



CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CBPNCC)

Functions of the Committee

The Customs and Border Protection National Consultative Committee (the Committee) provides a forum for the discussion of strategic Customs and Border Protection related issues which affect the trading community, business and import/export specialists. The Committee is not a decision making body and does not have executive powers or financial responsibility.

Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Committee are:

To review and make recommendations on:

- emerging strategic issues in the Customs and Border Protection international trade operating environment;
- the work program of the sub-committees;
- where appropriate, proposed changes to the *Customs Act 1901* and other related legislation;
- recent developments in case law in the Customs and Border Protection commercial operating environment.

Frequency of Meetings

The Committee will meet at least twice per calendar year in the capital city where most members are located. Additional meetings will be scheduled at the discretion of the Chair.

Membership and Protocols

The Chair of the Committee is the CEO of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service. Membership of the Committee is at the Chair's discretion.

Membership of the Committee is:

- Shipping Australia Limited
- Stevedores Industry
- Customs Brokers and Forwarders Council of Australia Inc.
- Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Law Council of Australia
- Institute of Chartered Accountants
- Australian Federation of International Forwarders Ltd.
- Board of Airline Representatives of Australia
- Conference of Asia Pacific Express Carriers
- Australia Post
- Australian Quarantine Inspection Service

Only one representative from each member body attends meetings but an observer may be granted access on request to members requiring additional representation for a particular subject area.

Governing principles

The Committee will be constructive and creative, weighing carefully the impact of any proposals on industry and Government.

Sub-Committees

The Committee may constitute sub-committees for consultation purposes. The Committee will set the program of work for the sub-committees.

Secretariat

Customs and Border Protection provides secretariat services to the Committee.

Background

The CNCC had its genesis from a recommendation in the report "A Tour of Duties" by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration. The recommendation which was accepted by Government was that:

"... a Customs Consultative Committee be established to provide a forum which meets regularly at national level, for the discussion of Customs issues relevant to those in the trading community. Such issues could include administrative procedures, draft legislation where appropriate, and changes in policy. Membership of the committee could be drawn from Customs agents' associations, Law Council, Customs consultants and importers' representatives."

The first CNCC meeting was held in 1991.