IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA SYDNEY REGISTRY

NO S 91 OF 2018

BETWEEN:

COMPTROLLER-GENERAL OF CUSTOMS

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA
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Appellant

DOMENIC ZAPPIA

Respondent

THE REGISTRY MELBOURNE CHRONOLOGY OF THE APPELLANT

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PART I FORM OF CHRONOLOGY

1. This chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the Internet.

PART II CHRONOLOGY

	Date	Event	Core Appeal Book reference
	14.11.2014	Warehouse Licence No 6379 (Licence) held by	Pages 7, 8 (AAT [3],
		Zaps Transport (Aust) Pty Ltd (Zaps) for premises	[5]); pages 29, 42 (FC
20		in Smithfield, NSW (Warehouse) is renewed;	[10], [11], [48])
		permits storage of "Goods subject to Customs	
		control excluding petroleum and like products".	
	15.04.2015	Following four separate incidents of theft of	Pages 8 (AAT [8]);
		cigarettes from the Warehouse, the CEO of	pages 30, 43 (FC
		Customs varies the conditions of Zaps' Licence so	[12], [50])
		that it is no longer authorised to store tobacco or	
		tobacco products at the Warehouse.	
	23.05.2015	The Warehouse is broken into for the fifth time and	Page 8 (AAT [9]);
		400,000 cigarette sticks are stolen (Stolen Goods).	pages 30, 43 (FC
30			[12], [51])

	Date	Event	Core Appeal Book reference
	25.05.2015	Domenic Zappia (Domenic), Zaps' general	Pages 7-8, 11-13
		manager and warehouse manager, meets with	(AAT [7], [23], [26],
		officers of the ATO to discuss break-ins at the	[31]); pages 29, 32,
		Warehouse.	33, 42 (FC [10], [23], [24], [49])
	27.05.2015	Permission is granted by Customs under s 71E of	Page 43 (FC [51])
		the Customs Act 1901 (Cth) to move certain goods	
	•	from the Warehouse to other licensed premises.	
10	27.08.2015	A Collector serves a notice of statutory demand on	Pages 7, 8, 11 (AAT
		each of Zaps, John Zappia (John) (Domenic's	[7], [10], [22]); pages
		father and the director of Zaps) and Domenic under	29-30, 42-43, 44 (FC
		s 35A of the Act (together, Notices), requiring	[10], [13], [49], [52],
		payment of an amount equal to the amount of the	[54])
		duty otherwise payable on the Stolen Goods, being	
		\$188,032.	
	25.09.2015	Each of Zaps, Domenic and John make application	Page 31 (FC [16])
		to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (Tribunal)	
20		for review of the decision to issue the relevant	
20		Notice to them.	
	17.02.2017	The Tribunal publishes its decision and reasons for	Page 5
		decision, affirming the decisions under review.	
	15.03.2017	Domenic appeals the Tribunal's decision to the	Pages 31, 47 (FC
		Federal Court of Australia	[16], [63]), 73
	19.09.2017	The Federal Court of Australia constituted as a Full	Pages 22, 67
		Court (FCAFC) publishes its reasons for judgment	•
	•	and makes an order, amongst others, allowing	
20		Domenic's appeal.	
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Date Event Core Appeal Book reference
21.03.2018 The High Court of Australia (Gageler and Keane JJ) Page 79
grants the appellant special leave to appeal from the whole of the judgment and order of the FCAFC.

Dated: 9 May 2018

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