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**Providing information to the Cargo and Shipping industries on the latest AQIS developments**

### ✦ Broker Accreditation

AQIS is reminding brokers that are accredited under the Containerised Cargo Clearance (CCC) for FCL/X, Automatic Entry Processing (AEP) for FCL and LCL Packing Schemes that re-accreditation training is now available. The training will be available from **11 April 2007 until 31 May 2007** through the CBFA website at [www.cbfa.com.au](http://www.cbfa.com.au). To complete the on-line registration and training process, eligible persons must have their AQIS-issued accreditation number, which is provided on their Scheme certificates.

All brokers that gained accreditation before 1 September 2006 will need to complete the training. For those accredited after this date, their accreditation certificates will be automatically re-issued by AQIS to coincide with the two year re-accreditation cycle.

If an eligible person is unable to complete the training before 31 May 2007, they can apply to defer the training via email to [brokeraccred@aqis.gov.au](mailto:brokeraccred@aqis.gov.au). Each application will be considered by AQIS on a case-by-case basis, but a valid reason (eg illness, leave) must be supplied as to why the training cannot be undertaken. Brokers that do not complete the training will have their accreditation suspended on 1 June 2007, which means they will no longer be able to undertake tasks under these Schemes.

Customs brokers will be able to complete a course of three individual units of training as part of the re-accreditation process. The three units are:

- Containerised Cargo Clearance (CCC) for FCL/X,
- Automatic Entry Processing (AEP) for FCL, and
- LCL Packing.

A pass mark of 80% must be achieved in each unit.

**[Click here for further information on the re-accreditation training.](#)**

### ✦ QAP Renewals for 2007-08

AQIS is about to start its annual Quarantine Approved Premises (QAP) registration renewal. QAPs are approved on an annual basis, coinciding with the financial year, with current approvals for all QAPs due to expire on 30 June 2007. QAP operators who wish to continue to operate QAPs in 2007-08 will need to renew their QAP approval.

QAPs will receive their 2007-08 renewal package in mid April 2007. The package will include:

- a QAP Approval Renewal Application form (and a reply-paid, pre-addressed envelope for return of this form),
- an Invoice and Payment Form (and a reply-paid, pre-addressed envelope for return of the payment),
- step-by-Step Instructions for completing the renewal process, and
- answers to frequently asked questions on the renewal process.

To renew their QAP approval, QAP operators must return the QAP Approval Renewal Application form and pay the QAP fee no later than 15 June 2007. QAP operators that fail to renew their QAP approval by this date can expect their QAP approval to expire on 1 July 2007. After the expiry of QAP approval, operators will no longer be permitted to handle quarantine material.

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### ✦ **Broker Email Notifications**

AQIS is encouraging brokers to make use of the Broker E-mail Notification System to keep up to date with the quarantine services provided and financial status of each entry. Emails are sent whenever one of the following actions is carried out by AQIS:

- A new fee is associated with a direction on an AQIS Import Management System (AIMS) entry,
- A fee on an AIMS entry is amended, or
- A final direction is assigned and completed on an AIMS entry.

The final "Record of AQIS Services" email provides an accurate summary of all the services and their associated costs and may be used by brokers for invoicing the charges to their clients.

To participate in this system, all a brokerage needs to do is provide an appropriate email address to the AQIS National AIMS Administrator at [aims.admin@daff.gov.au](mailto:aims.admin@daff.gov.au). The email address that is nominated will then be associated with the brokerage's branch ID in AIMS. As a large number of emails may be generated by complex entries, AQIS recommends that a generic brokerage email address is nominated rather than a personal email address. This also minimises administrative changes due to future staff movements. [Click here for further information.](#)

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### ✦ **Upcoming AICCC Meeting – April 2007**

The next AICCC meeting will be held in Sydney on 18 April 2007. The major issue for consideration will be the AQIS Import Condition Database (ICON) and entry management procedures, along with a number of regular issues. These include:

- Discussion on:
  - Cargo Risk Management and Import Clearance Effectiveness (ICE)
  - Progress of the Industry Partnerships Unit
  - The Giant African Snail (GAS) review
  - Reports from AQIS National Coordination Centres (NCCs)
- Financial matters, including
  - intervention and effectiveness figures for Seaports and Import Clearance Programmes,
  - Cargo Management priorities for 2007-08
  - Charging Review Committee report on cost recovery
- Committee Reports:
  - Quarantine Exports Advisory Council (QEAC)
  - Cargo Management Committee (CMC)
  - Conference of Asia Pacific Express Carriers (CAPEC) / AQIS working group

✦ **Summary of documents and alerts released by AQIS Cargo Management in March 2007**

Reference Number	Document	Overview
1	<b>Public Quarantine Alert (PQA) 0513</b>	Revised fees and charges for AQIS PEQ stations
2	<b>PQA 0514</b>	Revised conditions for herbarium specimens
3	<b>PQA 0512</b>	Removal of quarantine measures against Avocado Scab for avocados from New Zealand.
4	<b>PQA 0484</b>	Changes to import conditions for used fresh water articles and equipment
5	<b>Notice to industry 20, 2006-07</b>	Containerised Cargo Clearance for FCL/X, Automatic Entry Processing for FCL & LCL Packing Schemes and Notification regarding Pending Renewal of Compliance Agreements and Re-Accreditation Training
6	<b>Notice to Industry 21, 2006-07</b>	Broker E-mail Notification System AQIS Service Records

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