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Alteration of the import cut-over time and International Trade Modernisation (ITM) import related regulation changes

The *Customs Amendment (Extension of Import Cut-over Time) Act 2005* (the Amendment Act) received the Royal Assent on 24 August 2005 as Act No 105 of 2005.

The Amendment Act changes the *Customs Legislation Amendment (Application of International Trade Modernisation and Other Measures) Act 2004*:

* specifying 2am (AEST) on 12 October 2005 as the import cut-over time for the Integrated Cargo System; and
* making consequential amendments to the provisions relating to the import turn-off time for the cargo legacy systems.

The Amendment Act gives effect to the Government’s commitment that there would be a suitable transition period to allow for business readiness.

On Friday 19 August 2005, the *Customs Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 5)* - No. 186 of 2005 - were registered in accordance with the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

The Amendment Regulations change the *Customs Regulations 1926* by repealing redundant provisions, updating legislative and system references and inserting new regulations prescribing matters required by provisions of the ITM amended Customs Act.

The Amendment Regulations also include the new 96hr timeframes applicable to impending arrival (and consequently crew) and passenger reports for ships.

While the Amendment Regulations have commenced, transitional provisions postpone the application of the changes until required by provisions of the ITM amended Customs Act.

To view the Amendment Act or Regulations, visit the Attorney General’s Department’s ComLaw website ([http://www.comlaw.gov.au](http://www.comlaw.gov.au/)). The relevant reference numbers are C2005A00105 and F2005L02003, respectively. Unlike Regulations, Explanatory Memoranda for Acts are located with the related Bills. The Bill can be found using ComLaw’s browse facility.

For further information on imports ITM transition matters, refer to the “*Cut-over to the Integrated Cargo System (ICS) - Imports*“ fact sheet available on the Customs CMR website.

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