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Notice to Industry

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## **Quarantine Approved Premises (QAP) Class One Sea and Air Freight Depots Scheme – Notification regarding Pending Re-Accreditation Training and Renewal of Compliance Agreements**

The Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) is currently finalising arrangements for the delivery of re-accreditation training for accredited persons operating under the QAP Class One Sea and Air Freight Depots Scheme. The scheme is also due for renewal in 2007, and other parties that are signatories to the Scheme will be required to renew the Compliance Agreement Standard Terms and the Scheme Schedule. The information below provides a general overview of the re-accreditation training and Compliance Agreement renewal processes.

### **Re-accreditation Training**

The on-line re-accreditation training package for the above scheme is currently being developed. Once finalised, the re-accreditation training will be made available through the Guardian on-line learning system. It is anticipated that re-accreditation training will be available in **July 2007**. Finalised dates and registration processes will be provided in future Notices to Industry.

### **Accredited persons that gained accreditation before 1 January 2007**

All accredited persons who gained accreditation under the QAP Class One Sea and Air Freight Depots Scheme before 1 January 2007 will need to complete the re-accreditation training in order to remain accredited.

Persons accredited under this scheme will retain their accredited person status for a period of up to eight weeks after re-accreditation training becomes available. If accredited persons fail to complete the training during this eight week period, they will lose their accreditation.

If an accredited person is unable to complete the training within the eight week period, they can apply to defer the training via email at [ic.ca@aqis.gov.au](mailto:ic.ca@aqis.gov.au). Each application will be considered by AQIS on a case-by-case basis, but a valid reason (eg illness, leave) must be supplied as to why the training cannot be undertaken.

### **Accredited persons that gained accreditation from 1 January 2007**

Persons who gained accreditation from 1 January 2007 onwards will not be required to complete the re-accreditation training and AQIS has sent exemption letters to those persons in this category.

### **Renewal of the QAP Class One Sea and Air Freight Depots Scheme**

The renewal of Compliance Agreement Standard Terms and the associated Schedule for the QAP Class One Scheme will occur in conjunction with the re-accreditation training. AQIS has extended the Compliance Agreement Schedule review date from **30 June 2007 to 30 November 2007**. All other parties that are signatories to this scheme have been notified of the extension to the review date to 30 November 2007.

**Further Advice**

Further information on the re-accreditation training and Compliance Agreement renewal processes will be provided in future Notices to Industry.