

# **Standard Operation Procedures** **for Air and Oceanfreight shipments** **to** **Australia**



Dear Partner,

We are writing to you to advise you of mandatory import shipping procedures and customs requirements by Australian Customs with the request to comply at all times

1. Import Airfreight
2. Import Ocean Freight
3. DDP Shipments

Australian Customs requires detailed reporting of both air and sea cargo by electronic means [before cargo arrives in the first port / airport of Australia](#).

## *Cargo Reporting*

This notice focuses on "Cargo Reports" covering "Air Cargo Reports" and "Sea Cargo Reports" pursuant to Section 64AB of the Australian *Customs Act 1901*. We provide these Cargo Reports to the Australian Customs Service based on the quality of information you provide.

Therefore, we require you to provide the relevant information at the earliest stage in [electronic format](#).

## Penalties

Non compliance may result in Australian Customs imposing penalties for not following import reporting procedures. Penalties for not meeting government requirements are expected to result in a minimum fine of A\$ 1,320 [per error](#) !

In addition, apart from the government imposed penalties and fines, other consequences for not complying with these rules include:

- o Cargo delays
- o Storage charges
- o Reduced Service Levels
- o Extra Cost
- o Risk of Loss of Business

## What we need from you

To enable us to meet Customs requirements, we require information relating to:

1. [Air cargo no later than 12 hours before the first airport of arrival](#) in Australia
2. [Sea cargo no later than 3 days before the first port of arrival](#) in Australia.

This is one of the most important points. For example, if the cargo is destined for Sydney but the first port of arrival is Fremantle and the vessel is due to arrive in Fremantle 7 day's before it arrives in Sydney, we ***MUST*** report to Australian Customs 3 day's before it arrives in Fremantle, not Sydney. The same obviously applies to air cargo, for example, if it flies into Cairns on one flight but then moves on another flight to Sydney, we ***MUST*** report to Australian Customs 12 hours prior to it's arrival in Cairns.

Attached are our standard operating procedures for both air and sea freight, which provides all the necessary information required. Please take note of the special email addresses that have been created specifically for your pre-alert notifications.

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Liability for Errors

Clearly, we face exposure if we report in an inaccurate, inadequate or less than timely fashion. The purpose of this notice is to also inform you that if we do not meet Australian Customs requirements for reporting the movement of cargo due to your error, or omissions, we will seek indemnity from you to cover our liability.

Should we receive a penalty notice, you will be advised and will attach a copy of the penalty notice and our debit note for settlement. Furthermore, in the event that there is an inquiry by Australian Customs as to the reason for our incorrect reporting, then we will inform Australian Customs that the fault arose due to your failure to provide that information at the required time and in the required format.

Please ensure that this notification is distributed to all the relevant staff in your organisation.

In compliance with our Quality procedures we require you to acknowledge receipt of this notification confirming your compliance by return.

DDP Customs Clearance Shipments

It is a requirement of Australian Customs for the owner of the cargo to present a signed Customs Clearance Authority with the undermentioned wording to be completed on the letterhead of the overseas exporter / owner of the cargo. Without this document a DDP shipment will not be processed.

Outlay of Duty and GST

We do not extend credit on any government taxes i.e. Duty and GST exceeding AUD 500.00. Therefore we require payment prior to outlay and release of cargo

Personal Effects

Export Airfreight

ICE cannot handle any Export Airfreight consignments due to the Transport and Security Programme as set with DOTARS.

Export Seafreight

To be handled at the discretion of the Branch

Import Seafreight and Air – CPT consignments only!

We will only receive shipments from our overseas agents and we will render all necessary assistance. At the discretion of the branch, customs clearance can be affected in-house or outsourced.

- *Under no circumstances do we handle DDU or DDP Personal effects Shipments.*

Banking fees

All banking fees are for the account of the remitter!

If you need any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Best regards

Yours sincerely,  
International Cargo Express Pty Ltd  
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Managing Director

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*AIRFREIGHT PROCEDURE*

Every MAWB/SUB Master HAWB consigned to ICE offices in Australia must be addressed as under:

Shipper: The origin agent                      Consignee: ICE office - as under  
Description of Goods: 'Consolidation, as per attached manifest'

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**NOTE:**                      Above air cargo bond facility details are for customs purpose only  
Correspondence, freight invoices etc. to be sent to our postal addresses

A manifest must be issued for every consolidation (incl. back-to-back, one line consolidations).

**NOTE:** An Amendment / Additional Processing Fee of A\$ 50.00 will be charged for every incorrectly documented and/or incorrectly addressed consolidation. This is additional to the Australian Customs penalties referred to below.

E-MAIL PRE-ADVICE: AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS insist on specific information 12 hours prior to the arrival of the aircraft in the first airport in Australia. Therefore, please e-mail the following documents to the unique e-mail addresses shown above: copy of the MAWB, HAWB (showing full address of shipper and consignee, value of goods), Commercial Invoice, and Debit Note if freight collect and Manifest showing the name of the co-loader should you decide to co-load the consolidation!

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**Non-Compliance will result in delays upon arrival and failure to comply with these Australian Customs requirements will attract an automatic minimum penalty of AU\$ 1300.00 (approx US\$ 900.00) per error and this penalty from Australian Customs will be invoiced to your office.**

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*OCEAN FREIGHT PROCEDURE*

Every Ocean Ocean B/L or CO-Load B/L must be consigned to ICE offices in Australia must be addressed as under:

Shipper: The origin agent      Consignee: ICE office - as under      **Ocean B /L: Express or Seaway B/L – freight paid**

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E-MAIL PRE-ADVICE: AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS insist on specific information 72 hours prior to the arrival of the vessel in the first port in Australia, so it is important to know the first port of arrival and it's arrival date, or otherwise send your pre-alert to the relevant ICE office at least 10 days prior to arrival.

