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**DRAWBACKS ELECTRONIC DATA INPUT PROJECT 1996- 1997**

The Cargo Automation Development Fund (CADF) committee recently approved the development and implementation of an Electronic Data Input (EDI) front-end to the current Drawback system.

The new EDI Drawback system will replace the current manual Drawback application process and provide an efficient, secure and cost-effective procedure by which clients may claim drawback. It is anticipated that the introduction of EDI Drawbacks will:

provide easier access for clients to make drawback claims;

reduce the reliance of clients on paper claims and associated correspondence; provide immediate response to claim status queries; and

reduce the turnaround time for the payment of claims.

Members of peak industry bodies, dedicated information technology service providers and large drawback clients will be invited to provide input into the development and trial stages of the EDI Drawback system. Clients will have the flexibility to develop a drawback module to enable them to interface with their existing inhouse system, or to select from a range of dedicated software providers.

Seminars are planned to be held in Sydney and Melbourne in approximately March/April 1997, to give clients and interested parties the opportunity to discuss the project with Customs. Venues, dates and scheduled times of these seminars will be advised at a later date.

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