreign country R - mother of young children - co-operated with police. |
| 19. | Markar [2000] NSWCCA 72 | Attempt possess | 2.635kg | PG | 6y 6m NPP 4y 6m | AD | | Took possession of packaged sent from overseas - controlled delivery - assessed at level of courier. |

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| | Guzman | Knowingly concerned in importation Knowingly concerned in importation traff qty | 2.635kg 1.249kg | PG | 12y 6m NPP 9y 6m FT 7y (concurrent) | AA 12y 6m NPP 7y 6m FT 7y (concurrent) | no priors | Husband and wife took delivery of packages containing cocaine - both principals - husband head of drug syndicate in Australia. Appeal allowed on basis Judge erred in setting non parole period at 75% head sentence. |
| 20. | Henao (55) [2000] NSWCCA 261 | Knowingly concerned in importation Knowingly | 2.635kg 1.249kg | PG | 17y 6m NPP 13y 6m FT 8y | 17y 6m NPP 12y FT 8y | prior drug offence | |
| | Co-accused: | concerned in importation traff qty Sched: Proceeds of | | | (concurrent) | (concurrent) | | |
| | UZABEAGA | crime | | | | | | |
| 21. | Romero-Cepeda [2000] NSWCCA 229 | Knowingly concerned in importation | 3.5739kg | VG | 11y NPP 6y 6m | AD (no parity issue) | | Controlled delivery of cocaine set in plastic folders to various addresses in Australia from Colombia - chemist sent to Australia to extract cocaine from plastic folders - high criminality Co-offender <u>Toro-Martinez</u> (2000) 114 A Crim R 533 (trafficable quantity) |
| 22. | Saavedra [2000] NSWCCA 234 Co-accused: DIAZ REARDON MICHAELS | Conspiracy to import | 50kg | PG | 7y NPP 4y 6m | AD | | Female - plan to import drug in wine failed when unable to obtain cocaine from South America - made contact with persons in South America who could supply drug. Assistance to authorities. |
| | TAYLOR COX | | | | | | | |

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| 23. | Aussem [2000] NSWCCA 220 | Import | 2.96kg | PG | 8y NPP 2y 6m | Crown AA 6y NPP 3y | | Arrested at airport carrying drugs. Substantial assistance to authorities resulting in personal risk - 50% reduction in NPP - health problems. |
| 24. | Bateman (43) [2000] NSWSC 915 James J Co-accused: BARTLE DIEZ FRY ROBERTI THOMPSON | Knowingly concerned in importation | 383.4kg | PG | 13y NPP 8y 6m | | offence committed while escaped from custody - drug offences | Involved in arranging importation through yacht - cocaine valued at over \$62million - offence involved elaborate planning, many participants and large expenditure - important organising role but below midlevel executive. 50% discount for all subjective features including extensive assistance. |
| 25. | Uzabeaga (2000) 119 A Crim R 452 [2000] NSWCCA 381 Co-accused: HEAO GUZMAN | Knowingly concerned in importation Knowingly concerned in importation traff qty Sched: Proceeds of crime | 2.6354kg 1.249kg | PG | 15y NPP 11y 6m FT 6y (concurrent) | AA 12y 6m NPP 7y 6m FT 6y (concurrent) | nil | Arranged customs clearance and collection of two consignments of cocaine concealed in satellite equipment - role greater than courier. Assistance to authorities - delay. |
| 26. | Richards (2001) 123 A Crim R 14 [2001] NSWCCA 160 | Conspiracy to import | 4kg | VG | 12y NPP 8y | AA 9y NPP 6y (Parity) | lengthy | Involved in conspiracy to import cocaine from America - principal role as financier and organiser. |