Documents required are as follows:

- Express Ocean Bill of Lading or Express Co-Load Master Bill of Lading each showing the container and seal number.
- House Bill of Lading
- Packing Declaration
- Fumigation certificate, not required, if packing declaration stipulates that ISPM15 timber has been used
- Commercial invoice, if available
- Debit Note, if freight collect and Credit note for profit share as per agency agreement

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*DDP - CUSTOMS CLEARANCE PROCEDURE*

*Please reproduce following text on your letterhead and return completed to ICE:*

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

**Customs Clearance Authority**

**AUTHORISATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADING CONDITIONS**

In accordance with Section 181 of the Customs Act, \*I/we hereby authorise **International Cargo Express Pty Limited**, Holder of Corporate Customs Brokers Licence No: 727 its nominees and/or subagents as may be appointed from time to time to act as \*my/our Customs Broker for the purposes of the Customs Act 1901 as amended, at all places in the Commonwealth.

We further authorise **International Cargo Express Pty Limited** to quote our Australian Business Number (ABN): \_\_\_\_\_ as may be required by the Australian Taxation Office and GST legislation in respect of imported goods at the time of entry for home consumption with the Australian Customs Service.

\*I/We agree that all transactions undertaken by **International Cargo Express Pty Limited** its nominees and/or its agents on behalf of \*myself/this company are done so subject only to their Year 2000 Trading conditions, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

In granting this authority, \*I/We indemnify **International Cargo Express Pty Limited**, its nominees and/or its agents for and against any and all duties, taxes, losses, costs, penalties, charges or other monies which the company is called upon or required to pay in respect of or in connection with \*my/our goods, and documents relating to \*my/our goods, and valuation/classification of \*my/our goods for Customs or GST purposes, however so arising. \*I/we guarantee payment of all outlays made on my/our behalf to **International Cargo Express Pty Limited**.

<b>Company Name</b>			
<b>Address</b>			
<b>Suburb</b>		<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>GST Deferred:</b>	Yes / No:		

**Signature:** .....

**Date:** .....

**Position:** .....

**Name:** .....

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**Company Letterhead**

(MUST be issued by the packer or supplier of the goods, and MUST include the company's name AND address)

FCL  or LCL  PACKING DECLARATION

[Boxes  to be marked with an X in the appropriate place]

Vessel Name: ..... Voyage Number: .....

Consignment identifier(s) or Numerical Link(s): .....

**PROHIBITED PACKAGING MATERIAL STATEMENT**

(Prohibited packaging materials include *straw, bamboo, peat, hay, chaff, used fruit and vegetable cartons etc.*)

**Q1. Have prohibited packaging materials or bamboo products been used as packaging or dunnage in the consignment covered by this document?**

A1. YES  NO

**TIMBER PACKAGING/DUNNAGE STATEMENT**

(Timber packaging/dunnage includes: crates, cases, pallets, skids, and any other timber used as a shipping aid.)

**Q2a. Has Timber packaging/dunnage been used in consignments covered by this document?**

A2a. YES  NO

**ISPM 15 STATEMENT**

**Q2b. All timber packaging/dunnage used in the consignment has been treated and marked in compliance with ISPM 15?**

A2b. YES  NO

**BARK STATEMENT**

(This is also applicable to ISPM 15 compliant packaging/dunnage. Bark is the external natural layer covering trees and branches.)

**Q3. Is all timber packaging/dunnage used in this consignment free from bark?**

A3. YES  NO

**CLEANLINESS DECLARATION (For FCL consignments only)**

The container(s) covered by this document has/have been cleaned and is/are free from material of animal and/or plant origin and soil.

Signed: ..... Date of Issue: .....  
(Company Representative)

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FCL  or LCL  ANNUAL PACKING DECLARATION

[Boxes  to be marked with an X in the appropriate place.]

**PROHIBITED PACKAGING MATERIAL STATEMENT**

(Prohibited packaging materials include straw, bamboo, peat, hay, chaff, *used fruit and vegetable cartons* etc.)

**Q1. Have prohibited packaging materials or bamboo products been used as packaging or dunnage in the consignment covered by this document?**

A1. YES  NO

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**Q2a. Has timber packaging/dunnage been used in consignments covered by this document?**

A2a. YES  NO

**ISPM 15 Statement**

**Q2b. All timber packaging/dunnage used in the consignment has been treated and marked in compliance with ISPM15 compliant stamps?**

A2b. YES  NO

**BARK STATEMENT**

(This is also applicable to ISPM 15 compliance packaging/dunnage. Bark is the external natural layer covering trees and branches.)

**Q3. Is all timber packaging/dunnage used in this consignment, free from bark?**

A3. YES  NO

**VALIDITY STATEMENT**

On behalf of ..... (Supplier's Business Name), I hereby declare that the information and statements above are true and correct. This declaration is **valid for 12 months from the date of issue** and I undertake to immediately advise AQIS of any change to the information provided.

**CLEANLINESS DECLARATION (for FCL consignments only)**

All container(s) packed by this business for..... (Importer's Business Name) and covered by this declaration will be cleaned free from residues of previous cargo and will be free from material of animal and/or plant origin and soil before packing.

Signed: ..... Date of Issue: .....

(Company Representative)