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INTEGRATED CARGO SYSTEM - BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN NSW WORKSHOPS

INTRODUCTION

Customs have developed a Business Continuity Plan (BCP) to guide the risk assessment, reporting and clearance process for the legitimate movement of cargo during any declared contingency period. The BCP also provides contingency movement and release during client system outages.

Since the implementation of the BCP in December 2006 awareness of the BCP has been limited within some Industry sectors. A number of outages have occurred over the past six months, both ICS and client cargo systems. During these times feedback from Industry to Customs has indicated that there is a lack of detailed understanding of client's roles and responsibilities in the event of an outage.

To address this issue, a pilot training workshop was conducted in August 2007. The success of these workshops was confirmed via very positive feedback, and has provided the basis for further workshops to be conducted.

APPROACH

It is proposed that Customs present BCP workshops on a region-by-region basis. This will include a number of BCP workshops and site visits to organisations that identify a need for on-site training. Clients that will find the workshops relevant and those who are encouraged to participate include:

- Exporters
- Brokers
- Freight Forwarders
- Depots
- Release Establishments
- Software Developers

In NSW there will be two workshops presented in Sydney. Each workshop will run for two hours and will be limited to a maximum of 20 participants, allowing for concentrated discussion and participation. More workshops will be allocated on a needs basis.

These workshops are structured to provide participants with an overview of BCP via a PowerPoint presentation for the first hour, followed by an interactive session for the following hour. This interactive session involves participants acting out scenarios that will be relevant to them in the event of an outage, submitting contingency data and receiving response message from Customs. This will provide clients with a better understanding of the end-to-end BCP process. These workshops will also demonstrate the simplicity of using the BCP with the supporting documentation available.

Workshop participants will be provided with a copy of the BCP presentation and one page 'quick guide' on BCP.

Workshops will be held at the following times:

- Tuesday 18th September **11am**; and
- Tuesday 18th September **3pm**

At: St George Rowing Club
1 Levey Street
Wolli Creek, Sydney

The BCP project team will also be available to visit companies that identify a need for on-site training. Availability for these site visits in Sydney are:

- Wednesday 19th September, between 9-5pm; and
- Thursday 20th September, between 9-5pm.

To register for one of these workshops or if you are interested in Customs visiting your company please send your Company name, participant name/s, contact details and preferred session time to the Customs BCP Team at the following e-mail address: nerida.byrne@customs.gov.au

Further advice will be sent out which will confirm workshops in each region and provide details including location and timing of these workshops. Please find below the proposed schedule for these workshops.

Region	Date
Sydney	18-20 September 2007
Brisbane	25-26 September 2007
Townsville	27 September 2007
Cairns	28 September 2007
Melbourne	8-12 October 2007
Adelaide	14-16 October 2007
Northern Territory	17-18 October 2007
Perth	30 October – 1 November 2007
Tasmania	7-8 November 2007

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