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EDI Client Registrations

The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service would like to announce the introduction of new Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) messages within the Integrated Cargo System (ICS). Client Registration messages have been developed to provide another option for ICS users to register clients in the ICS through EDI. The new messages avert the need to directly access the ICS and allow users to register clients through their EDI software packages.

Background

In response to issues raised by industry through the Customs and Border Protection National Consultative Sub-committee, Customs and Border Protection have developed new EDI messages for client registration. This will allow industry to register ABN and non-ABN clients in the ICS through their own EDI software systems.

The messages have been designed to replicate the current registration process via the Customs Interactive (CI). All current rules that apply for ABN / CCID registration via ICS Customs Interactive will also apply to the new EDI client registration process.

An ABN will only be able to be registered if it is not already registered in the system.

If a new EDI Registration Request message results in a duplicate client record(s) being found in ICS (100% match on Name and Address details supplied), the creation message will be rejected and details of the matched duplicate record(s) will be returned in the response message.

Overview

The Client Registration messages have been designed to give Brokers and Importers another method of registering clients in the ICS. The messages have been designed as EDI messages that are intended to be processed by the clients' software.

Three new messages have been developed which will include one message to submit a client registration and two response messages:

- The Client Registration message or CLREG (inbound to Customs and Border Protection).

This message will cater for registration of a single CCID or single ABN. The message will only cater for initial registrations/creations. No subsequent amendments will be possible via EDI, users will have to perform amendments using existing CI functionality.

- The Client Registration Response or CLREGR (outbound from Customs and Border Protection).

Confirmation of successful registration or validation error responses will be contained in this outbound message.

- The Duplicate Client Response or CLNDUP (outbound from Customs and Border Protection)

If the details contained in the registration message match an existing client record, this message will provide the details of matching client/s.

To register a client you require an ICS role of Licensed Brokerage, Registration Agent or Exporter Agent to have the ability use the registration message. This mirrors the rules for CI users.

Clients have the ability to assign themselves the Registration Agent and/or Exporter Agent roles from the CI.

Industry Benefits

The Client Registration messages will;

- Reduce reliance on the re-keying of information from client systems into the ICS.
- Reduction in time to register clients.
- Reduced need for interaction with the CI thus reducing the numbers of digital certificates required for larger brokerages.

Implementation

The EDI client functionality is now available in ICS Production. Please consult with your software developer about using this functionality in your EDI systems.

Specifications for the Client Registration messages are available in the Software Developers Guide for which can be accessed via the following hyperlink:

<http://www.cargosupport.gov.au/webdata/miniSites/sdg/index.htm>

More Information

For ongoing updates concerning the EDI Client Registration messages or other ICS initiatives please visit the Cargo Support website (<http://www.cargosupport.gov.au>), however, if you have any queries specific to the EDI Client Registration messages please email industryengagement@customs.gov.au

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