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Seasons Greetings

This may seem a little early, but I would like to wish you all the best in the festive season. I hope 2005 brings you good health, fortune, and of course, several CMR components.

I am going on leave until after Christmas hence the early greetings.

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Exports Update

Exports continues to perform well. Customs is aware of problems with a small percentage of messages getting 'lost', and a fix is currently being implemented.

A reminder to smaller exporters who are looking for an alternative to purchasing digital certificates. The Tradegate Exportnet system provides users with full functionality without the need to buy digital certificates.

Recently, Tradegate announced an upgrade to the system that provides the following new features:

- * ExportNet now includes a 'Status Request' option which allows you to obtain the latest Status from Customs for your Consignment or Consolidation
 - * Export Date range added to Consignment and Consolidation lookups to assist in record filtering
 - * The ability to receive Idle messages from Customs for your unreported CANS
 - * The ability to receive Reminder messages for Confirming users only
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*New options for the "Goods Type" field which include Accompanied Baggage and Own Power

* PRA message now has a Full/Empty indicator that allows Empty containers to be reported.

There is a new version of the user guide available (Version 2.2). Please ensure you download the latest user guide from within the HELP option in ExportNet.

If you have any questions, please call the Exportnet help desk on 13 13 57.

Exporting Excisable Goods?

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is making changes to the requirements for the exportation of excisable products (alcohol, tobacco and petroleum products).

These changes are **not** part the Customs Cargo Management Re-engineering project, but they might affect you. If you export under bond excisable products, you should prepare for the changes. As from 30 December 2004, you will be required to obtain an export movement permission from the Tax Office before Customs can process your export entry and issue a Customs Authority Number.

You must also have a valid export movement permission before you can take delivery of under bond excisable product that is intended for export. The movement permission must be specific to the type of product you are dealing with, and the goods must come from a licensed excise manufacturer or warehouse operator.

These changes do not affect the importation of excisable products. You should also be aware that it might take up to seven business days to get an export movement permission, depending on your particular circumstances and requirements.

If you believe these changes could affect you or your business, you can obtain detailed information from: - the Tax Office on 1300 657 162 or <http://www.ato.gov.au> - the Customs Information and Support Centre on 1300 363 263 - or by mail/fax/email to any of the addresses below:

Licensing Branch Alcohol Industry Group Australian Tax Office GPO Box 2318 Adelaide SA 5001 Fax (08) 8208 1399 ato-exc-alcohol@ato.gov.au

Tobacco Industry Group Australian Tax Office PO Box A288 Sydney South NSW 1235 Fax: (02) 9374 8585 ato-exc-tobacco@ato.gov.au

Licensing Branch Petroleum Industry Group Australian Tax Office PO Box 4525RR Melbourne VIC 3001 Fax: (03) 9285 1168 ato-exc-petroleum@ato.gov.au

Imports Testing

Customs recently loaded the full Import Declaration functionality into the Customs Interactive Testing environment. The Customs Imports Development team is keen for Customs Brokers to take advantage of the

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opportunity to begin testing the Customs Interactive system now so any issues can be identified early on.

Brokers who do take this opportunity will be able to get an early understanding of the way the Customs interactive works for Import declarations and get a learning head start before the system goes live in 2005.

The testing will be undertaken in a two stage approach:

Stage 1 Import Declarations (No AQIS entries, or entries with TANs, VANS or Instruments and restricted matching to cargo reports)

This stage will allow brokers to create/amend/withdraw entries but will not provide AQIS functionality until stage 2. This stage WILL allow brokers to match cargo reports only if the broker also enters the full cargo report details: Impending Arrival, Actual arrival, Cargo report etc.

This stage will operate until mid-January 2005 when it will merge into stage 2 which will have full functionality in place with cargo reports prepared by me where I will also coordinate test scenarios and be an interface to Customs for the remainder of the Broker Customs Interactive test period.

To take advantage of this opportunity you need to contact the Customs Business Support Help desk in the first instance where they will advise you of the process.

Phone: 1800 022 267 (select option 2)

I will advise more comprehensive details on Imports testing when I return from leave.

COMPILE over the Internet

I am often asked about this legacy application and I provide below details of connection options from AAPT.



COMPILE ACCESS

Commerce Solutions Ltd
 ACN 057 185 841
 ABN 12 057 185 841
 A division of connect.com.au
 Level 8, 15 Orion Road

Please ensure that you have established a COMPILE User Agreement by contacting ACS User Liaison in your state prior to applying with Connect for either method of connecting to COMPILE.

1: COMPILE Over The Internet (COTI)

COTI is a method of accessing the ACS COMPILE using a TCP/IP protocol on Connect's virtual private network.

