



1 Meeting Agenda

Meeting Number: 02/03
Meeting Name: Trade Facilitation Forum
Date: Tuesday 8 April 2003
Time: 11:00am
Location: Conference Room, Container Examination Facility, Bumborah Point Road, PORT BOTANY

2 Invitees/Attendees

Y - in attendance, N - absent, S – substitute, A - apology

	Name		Name
	Customs		CBFCA
Y	David Collins (Regional Director)	Y	Beatrice Kemp (President CBFCA NSW Branch)
Y	Gayle Brown (Regional Manager)	Y	Paul Zalai (CBFCA Freight & Business Operations Manager)
Y	Andrew Hosking (A/g Director Compliance Assurance)	Y	Michael Hudson
Y	Dick Dacron (Director Cargo & Trade)	Y	Andrew Crawford
Y	Mal Graham (Co-ordinator of CMR)		
Y	David Swan (Member of the CMR team)	Y	Tony Futouros
Y	Dennis Murphy (Member of the CMR team)		AFIF
Y	Kim Simmat (A/g Customs Supervisor Compliance Assurance Team 5)	Y	Brian Lovell (CEO AFIF)
		Y	Stuart McFarlane
		Y	Paul Angel

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Item No.	Subject	Presenter
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2	Matters arising from the previous meeting	
3	IEQ results	Customs
4	CMR update	Customs
5	Container Examination Facility Update	Customs
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4 Minutes

Meeting commenced 11:00am.

The meeting commenced with a guided tour of the Container Examination Facility provided by Tony McSweeney.

At the conclusion of the tour David Collins, on behalf of the Forum, thanked Tony for the tour.



David Collins introduced David Swan and Dennis Murphy to the Forum; both are members of the NSW Regional CMR team and will be involved in CMR presentations to Industry over time.

ITEM 1 – Minutes from the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 February 2003 were confirmed.

ITEM 2 – Matters arising from the previous meeting

Mal Graham organised a meeting between Beatrice Kemp and Peter Chinn, Customs History Officer, to assist in the identification of historical items of interest in the context of CBFCA's forthcoming centenary celebrations.

Beatrice thanked Customs for their co-operation.

ITEM 3 – IEQ results

Kim Simmat reported on IEQ statistics for February and March 2003, the error rate for February was 12.67% whereas in March the figure rose to 16.45%.

Tariff errors still remain the largest errors reported at 58%. Of the 58% Tariff errors, 33.93% of these errors related to classification. Owner and Supplier code errors have gradually fallen in recent months to 14.29%.

A meeting was held out of session between Andrew Hosking, Beatrice Kemp and Michael Hudson regarding IEQ statistics. At present, Andrew Hosking has asked John Gobell in Central Office to evaluate IEQ and IDIVE statistics to determine if any common links can be established.

ITEM 4 – CMR update

CMR Action Items From Last Meeting

Examples of Infringement Notices

At the December Trade Facilitation Forum meeting a request was made for examples of Infringement Notices, and accompanying correspondence, to be placed on the Customs Internet site. Mal Graham advised that the information has now been posted on the site. (Those notices can be found by opening the CMR site and in the *Implementation Timetable* click on the hyperlink '*Legislation Changes not reliant on the Integrated Cargo System*'. That will take you to the 1 July 2002 Legislation Changes page. On that page under the '*Penalties and Infringement Notice Scheme*' sub heading open '*Examples of Infringement Notices*'.)

Contingency Arrangements

In response to a question raised at the last meeting about CMR contingency arrangements Mal Graham advised that if the Integrated Cargo System fails, then Customs will have contingency arrangements in place (much as it does now with EXIT or COMPILE notified outages). These are currently being finalised and will be made available later this year. There will be a notification process in place so that users are advised of the outage.

Agents Licensing

In regard to the issue of brokers working short term in different brokerages he advised that the Customs Act provides that a nominee broker can only work for one licensed brokerage at a time. Consequently, there is and will continue to be a need for the Customs Agents Licensing area in Canberra to be advised of nominees moving from one brokerage to another.



