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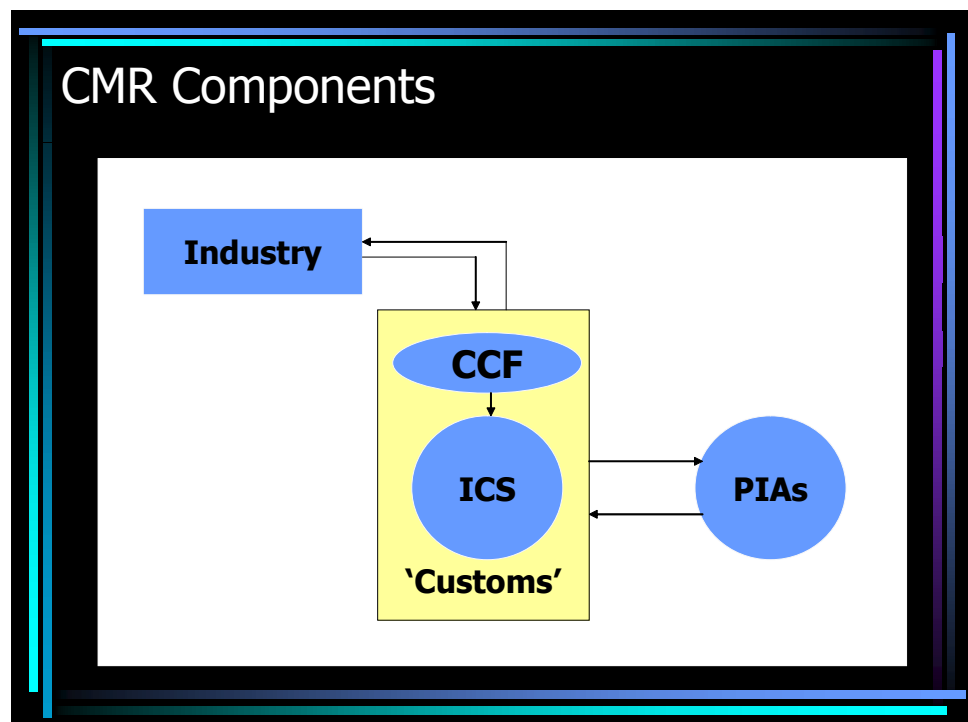
Updates on Releases 2 and 3, update on Digital Certificates and I will be devoting a section to current charging arrangements for COMPILE.

I hope people have been attending the Customs/CBFCA sessions on Digital Certificates and Client Registration! The feedback has been very positive from all attendees. I know there are a few sessions to run in most states, so if you have attended yet you still have a chance.

Release 2 (Exports)

As noted in my last newsletter, the Release 2 test phase completed successfully. Before developers can test their systems however, Customs must first undertake 'integration' testing with the new open gateway known as the CCF. This is a crucial step that ensures inbound and outbound messages are processed correctly apart from processing in the actual ICS (Exports) system itself.

For those who are not familiar with the way CMR processes information, the following slide illustrates a high-level view of how Customs handles messages in and out of CMR, and to other Government organisations.



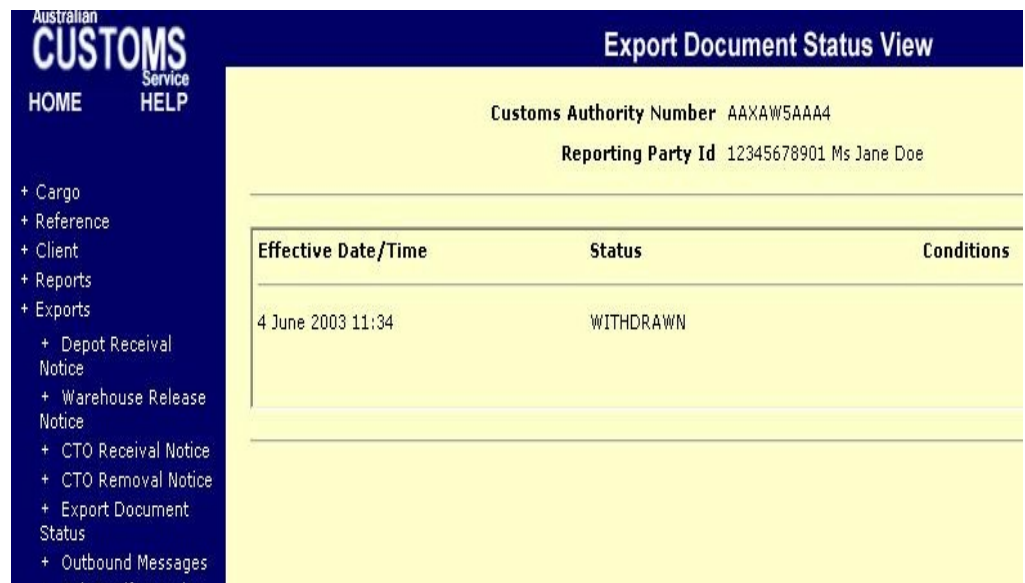
Once the integration testing is complete, developers will have access to Release 2 to begin their own testing. Customs advise developer access should be available by mid June.

