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**REDEVELOPMENT OF THE TARIFF AND PRECEDENTS INFORMATION NETWORK - TAPIN**

# Background

The Tariff and Precedents Information Network (TAPIN) is an on-line mainframe computer based system designed to assist Customs officers, Customs Brokers and the general importing community to obtain the correct rate of Customs duty payable on imported goods.

# TAPIN Redevelopment

The redevelopment of TAPIN has been progressing over the past two years. As a result, a component of TAPIN is being moved off the mainframe computer and modernised.

A message informing all TAPIN users of this change was placed on TAPIN NEWS file in

February 1999. An updated message was published as a COMPILE message on 2 November 1999. For details on the changes and impact on TAPIN users refer to previous messages.

# Implementation of Redeveloped TAPIN

Redeveloped TAPIN is scheduled to be implemented on 27 - 28 May 2000. TAPIN will be unavailable from close of business on Friday, 26 May 2000 until start of business on Monday, 29 May 2000.

# Changes and Impact on TAPIN users

There will be two major changes in the redeveloped TAPIN system. Those changes have been the subject of discussions with Customs Brokers Council of Australia Inc (CBCA), which has

in turn consulted with TAPIN users.

The first change involves the search capability of Tariff Advices (TA) and Valuation Advices (VA). The searches will be limited to the more popular search criteria.

The second change involves the reference information in TAPIN. This information will be available only to Customs officers. Most of the reference information is available to other TAPIN users through TariffTech, a product of Digerati. Advice from CBCA is that TariffTech is widely used and accepted by industry.

Information on Digerati can be obtained from their web site, [www.digerati.com.au](http://www.digerati.com.au/) or by telephone 03 9859 5800.

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