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| 27. | Gonzalez-Betes [2001] NSWCCA 226 Co-offender: MEGGETT FLAVEL VAQUERE | Knowingly concerned in importation | 172.2kg | VG | Life NPP 22y | AD | | Female – involved in importation of drugs in yacht - mid-level executive. |
| 28. | Flavel [2001] NSWCCA 227 Co-offender: MEGGETT GONZALEZ- BETES VAQUERE | Import | 172.2kg | VG | Life NPP 25y | AD | | Involved in importation of drugs through yacht - mid- level executive. |
| 29. | Salgado-Silva (2001) 126 A Crim R 1 [2001] NSWCCA 423 Co-Accused: CORDERO-VIDAL | Import | 8.105kg | PG | 17y NPP 13y | AA 17y NPP 11y 4m | nil | With co-accused arrived at Sydney Airport posing as cameramen to do work for NBC on Olympic Games - drugs located inside camera equipment - middle man - more than courier Assistance to authorities – pleaded at close of Crown case |
| 30. | Weininger (29) (2001) 119 A Crim R 151 [2000] NSWCCA 501 (2003) 212 CLR 629 [2003] HCA 14 | Knowingly concerned import Conspiracy to money launder Conspiracy to supply comm qty cocaine | 4393.9g | PG | 18y NPP 12y 10y (concurrent sentences) | AD Appeal to HCA dismissed | Nil | Involved in arranging to import drugs from America through courier – courier was undercover officer – relatively senior position in sophisticated and experienced organisation – "junior partner" or "middle level participant" |

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| 31. | Ferreira (2002) 127 A Crim R 568 [2002] QCA 12 Co-offender: FILHO SALLES | Import | 14.872kg | PG | 19y NPP 9y 6m | AD | | Brazilian crewman aboard ship – one of three who brought ashore cocaine in bags – recruited co-offender Filho |
| 32. | Nunez (50) [2002] VSCA 15 | Knowingly concerned import | 2.8kg | PG | 9y NPP 6y | AD | Nil | Significant organisational role from Australian end – drugs brought from Colombia through a courier |
| 33. | X (35) Y (59) (2002) 130 A Crim R 153 [2002] NSWCCA 40 | Consp import cocaine Consp import ecstasy Consp import cociane Consp import ecstasy | 7.1648kg 24.4889kg 7.1648kg 24.4889kg | PG | 7y 6m NPP 5y 7y 6m NPP 5y (concurrent) 5y NPP 3y 5y NPP 3y (concurrent) | Crown AA 10y NPP 5y 10y NPP (concurrent) 7y NPP 3y 7y NPP 3y (concurrent) | Old but serious offence of import heroin nil | Conspiracy extended over 6 months – travelled to Europe to arrange for importation of drugs concealed in hydraulic rams – packed drugs themselves then monitored progress – picked up rams upon arrival in Sydney – controlled delivery X recruited Y – not a principal but significant organisations responsibilities Y – role less than X but still active and important contribution Significant discount for assistance and plea for both offenders |
| 34. | Cordero-Vidal (2002) 128 A Crim R 543 [2002] NSWCCA 36 Co-Accused: SALGADO- SILVA | Import | 8.105kg | VG | 16y NPP 11y | AA 16y NPP 10y 8m | | Assisted co-offender to bring in cocaine in video camera battery belts. |

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| | Reardon (49) | Conspiracy to import | 50kg | VG | 17y 11m NPP 14y | AA 17y 11m NPP 12y | Petty criminal - old AR offence | Conspiracy to import drugs from Chile using wine importing business R - a principal - organiser - prospects of rehabilitation - carer for disabled wife - 15y stepson and younger disabled son |
| | Michaels | Conspiracy to import | | VG | 20y NPP 16y | 18y NPP 13y | On parole for drug offence | M - made arrangements for supply of cocaine from Chile - prospects of rehabilitation T - Lesser involvement - physical and mental illness |
| 35. | Taylor (55) [2002] NSWCCA 203 | Conspiracy to import | | VG | 12y NPP 10y | 12y NPP 8y | Long history including drug offences | |
| | Co-offenders DIAZ SAAVEDRA COX | | | | | | | |
| 36. | Suarez-Mejia (2002) 131 A Crim R 577 [2002] WASCA 187 | Import | 707kg | PG (28.5%) | Life NPP 20y | AD | | Colombian national – sailed with Reaves to South Atlantic to obtain drugs from another boat – removed drugs and concealed them beneath rocks on West Australian coast – boat scuttled at sea – role was to watch over drugs at sea and ensure safe delivery to Australia |
| | Co-offenders: REAVES De la ESPRIELLA- VELASCO | | | | | | | |
| 0.7 | Zuluaga-Gomez (40) [2002] NSWCCA 358 | Knowingly concerned in import | 9.0166kg | PG (50%% plea and assist on | 9y | AA 7y | nil | Paid man to receive two packages containing reels of audiotape from Ecuador - contained cocaine - subsequently received package of batteries containing larger amount - significant involvement - |
| 37. | | Knowingly concerned in import trafficable | 1.153kg | appeal) | 6y <u>Total</u> : 15y NPP 9y 9m | 5y <u>Total</u> : 12y NPP 8y | | more than mere courier Financial gain - family in Colombia - assistance |

