AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS NOTICE NO. 2005/47

# Commencement of 96 hour Pre-Arrival Reporting for Ships, Crew and Passengers

and Revised Forms and Arrangements

Australian Customs Notice No 2005/31 refers.

Nothing in this Notice impacts on cargo reporting arrangements nor on passengers and crew arriving by air.

From 12 October 2005 the following timeframes will apply to reporting ships, crew and passengers on ships at first port of arrival in Australia:

* If the voyage from last port is longer than 96 hours reports must be made not later than 96 hours in advance of arrival
* If the voyage from last port is less than 96 hours reports must be made not later than 72 hours in advance of arrival
* If the voyage from last port is less than 72 hours reports must be made not later than 48 hours in advance of arrival
* If the voyage from last port is less than 48 hours reports must be made not later than 24 hours in advance of arrival
* If the voyage from last port is less than 24 hours reports must be made not later than 12 hours in advance of arrival.

The attached Form 13 will be the national standard form for reporting vessel pre-arrival information.

Form 3A for crew reporting is now obsolete. Attached is a revised Form 3B for crew reporting. The data elements sought bring this manual report into the same format as that required by the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs for its Advanced Passenger Processing initiative for cruise and commercial vessel crew.

However, until amendments to the Migration Act are made, the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs’ crew and passenger pre-arrival reporting deadline of 48 hours, which applies to international passenger cruise ships, will remain in force. Customs and DIMIA will work closely with the cruise shipping industry to ensure requirements are understood and that inadvertent breaches of Customs legislation do not result in penalties being imposed.

These forms will be made available on the Customs internet site at [www.customs.gov.au](http://www.customs.gov.au/). They will be available in Word format and thus can be e-mailed to Customs, if preferred over facsimile. Addresses for each port are attached to this Notice. The forms may be used from the time they are available to you and for all reporting from 12 October 2005.

In addition, ships carrying cargo must lodge an Impending Arrival Report in the Integrated Cargo System within the timeframes described above. This electronic report contains different information to those documentary reports detailed in this Notice. The electronic Impending Arrival Report is essential to obtain clearance for cargo.



Until 12 October 2005 the current reporting timeframes apply for receipt of the forms ie. not later than 48 hours before arrival in first port or, if the voyage is less, not later than 24 hours.

From 12 October 2005 the manual lodgement of the Form 5 Part One will no longer be required.

Customs advises that the attached reports should be submitted to the first port of arrival only. If the need arises to clarify some information at another port in Australia Customs expects that this will be resolved locally between the Customs office and agent.

If a ship has reported that it is coming into a port and is then ordered to a different Australian port Customs does not expect an amending report to be lodged formally. Customs expects that agents would notify both ports of the change. In the same way, if an inwards voyage is cancelled or postponed Customs can be notified locally.

The contact for any matters concerning parts one, two and three of the Ship Pre-Arrival Report and for the Crew Report is Manager, Enforcement Operations on 02 6245 5431 or [jennifer.robinson@customs.gov.au](mailto:jennifer.robinson@customs.gov.au).

The contact for any matters concerning parts four and five of the Ship Pre-Arrival Report is the Joint Offshore Protection Command on 02 6229 1134 or [conor.annesley@customs.gov.au](mailto:conor.annesley@customs.gov.au).

The contact for any matters concerning the reporting of cargo is Director, Cargo Controls on 02 6275 6564 or [ben.evans@customs.gov.au](mailto:ben.evans@customs.gov.au)

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