



## Australian Customs Cargo Advice

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### **AQIS – S-Cargo – Giant African Snail Cargo Clearance Project 2nd Queensland Trial**

#### ***JRS Brisbane (9429194) v158R into BNE, ETA: 01 May 2010***

This notice is to advise industry that AQIS will conduct a further trial of the use of Giant African Snail (GAS) electronic holds in the ICS in Brisbane in May 2010.

This second trial, will be conducted on a similar basis to that which was conducted in March 2010, ACCA 2010/02 refers and is a part of the AQIS GAS holds project which includes the development of an AQIS IT application (S-Cargo) that will interface with the ICS. S-Cargo will enable the automatic placement of holds on cargo from high-risk GAS origin countries in the ICS.

S-Cargo will be used by AQIS officers to acquit GAS holds after inspections occur on the wharf. It is anticipated that this will provide considerable cost savings for both AQIS and industry and enhance throughput and clearance times for containers on the wharf. GAS holds will also be visible to industry in the ICS, so that brokers and freight forwarders will be able to readily confirm cargo GAS status in the ICS directly.

Changes were introduced into the ICS during 2009 to cater for “GAS HOLD” functionality and testing successfully completed with Container Terminal Operators (CTOs).

This second trial of the functionality will occur for the JRS Brisbane (9429194), voyage 158R, which is due into the port of Brisbane (Patricks) 01 May 2010.

If the results of this trial are again successful, further trials will be conducted by AQIS prior to electronic ICS GAS holds being rolled out in a staged approach nationally.

Further advice prior to the additional trials will be provided by both AQIS and Customs.

**How will the trial impact industry?**

AQIS and Customs do not anticipate that the trial will impact industry. Messaging that will occur in the ICS in relation to the electronic GAS holds and acquittals will be visible to Industry.

When the hold is acquitted, the cargo status will show as 'CLEAR' or 'CONDCLEAR'. This is on the proviso that all other status conditions have been met. AQIS will maintain current manual GAS cargo clearance operations during the course of the trial.

AQIS released an Industry Notice on 24 July 2009 providing industry with an update of S-Cargo and the ICS GAS Holds Project which can be found at:

<http://www.daffa.gov.au/aqis/import/general-info/ian/09/47-2009>

**Changes to the ICS**

The ICS Release Notes published prior to the ICS Release of 20 May 2009 outline the changes that users will experience as a result of the new "GAS HOLD" functionality.

These notes can be found on the Cargo Support website at:

[http://www.cargosupport.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/External\\_Release\\_Notes\\_9\\_4\\_05.pdf](http://www.cargosupport.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/External_Release_Notes_9_4_05.pdf)

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