



## Australian Customs Cargo Advice

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### INTEGRATED CARGO SYSTEM (ICS) - NEW DATE FORMATS

Customs is introducing a new way to input dates into the ICS Customs Interactive facility. The new format will provide all users of the ICS Customs Interactive a flexible and more user friendly method of supplying dates. The new format is scheduled to be introduced on 24 September with the 8.4.08 release.

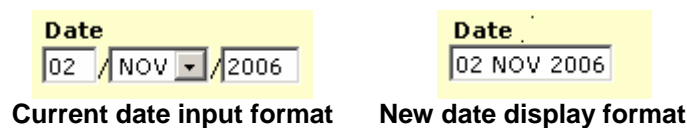
Currently, all date entry fields in the system consist of three separate fields, i.e. day, month and year. As of release 8.4.08, users will enter the date into a single field with the following rules:

- Date must be entered in the standard Australian date order i.e. day month year
- The month can be entered either as a number or as an abbreviation (JAN,FEB,etc)
- Any separator can be used between parts of the date, i.e. hyphen, space, dash, full stop, slash etc
- The date can also be entered without a separator i.e. DDMMYY
- If the year (YY) is omitted the current year will be assumed i.e. 0101 will translate as 01 January 2007
- To enter today's date, simply enter the letter 'T' in the date field.

Once the user tabs out of the date field, the system will display a validation of the date entered in the format DD MMM YYYY. This will confirm to the user that the correct date has been entered.

Invalid dates will be highlighted with a red background. Note that where a date is displayed on a screen (i.e. where the date is not an input field), it will appear, as currently, as three separate fields.

Below is an example of the current format and the new format.



Current date input format

New date display format

Acceptable formats that can be entered in the new single date field are as follows:

INPUT FORMATS	INPUT EXAMPLES
DDMM or DDMMYY or DDMMYYYY	0101 or 010107 or 01012007
DDMMM or DDMMYY or DDMMYYYY	01JAN or 01JAN07 or 01JAN2007
D M or D MM or DD MM or D M YY or DD MM YY or DD MM YYYY	1 1 or 1 12 or 01 01 or 1 1 07 or 01 01 07 or 01 01 2007
D/M or DD/MM or D/M/YY or DD/MM/YY or DD/MM/YYYY	1/1* or 01/01 or 1/1/07 or 01/01/07 or 01/01/2007
D-M or D-MM or DD-MM or D-M-YY or DD-MM-YY or DD-MM-YYYY	1-1 or 1-12 or 01-01 or 1-1-07 or 01-01-07 or 01-01-2007
D MMM or DD MMM or D MMM YY or DD MMM YY or DD MMM YYYY	1 JAN or 01 Jan or 1 JAN 07 or 01 JAN 07 or 01 JAN 2007
D.M or D.MM or DD.MM or D.M.YY or DD.MM.YY or DD.MM.YYYY	1.1 or 1.12 or 01.01 or 1.1.07 or 01.01.07 or 01.01.2007
T	T for today's date, is automatically changed to DD MMM YYYY (e.g. 10 SEP 2007).

For further information regarding the 8.4.08 release go to <http://www.customs.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=5742> and select the release notes for 24 September 2007.

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