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✦ Current issues concerning AQIS Cargo Management and the Cargo and Seaports Industries

✦ New documents released to replace the Containerised Cargo Clearance Manual

To improve useability for accredited persons, AQIS has divided the former Containerised Cargo Clearance (CCC) Manual into two separate documents and, in the process, simplified the content considerably.

From April 2005, the two new documents will be available online for printing:

- **Processes and Outcomes Document (POD)** – This document defines the requirements for the Containerised Cargo Clearance for FCL/X Scheme.
- **Containerised Cargo Clearance Resources Document** – This document contains the specific details related to issues such as translations, annual packing declarations, delivery postcodes and AQIS-approved treatments and treatment providers.

To ensure the most current information is used to support quarantine operations, it is a requirement for all accredited persons under the Containerised Cargo Clearance for FCL/X Scheme to use this new documentation. The new documents can be accessed via the AQIS website at the following link: www.aqis.gov.au/iccomplianceagreements. For more information, please contact AQIS at brokeraccred@aqis.gov.au.

✦ Reaccreditation reminder

AQIS is reminding industry that re-accreditation training for the Containerised Cargo Clearance for FCL/X, Automatic Entry Processing for FCL and the LCL Packing Schemes will be available as on-line training packages **between 28 March and 30 April 2005**.

Persons wishing to remain accredited for these schemes must undertake the training course and necessary assessment before 30 April 2005. Those who do not complete the re-accreditation training will have their accreditation suspended and will not be able to undertake tasks under the schemes. Once a person has their accreditation suspended, it can only be re-activated upon completion of a 2-day accreditation course.

The re-accreditation process is made up of several separate training packages. All accredited persons are required to complete the Quarantine Awareness and the Compliance Agreements training packages before going on to complete the packages specific to each scheme. It is also important to remember that the Containerised Cargo Clearance for FCL/X Scheme is a pre-requisite for the Automatic Entry Processing for FCL Scheme, and both of these schemes are pre-requisites for the LCL Packing Scheme. Therefore, Accredited Persons need to undertake the re-accreditation training in the following order:

- Import Clearance Quarantine Awareness,
- Import Clearance Compliance Agreements,
- Containerised Cargo Clearance for FCL/X Scheme,

- Automatic Entry Processing for FCL Scheme, and
- LCL Packing Scheme.

The re-accreditation training packages are now available online through the CBFA website: <http://www.cbfa.com.au>. To make sure that all training completed is properly recorded, eligible persons must use their AQIS-issued accreditation number. All inquiries relating to the re-accreditation packages, including confirmation of AQIS accreditation numbers, should be directed to AQIS at brokeraccred@aqis.gov.au or by telephone on (02) 6272 5202 during normal business hours.

✦ Changes to management of Giant African Snail quarantine risks

AQIS has established a new National Coordination Centre (NCC) to oversee the screening of all inbound vessels for shipping containers imported from Giant African Snail (GAS) countries. Previously, all GAS screening was undertaken in the relevant port of entry, but the NCC should streamline this process by providing a central point of contact. The GAS NCC is taking on GAS screening functions from each region of Australia in a staged process. At present the GAS NCC screens for Queensland (stage 1), while Victoria (stage 2) is soon to be added. New South Wales and South Australia (stage 3) are scheduled for transfer in June 2005, and Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Tasmania (stage 4) will be transferred in August 2005.

Contact details for the new GAS NCC are
 42-44 Qantas Drive Eagle Farm QLD 4009
 PO Box 222 Hamilton Qld 4007
 Telephone (07) 3246 8771
 Email inquiries should be directed to gas.screener@aqis.gov.au

Changes have also been made to GAS container screening and inspection procedures, which should result in a reduction in the numbers of containers requiring GAS inspection. The changes have been progressed by AQIS in consultation with industry, through the AICCC secretariat. Please note that the new procedures have no effect on the composition of the AQIS GAS country list ([click here to access the current AQIS GAS Country list](#)). The GAS Country List is also under review by AQIS, and Industry will be informed of any changes as part of normal notification procedures.

Shipping companies will be eligible for reduced inspections if they can show their vessels (or sections of vessels) meet AQIS separation requirements. If a vessel meets these requirements, then the only containers that require GAS inspection are:

- Containers originating from GAS countries, and
- Containers stowed directly above and below "GAS" containers.

Previously, many more containers adjacent to a GAS container were subject to GAS inspection. This meant that for every GAS container, up to 26 other containers also required inspection.

Further details on the assessment requirements and new screening rules are available in ["Screening Vessels for New Cargo" \(click here to access\)](#).

✦ Upcoming AICCC meeting, April 2005

The next meeting of the AICCC will be held in Canberra on 13 April 2005. The major item for discussion will be the implementation of a range of projects designed to increase the efficiency of AQIS operations and their value to industry, in addition to a range of other issues as noted below:

- Progress reports on
 - Cargo Management Re-engineering (CMR) for imports,
 - Timber and associated quarantine issues,
 - Co-regulation Projects, and
 - The Imported Food program
- Financial matters
- Increased Quarantine Intervention (IQI) reports:
 - High Volume Low Value (HVLV), Air Cargo and containers
 - External Container Inspection Regime (ECIR)
 - Seaports

- Biosecurity issues
- Committee Reports:
 - Quarantine Exports Advisory Council (QEAC)
 - Cargo Management Committee (CMC)
 - Regional Managers/Cargo Management Steering Committee (RM/CM SC)
 - Imported Foods Consultative Committee (IFCC)
 - Industry Working Group on Quarantine (IWGQ)

✦ **Summary of documents and alerts released by AQIS Cargo Management in March 2005**

Reference Number	Document (Clicking on the links below will take you to the relevant page of the AQIS website)	Overview
1	Containerised Cargo Clearance (CCC) manual amendment 1/3/05 - Chapter 1 Section A	Table of Amendments 2004/05, which lists the most recent amendments to the CCC Manual
2	CCC manual amendment 1/3/05 - Chapter 3 Section 15	Unacceptable Treatment Providers List
3	Imported Food Notice (IFN) 01/05	Statutory Declaration Revocation
4	IFN 02/05	The use of Stevia and Stevioside in food
5	Compliance Agreement Notice 2005/03	Expiration of Accreditation for the Containerised Cargo Clearance for FCL/X, Automatic Entry Processing for FCL and the LCL Packing Schemes
6	CCC manual amendment 15/3/05 - Chapter 1 Section A	Table of Amendments 2004/05, which lists the most recent amendments to the CCC Manual
7	CCC manual amendment 15/3/05 - Chapter 3 Section 14	Acceptable Indonesian and Italian Treatment Providers
8	CCC manual amendment 15/3/05 - Chapter 3 Section 15	Unacceptable Treatment Providers List
9	Notice to Industry 12/2004-05	Changes to Giant African Snail (GAS) container screening and inspection procedures
10	Public Quarantine Alert (PQA) 0408	Packaging of Uncooked Whole or Partially Peeled Prawn Consignments
11	Compliance Agreement Notice 2005/04	Reminder - Re-accreditation training for the Containerised Cargo Clearance for FCL/X, Automatic Entry Processing for FCL and the LCL Packing Schemes
12	IFN 03/05	Updates to the Department of Fisheries, Thailand, Consolidated List of Fish Establishments

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