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| 38. | Mazzitelli (29) (2002) 135 A Crim R 132 [2002] NSWCCA 436 | Knowingly concerned in importation | 17.4927kg | VG | 19y 8m NPP 12y 4m | AD | nil relevant | Arranged with brother in law to have steam cleaning machine imported through company - involved in arranging delivery of machine and payment - more than courier Motivated by greed |
| 39. | Mascaro-Varillas (27) [2002] NSWCCA 524 | Knowingly involved in importation | 2.9691kg | PG | 15y NPP 11y | AA 15y NPP 10y | nil | Co-offender arrived in Sydney from Buenos Aires - cocaine found strapped to his body - estimated street value \$406,000 - \$528,580 - co-offender recruited by offender in Chile to take drugs to Sydney - offender arrested following undercover police operation in US. |
| 40. | Jackson (60) (2003) 138 A Crim R 148 [2003] QCA 31 | Import | 89.1kg (70% purity) | PG | 25y NPP 13y | AD | | Drugs imported on boat from Mexico – central role in planning and commission of offence – financial gain – involved 16y son |
| 41. | EI Hassan (30) (2003) 141 A Crim R 346 [2003] NSWCCA 139 Co-offender: | Attempt possess | 17kg | PG (25% plea and assist) | 7y 6m NPP 5y | Crown AA 10y NPP 6y | Nil | Involved in unpacking cocaine from machine, storage and handling prior to distribution – limited but crucial role Assistance in relation to other matter – prior good character |
| 42. | EL HASSAN El Hassan [2003] NSWCCA 252 Co-offender: EL HASSAN | Attempt possess | 17.5kg | PG | 15y NPP 10y | AD | | Involved in importation of cocaine in concealed machinery Assistance to police – Drug addict On appeal parity |
| 43. | Filho (34) [2003] QCA 223 Co-offender: FERREIRA SALLES | Import | 14.872kg | PG | 15y NPP 7y 6m | AD | | Brazilian crewman aboard ship – one of three who brought ashore cocaine in bags – financial difficulties – recruited by co-offender Ferreira Supporting children and new de facto wife – remorse - assistance |

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| 44. | Bartle Diez Fry Roberti [2003] NSWCCA 329 Co-accused: BATEMAN THOMPSON | Knowingly concerned importation | 380kg | VG | 24y NPP 16y Life NPP 25y Life NPP 25y 24y NPP 16y | AD | Similar offences Criminal history | Largest cocaine seizure in Australia - vessel brought in from New Zealand to a rendezvous in the Pacific Ocean carrying 380kg cocaine - arrangements made with suppliers in Central America - drugs transhipped and brought to Patonga where seized. Diez and Fry – principal organisers |
| 45. | Roberts (52) Urbanec (44) (2004) 9 VR 295 [2009] VSCA 1 Co-offender: FRASER | Import Trafficking cocaine Knowingly concern import Trafficking cocaine Possess cocaine Possess heroin | 3.7kg | VG PG VG PG | 13y NPP 10 1y (concurrent) 9y NPP 6y 1y 6m 3m (concurrent) | AD | Cultivation offence | Drugs brought into Australia from Benin concealed in ornamental plaques – brought in by R and innocent party – exposed innocent party to liability R – principal of scheme U - provided support and assistance to R during his trip to Africa from Australia |

