



Do you load or unload international sea cargo?

Customs reporting requirements for cargo may apply to you.

Customs controls for the reporting of international cargo require parties who load/unload cargo at particular wharf sites to obtain an establishment identifier for each of those sites.

This establishment identifier will be used by the Customs Integrated Cargo System (ICS) to accurately identify the locations at which international cargo is handled, and track the movement of cargo within ports.

What is an establishment identifier?

An establishment identifier is a unique alphanumeric reference used to link a particular business to a specific wharf site.

Why do I need one?

Establishment identifiers will be reported on both import and export documents, to identify the location of the goods as well as the party responsible for those goods.

Do I need more than one establishment identifier?

If you operate at many wharves within a port or across several ports, you will need one establishment identifier for each separate location.

What happens at shared wharves?

Where many operators use a common-user wharf, separate establishment identifiers will link each cargo handler to that wharf.

For example, cargo handler A and cargo handler B both operate at a common-user wharf. Cargo handler A and B will each be assigned a unique establishment identifier for the same wharf. This enables Customs to determine which party loaded or unloaded specific cargo at any common wharf.

How do I get an establishment identifier?

You will need to complete the form *Application for Customs Establishment Identifier* and submit it to Customs.

Copies of the form are available at www.customs.gov.au (follow the links through Media, Forms and Publications on the left hand menu). Completed forms should be forwarded to Customs by mail or fax.

Mail: Licensing Group
 Customs House
 5 Constitution Avenue
 Canberra ACT 2601

Fax: (02) 6275 6601

How will I be advised of my establishment identifier/s?

Customs will process your application within five days of receipt of all relevant forms. You will be advised of your establishment identifier/s by email, fax or mail.

For more information go to www.cargosupport.gov.au