

### 7.3 Australian Standards

Forklifts are covered by the Australian Industrial Truck Association code AS 2359 which is in two parts:

- i. Design and manufacture
- ii. Operation

The code is the bible for Australian suppliers and is accepted by most State statutory authorities.

In addition AITA has a recommended practices manual (1985) which should be used in conjunction with AS 2359. Aspects of the manual may become an Australian standard. The manual covers noise, visibility, tyres etc.

### 7.4 Import Duties

Australian customs duty on imported forklift trucks is 25%. Forklift trucks manufactured and imported from developing countries attract an import duty of 20%.

### 7.5 Sales Tax

Sales tax of 20% is payable.

### 7.6 Associations

The Australian Industrial Truck Association is the industry body for industrial truck manufacturers & distributors. AITA has 16 members who represent 90% of truck sales in Australia. The association may be contacted via:

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