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| 46. | Reaves (59) (2004) 147 A Crim R 26 [2004] WASCA 106 Co-offenders: De la ESPRIELLA-VELASCO SUAREZ-MEJIA | Import | 707kg | PG | 25y NPP 14y | Crown AA Life NPP 18y | Significant record - drug offences | American - purchased boat and piloted it to South Atlantic to obtain drugs from another boat – removed drugs and concealed them beneath rocks on West Australian coast – boat scuttled at sea – key role in importation only – offence committed in order to retrieve large debt owed by Colombian national – although co-offender Suarez-Mejia more senior in hierarchy ability as pilot crucial to operation |
| 47. | Cox (48) [2004] NSWCCA 204 Co-offenders DIAZ REARDON MICHAELS TAYLOR SAAVEDRA | Conspire import Conspire import comm qty cannabis resin | 50kg | VG PG | 20y 14y <u>Total</u> 29y NPP 20y | AD | Similar offence | Proprietor of wine business to be used for importation of drugs from Chile – one of the prime movers – no information on cannabis offence |
| 48. | Campillo Vaquere [2004] NSWCCA 271 Co-offenders: GONZALEZ- BETES FLAVEL MEGGETT | Knowingly concerned in importation | 171.2kg | VG | Life NPP 24y | AD | | Cocaine sailed in by boat – principal's representative in Australia – middle level executive – worst case category |

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| 49. | Fraser (49) [2004] VSCA 147 Co-offenders: ROBERTS URBANEC | Knowingly concern import Trafficking cocaine Possess ecstasy | 3.7kg | PG | 6y NPP 4y 3y NPP 2y 3m Total 7y NPP 5y | AD | Nil | Solicitor – knowing co-offender planning to obtain cocaine in Africa provided advice and assistance in reducing risk of detection – offered future legal assistance if required – drugs brought in by co-offender and innocent party concealed in wall plaques Substantial cocaine user – hoped to buy cocaine from co-offender – offer of assistance – lost position as solicitor Trafficking offence related to repeated and persistent sale of cocaine to friend – no profit |
| 50. | Anderson [2004] NSWCCA 317 | Knowingly concerned importation | 7.5kg | VG | 14y NPP 8y | AD | | 20 packages brought in on flight from LA with 3 co- offenders – no error in following CCA judgment of Wong and Leung before the HCA had handed down its decision – proper consideration given to subjective features |
| 51. | Isherwood (50) [2005] QCA 251 | Conspire import | 6.15kg (impure) 6.56kg (impure) | VG | 18y NPP 9y | AA 18y NPP 8y | Old record but breached bond | Conspired to make two imports of cocaine from Brazil via Bali – partner with co-offender – responsible for receiving boxes in Bali and transporting them to Australia |
| 52. | Otto (27) (2005) 157 A Crim R 525 [2005] NSWCCA 333 | Import Possess false passport | 2.1368kg | PG (25% on appeal) | 14y NPP 8y 6m 1y (concurrent) | AA 10y 6m NPP 7y | Nil | POST 16G REPEAL Imported drug from South America secreted in corset - South African citizen agreed to importation for money - believed drug probably cocaine - carried false Irish passport |
| 53. | Danson (30) [2005] NSWCCA 343 | Aid and abet import Supply comm cocaine Supply comm ecstasy | 3.7131kg 345.2g 294.8g | PG (30% plea and assist) | 12y NPP 7y 3m 4y NPP 3y 4y NPP 3y Total: 13y NPP 8y 3m | AD | nil | POST 16G REPEAL Drugs imported into Australia from Argentina by courier hidden in lining of suitcases – involved at high level – financier Drug addict - remorse |

