



## Australian Customs Cargo Advice

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### ICS Hard Copy Prints – End of Victoria and Tasmania Pilot

#### Background

In response to a request from the Industry Action Group (IAG), ACCA 07/03, Customs initiated a project to assess the use of Integrated Cargo System (ICS) hard copy prints in the release of cargo. The details of this project were outlined in Australian Customs Cargo Advice 07/03.

The purpose of this project was to make recommendations on the most timely and effective way to transition Industry away from the use of hard copy prints. Customs, in consultation with industry, decided to proceed with a pilot to assess the potential impact of the withdrawal of support for ICS hard copy prints in the release process.

#### Pilot Scope

Victoria and Tasmania were selected for the pilot, which commenced on 13 March 2007 for a three-week period. These regions were selected because they provide a diversity of import cargo release points as well as strong industry and Customs support.

The pilot tested the viability of the alternative release solutions that are available in the event of a primary systems failure. Customs primarily focussed on issues of timeliness, accessibility and ease of use for each option.

The pilot also examined the number of instances where the alternative releases were needed and why. Customs has collected and analysed any statistics against the consistency of data already gathered and compiled in the various regional ICS hard copy print reports.

#### Outcomes

The outcomes of the ICS Hard Copy Print Project are in line with the projected expectations of Customs and Industry. It was anticipated that there would be minimal impact to the release process with the withdrawal of Customs support of the use of ICS hard copy prints. As it had no obvious impact on Industry, the pilot project was ceased on Thursday 5 April.

The Implementation Schedule outlined below will be maintained.

STATE	DATE	STRATEGY
Victoria	13 March 2007	Pilot Sea and Air
Tasmania	13 March 2007	Pilot Sea and Air
Victoria	10 April 2007	Implementation Sea & Air
Tasmania	10 April 2007	Implementation Sea & Air
Northern Territory	10 April 2007	Implementation Sea & Air
South Australia	10 April 2007	Implementation Sea & Air
Western Australia	10 April 2007	Implementation Sea & Air
Queensland	23 April 2007	Implementation Sea & Air
New South Wales	23 April 2007	Implementation Sea & Air