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**Tariff Concession System (TCS) Forms 1998 Amendments**

Customs has amended three of the forms used for the TCS. The affected forms are: B443(7/96) - "Application for a Tariff Concession Order (TCO)";

B444(7/96) - "Submission Objecting to the Making of a Tariff Concession Order (TCO)"; and

B441(7/96) - "Request for Revocation of a Tariff Concession Order (TCO) or Commercial Tariff Concession Order (CTCO)".

The new forms, B443(9/98), B444(9/98) and B441(9/98), take effect from the date of gazettal which was 9 December 1998.

The major amendment to form B443(7/96) - "Application for a Tariff Concession Order (TCO)", is the inclusion of the suggestion, at Question 5, that an applicant for a TCO should allow local manufacturers at least 10 working days to respond to inquiries concerning local manufacture.

The major amendment to the other two forms is the request, at Question 6, that a local manufacturer provides information to support its calculations of local content.

While the new forms are operative from 9 December 1998, Customs will continue to accept the current forms, B443(7/96), B444(7/96) and B441(7/96), until Friday, 29 January 1999. This will ensure that people have sufficient time to obtain and start using the new forms.

From Monday, 1 February 1999, Customs will accept applications for a TCO, submissions objecting to the making of a TCO and requests for revocation of a TCO only on the new forms.

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