CMR Status / Other Issues

Mal Graham advised that: -

- The CMR Implementation timetable had been adjusted since the last meeting with the Imports Release now occurring in June 2004.
- ACN 2003/18 was recently issued calling for submissions in relation to the Accredited Client Program.
- The CMR Internet site recently been reviewed and the format significantly changed to give greater focus on upcoming elements of the CMR rollout. Paul Angel (AFIF) in an email sent prior to the meeting mentioned that as there is no "what's new" section on the new website. Mal Graham in response stated that as the site had just been overhauled it is essentially a new site and contains a range of new facts sheets, etc. He advised that anyone who has registered their email address will get new information as a matter of course and hence that may be the best approach to identify new information.
- New CMR information packs containing new fact sheets (copies of which are available on the CMR site) made available to those in attendance.
- CBFCA initiated 'Monitoring Powers' training sessions (4 in total) undertaken in Sydney on March 18/19. Customs representatives were present at those sessions to provide a Customs context and perspective.
- CMR 'Product Launch 1' information sessions (2 1/2 hour sessions) were given to 500 NSW Customs staff 2 weeks ago and will be provided to further staff in this Region in the future. Those sessions were at high level and covered the new Export Rules, Exports Transition/ Cut over, Communicating With Customs, the Release 1 Trial, and, Training and User Support. Those sessions are in the course of also being provided to Customs staff nationally.
- At present Verisign is the only Certification Authority for the issue of digital certificates for CMR. The Verisign website should be available from early May 2003 for businesses to make application for digital certificates. It is likely that there will be additional Certification Authorities who meet Customs requirements. The cost of digital certificates range from \$75 - \$300 depending on the Certification Authority and the type of certificate being issued.

Customs Restructure - Interim Accommodation

State Notice N03/01 was recently issued. It advises industry of organisational changes and work area contact details following the recent completion of accommodation rearrangements to align staff to the new structure.

ITEM 5 – Container Examination Facility update

A range of questions in relation to the operation of the CEF were addressed during the tour.

Gayle Brown advised that the Melbourne CEF is now operating at its target level of 100 containers being x-rayed each day.

The Sydney CEF is currently operating targeting to x-ray 70 containers a day and this will progressively be ramped up to 100 a day.

ITEM 6 – General Business



Paul Zalai made a presentation to the Forum about a Sydney Ports Project, which was established to examine the issue of congestion on the Sydney waterfront. One of the key recommendations from the report is for Customs Brokers to hand over the documents to the carrier quicker.

The second issue raised in the report was the single status generated by both Customs and AQIS. The issue was raised that an entry has a status of clear, the entry is then finalised and a check at a later date reveals that a Customs impediment has been placed on the entry. The problem with this issue is that there is a loss of predictability to hand over the documents to the carrier.

David Collins noted that there couldn't be changes to Customs legacy systems, given the focus now on ICS development.

OUTCOME: David Collins thanked Paul for his presentation on the Project.

Contact to be made out of session regarding entry finalisation and the appearance of s. 74A stopper.

David Collins requested Paul Zalai to send all correspondence about these and other matters, which have not been responded by Customs yet.

David Collins stated that a critical issue was the late reporting of cargo or the non-reporting of cargo.

Stuart McFarlane suggested that storage should commence when the container is held at the wharf. It was suggested that a meeting be established between the CBFCA, AFIF, Customs and the Sydney Ports Authority.

Andrew Crawford raised the issue of Customs Officers visiting brokerages. This program was previously postponed late last year because of the Customs restructure.

David Collins asked for representatives from both agencies, to liaise with Customs contact Dick Dacron.

OUTCOME: Representatives from all agencies to develop a visitation program and discuss with Dick Dacron.

ITEM 7 – Next Meeting

A proposed date for the next meeting was Tuesday 17 June 2003 at 11:00 am. AFIF representatives will attest to provide the venue for the next meeting. Parties agreed to this proposal.

Meeting concluded 1:10pm

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11:00 am venue to be advised at a later date