Preparation for exports training is currently being developed. Later in the year, CBFCA and AFIF, in cooperation with Customs will be presenting ICS Exports Training sessions for industry. These courses will provide detailed information on the process changes introduced under CMR as well as familiarisation with the features of the new Customs Interactive facility that will be available for exporters. Dates can be found here: http://www.customs.gov.au/site/page.cfm?area_id=7&nav_id=1041

The Customs Interactive facility is a new feature for exports that will be introduced with CMR. I have had many questions on what Customs Interactive for exports means. Essentially it means two things:

- An exporter or agent can log on to the CMR website and create an export declaration or export sub-manifests etc.
- Any registered party can use the Customs Interactive facility to check the status of a consignment by entering a Customs Authority Number (CAN). This might be an Export Declaration Number, Consolidation Reference Number etc.

The following screen shot illustrates what the Customs Interactive will look like for an exporter who enters a CAN for the dummy shipment below. In this case, the export declaration has been withdrawn.



In Release 2, an EDI Status Request message (STREQ) has been developed to allow a party to request status without the need for logging on to the Custom Interactive.

In summary, there is no mandatory requirement for exporters to use the Customs Interactive; the facility provides a quick check of status for those who need it. Those exporters who also import goods will definitely need access to the Customs Interactive for import however, as there is no equivalent import message to the STREQ.

Release 3a & 3b (Imports)

I have had several enquiries on when the Message Implementation Guidelines (MIGs) will be available for both Release 3 a (Cargo Reporting) and 3 b (Import Declarations) will be made available. The answer Customs provided yesterday was that 3b MIGs 'should' be available by the

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end of this week (6 June) but there is no estimate available yet on when the 3b messages will be released. I will be following up this issue with Customs next week, and will advise as soon as information comes to hand.

Digital Certificate (PKI) Update

Customs and Verisign are working on the last few legal issues before parties can obtain Digital Certificates. There is no firm date for this yet, though I understand all the technical preparation are complete, we are only awaiting the finalisation of Government legal issues.

Customs confirmed that Verisign will be tasked with the development of a user manual to assist users through the maze of obtaining and using Digital Certificates. This is a real win for industry.

Legacy Corner (COMPILE this letter)

Ever wondered what the COMPILE Entry Processing Charge covered? Who gets the money that importers pay for entry creation? Well, here are the answers that are current as of today for COMPILE.

Firstly, it is always good news when charges are being reduced. Earlier this week Tradegate announced that the Tradegate Network Access Charge (TNAC) will reduce from \$4.42 to \$4.29 per entry (inc GST) from July 1. These charges will be reviewed quarterly until the Import phase of CMR takes effect, due June 2004. The TNAC charge includes the support and communication costs supplied by Connect.Com.

The following table describes where the dollars go. (Note that Sea entries include the \$14.35 container x-ray fee).

Nature	Mode	Charge	Unit	Description
10, 20	Sea	\$44.00	Entry	Nature 10,20 Sea entry charge
10, 20	Sea	\$0.20	Line > 10	Nature 10,20 Sea line per line
10, 20	Air/Post	\$27.10	Entry	Nature 10,20 Air/Post entry
10, 20	Air/Post	\$0.20	Line > 10	Nature 10,20 Air/Post per line
30		\$5.00	Entry	Nature 30 entry charge
30		\$0.20	Line > 10	Nature 30 per line
10, 20	Sea	\$65.75	Entry	Nature 10,20 Sea manual entry
10, 20	Sea	\$1.00	Line > 10	Nature 10,20 Sea per line
10, 20	Air/Post	\$48.85	Entry	Nature 10,20 manual Air/Post entry
10, 20	Air/Post	\$1.00	Line	Nature 10,20 manual A/P per line
30		\$26.75	Entry	Nature 30 manual entry charge
30		\$0.80	Line	Nature 30 manual per line
10,20	Sea	\$15.00	FCL box LCL/FCX	Nature 10,20 FCL AQIS fee
10,20	Sea	\$3.75	container	Nature 10,20 LCL/FCX AQIS fee
10, 20	Sea/Air	\$4.00	Entry	Nature 10,20 AQIS entry charges
10	Air/Post Air/Sea/	\$1.00	Screen Free Multiplier	Nature 10 Air Screen Free Multiplier
10, 30	Post	\$4.02	Entry	Tradegate Network Charge
10, 30	Post	\$0.40	Entry	Tradegate Network Charge GST
10, 30	All	Various	Chartc Code UQ	Wood Levy charges