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| 54. | Shahrokhey- Zadeh (21) [2006] QCA 4 | Import | 4.1438kg | VG | 12y NPP 6y | AD | Nil | Recruited co-offender to travel to South America and return with drugs Prior good character |
| 55. | De La Espriella- Velasco [2006] WASCA 31 Co-offenders: REAVES SUAREZ-MEJIA | Knowingly concerned import | 707kg | VG | Life NPP 26y | AD | | Cocaine aboard ship coming from coast of Africa – brought ashore in remote north west Western Australia by crew of boat and secreted in small depression – ship scuttled – offender had arrived earlier in Australia and travelled to Broome in motorhome – phone contact with crew of ship arranging meeting – arrested waiting for ship to arrive |
| 56. | Thompson (46) [2007] NSWCCA 83 Co-accused: BARTLE DIEZ FRY ROBERTI BATEMAN | Knowingly concerned | 383.443kg | PG (15%) | 20y 6m NPP 13y | AD | Priors for importation – breached parole | POST 16G REPEAL Highly organised scheme – cocaine sailed from Colombia to NZ – transferred to yacht and sailed to Australia – offender involved in purchasing and sailing yacht to Australia – significant role Convicted at original 7m trial – pleaded guilty after successful conviction appeal |
| 57. | Sevilla [2007] WASCA 116 Co-offender: SUKKAR | Aid import Possess comm qty cocaine | 78.319kg | PG | Life NPP 21y Life NPP 21y | AD | | Arrived in Australia to supervise shipment of cocaine – supervisory or managerial role – retrieved drugs from ship at night using small dingy – hid drugs in secluded beach for collection – sophisticated and well organised importation |
| 58. | Lake (45) Carstein (27) Geerlings (42) (2007) 174 A Crim R 491 [2007] QCA 209 | Conspiracy to import | 5kg anticipated | VG | 7y NPP 3y 6m 8y NPP 4y 7y NPP 3y 6m | AD | Old record Lengthy record Old record | Made arrangements and paid some money to residents of Torres Strait Island to import cocaine from PNG – no drugs obtained – paid \$18,000 – extensive and fruitless negotiations – believed they could obtain 5kg cocaine for \$60,000 – intended ongoing business – drugs probably did not exist – similar levels of culpability |

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| | Tyler (32) | Conspiracy to import | 20-30 kg | PG | 9y NPP 5y 6m | AA 7y 6m NPP 4y 6m | Nil | POST 16G REPEAL Involved in plan to import cocaine from South America using corrupt baggage handlers – arrangement cancelled when unable to obtain drugs and |
| | Chalmers (40) | Conspiracy to import | | VG | 5y 6m NPP 3y 6m | Crown AA 12y NPP 8y | Nil | threatened exposure of baggage handlers T – courier – travelled to Argentina with money – to bring in drugs in baggage – addict - assistance |
| 59. | (2007) 173 A Crim 458 [2007] NSWCCA 247 | Supply cocaine | | PG | 12m (concurrent) | 12m (concurrent) | | C – arranged purchase of tickets – assistance – suffering depression |
| | (2007) 179 A Crim R 188 [2007] NSWCCA 340 | | | | | AD (Chalmers only) | | |
| 60. | Davies (33) [2007] QCA 416 | Attempt possess | 2.24kg | PG | 7y 6m NPP 2y 6m | AA 7y NPP 2y | Nil | Drug concealed in package sent from Colombia – arranged for half-brother to pick up package for third person – aware package contained cocaine – short involvement – unaware quantity of cocaine |
| 61. | Vasquez-Felipe (2006) 167 A Crim R 321 [2006] NSWCCA 411 | Aid and abet | 3.7kg | PG (30%) | 12y 6m NPP 8y 3m | AD | Not stated | POST 16G REPEAL Involved in importing cocaine from Peru in purpose built hard sided suitcases – syndicate from Argentina – actual drug imported by co-offender Assistance |
| 62. | Sukkar [No.2] (23) (2008) 178 A Crim R 433 [2008] WASCA 2 Co-offender: SEVILLA | Aid Import Attempt poss comm qty | 77kg | PG | 21y NPP 13y 21y NPP 13y (concurrent) | AD | Minor offences | Drugs imported on ship docked in Albany – assisted co-offender in preparation for taking possession of drugs – co-offender took possession of drugs and hid them in bush – drugs substituted by police – substitution discovered when attempt made by offender and co-offender to retrieve drugs Involvement towards bottom end of scale |
| 63. | Cornwell [2010] NSWCCA 59 | Conspiracy to import | 120kg | VG | 24y NPP 14y 6m | AD | | POST 16G REPEAL Conspired to import drugs on boat from Colombia – drugs concealed in whaler on boat – organised Australian arm of venture – to be involved in distribution of drugs - drugs deposited by boat off coast of Queensland to be picked up by Australia arm - principal role |

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| 64. | Silva (39) [2010] QCA 79 | Conspiracy to import | 89kg (70% purity) | VG | 24y NPP 12y | AD | nil | Boat from Mexico boarded in Moreton Bay – packages of cocaine found – undamaged – link between suppliers and transporters – supervised loading of drugs in Mexico – continued involvement during trip to Australia Family in Costa Rica and Peru – kept in harsh custodial conditions in Costa Rice for 12 months – effect of imprisonment on family |

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