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**CUSTOMS YEAR 2000 IT EXTERNAL TESTING**

In September 1997, Customs

issued ACN 97/70 outlining Year 2000 issues, testing and compliance processes that would affect Customs information technology (IT).

In that ACN, as well as in

two subsequent letters sent to major clients, Customs stated that a testing service would be made available from September 1998 for external users to test for Year 2000 compliance.

Testing is now expected to

commence early in 1999. A further Customs update on external testing process will be issued in December 1998 in an ACN and on the Customs Website ,

which provides useful information on Customs progress with IT compliance, including EDI message formats.

It is anticipated that Customs

core systems will be fully compliant in June 1999, in line with recommended Commonwealth Government guidelines, allowing for time to remedy any remaining problems.

Customs is liaising with your

industry association on Customs Y2K IT issues and any enquiries should be directed to your Customs contact officer.

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