Services			Charges
Indicate quantity required	Billing code	Description	Standard Price (One-time costs)
		COTI Software and Connection fee	\$750.00 inc. GST
		Microsoft Internet Explorer latest version	no charge

Minimum Hardware Requirements to operate COTI:

- 90Mhz Pentium Processor
- 16mb RAM
- Mouse
- CD ROM
- 28.8k analogue modem
- 150 Meg Free Disk space

2: Dedicated Data Line via the Tradeway Network

If this line will be used for COMPILE, please ensure that you have established a COMPILE User Agreement with Australian Customs Service. You can do this by contacting the ACS User Liaison in your state.

Please complete and return the Connect.com.au Customer Service and Support Agreement form. Connect will place an order for installation of a modem and router at your premises. This process can take approximately 6 weeks.

The modem, line, and router are leased by Connect. If at any time you wish to relocate the line, this should be done via the Connect Tradeway Administrator. Please inform us as early as possible. As Connect is dependent on Telstra to relocate data lines, a minimum of 5 weeks prior notice is required to relocate a Tradeway line. The cost of relocation will be borne by the client.

Services			Charges
Indicate quantity required	Billing code	Description	Standard Price (One-time costs)
		Equipment Provision and Installation mandatory per new line	\$2,500.00
Connect Network Establishment & Registration Fee Mandatory per new line. Diminishing cost for subsequent lines			
		No existing Tradeway line	\$1,500.00
		Indicate in table below TRA ID for existing line	2 nd line \$1,250.00
		Indicate in table below TRA IDs for existing lines	3 rd line \$1,000.00
		Indicate in table below TRA IDs for existing lines	4 th line \$750.00
		Indicate in table below TRA IDs for existing lines	5 th line \$500.00

Add an additional 10% GST to all of the above prices for services delivered after July 1, 2000.

Tradegate

If you would like to join Tradegate or expand your membership to include additional states, we can provide Tradegate membership applications on request, and we will forward this and the fee as set out below to Tradegate on your behalf. The prices below are for new members. If you are merely expanding your membership to additional states, only the difference in the charge of existing states and new states will be charged.

Services			Charges
Indicate quantity required	Billing code	Description	Standard Price (One-time costs)
		Annual fee for Tradegate members or those wishing to join Tradegate	One state \$120.00
			Two states \$210.00
			Three states \$300.00
		(These prices include GST)	All states \$360.00

You will need to supply your own equipment and software to operate the COMPILE system.

Our recommendation for hardware is:

- Pentium Processor
- 64Mb RAM (or greater)
- PCI 3270 SDLC Adaptor card (1 available 32-bit, 5V PCI slot)
- 200Mb free hard disk drive space
- Microsoft compatible mouse connected to your PC
- 150MHz CPU Clock speed (or greater)
- CD-ROM drive
- VGA or SVGA colour monitor
- parallel & serial printer connected to PC
- 3.5" floppy disk drive

Our recommendation for software is:

- Windows98 or Windows95B or Microsoft NT 4.0 Operating System
- Attachmate EXTRA version 6.5

This is the environment in which we have successfully tested the Tradeway network. Any lesser variation of hardware or software may prove to be less effective. Should you require a name of a supplier, please contact the E-commerce Support Centre on 13 13 57.

Connect.com.au are now offering Internet services over your Tradeway line. You may apply for these in a subsequent form from Connect.com.au once initial order is commenced.

Tradeway services covered in the Compile charge include:

- 64K dedicated data line
- Cisco Router
- Managed network service
- Communications to COMPILE
- Secure Internet access
- Sub-domain under tradeway.com.au
- One public IP address and one private Class 'C' IP address range
- Virtual Web Site (Connect Web) hosted by connect.com.au with 15MB of disk space
- Either Virtual Hosted Mail (Connect Virtual Mail) with 5 mailboxes OR Use of own mail server

Additional options are available at additional fees as below:

- User-based charges over the 4GB per month limit using existing 25/17/12/0 UBP scenario
- Upgrade to 128K: \$600 establishment, \$150 per month
- Upgrade to higher capacities >128K: Price on application
- Virtual Private Network: \$250 establishment, \$85 per site per month
- Additional Virtual hosted mailboxes: \$10 registration, monthly fees: \$3.50 per mailbox
- Dial-up usage (by-product of mailboxes): \$20 Monthly fee waived, usage rates as per normal Business Dialup
- New domain name **.com.au**: set up (covers first 2 years) \$150
- Domain Renewal fee \$150 after 2 years
- Management/maintenance \$150 per year
- Domain name redelegation: set up \$100
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