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Digital Certificate Progress Report

Did you know that once you have obtained and successfully installed your digital certificates there are more steps you need to complete?

Firstly you must sign a User Agreement with the Australian Customs Service in order to communicate electronically with them. Secondly, you must complete a Digital Certificate and Client Registrations form. Both these forms can be obtained here:

<http://www.customs.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=4943>

I am sure that many of you by now have obtained and installed your digital certificates, so it is crucial you mail Customs your paperwork ASAP so you can commence using the ICS. Current advice from Customs is that the processing of this paperwork will take **at least 5 working days**.

This is a **critical** step you must complete before you can communicate with the Customs systems. Note that the registration process applies to both EDI (third party software users) as well as those only using the Customs interactive facility.

In my last newsletter, I neglected to also congratulate Dane Cupit, Director ICS Business Support. Sorry for that Dane. Dane has been involved with CMR almost from the start and his ICS Business Support team is doing well to keep up with the late rush of new applicants.

Drawbacks Pre-notification Information

Please find below an important message for those exporters or agents who intend to claim a duty drawback for cargo they have imported.



Australian Government
Australian Customs Service

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Pre-Export Notification for the Purposes of Claiming Duty Drawback in the ICS.

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In the Customs EXIT system there is a box that can be ticked indicating whether a claim for Drawback of Customs Duty will be lodged, thereby satisfying the Pre Export Notification requirement in Regulation 134(1) of the Customs Regulation 1926.

As you know the export component of the ICS became operational enabling exporters to complete Export Declarations for goods to be exported on or after 6th October 2004.

In the ICS the tick the box option for Drawback notification is not available.

The requirement for a Pre Export Notification is currently under review and will be considered by the Government in office after the Federal Election.

In the interim, Customs will not be requiring potential Drawback claimants to provide Pre Export Notification.

Clients will be notified of any changes to this position.

Should you have any enquiries please contact the Drawback team on 1300 304 322.

Exports Transition Issues

I am keen to hear from any of you that have issues you would like to see addressed/resolved/followed up, or even just shared with other members of the export community.

Feel free to call or email me and I will discuss with the relevant parties or include as an item in my next newsletter.

Imports Update

Although Exports has not yet been fully implemented, work is progressing in the development of the Imports Module. Soon, an Imports workshop for Software Developers will be held in Sydney and Cargo Reporting will be under the microscope.

The session will run for about 4 hours. The presentation will cover the new sea cargo reporting process and the new air cargo reporting process. Designed around requests from developers, for each of those processes the presentation will cover:

- * each report within the process
- * the purpose of each report
- * the changes to each report
- * the messages associated with the report (although we will not be looking at the structure of the message in any great detail)
- * the linkages to other reports within the process