



Australian Government
**Australian Customs and
Border Protection Service**

Customs House
5 Constitution Avenue
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Compliance Program Information Sessions 22 – 30 August 2012

If you are a licensed customs broker, depot or warehouse, a freight forwarder, shipping company, express carrier, cargo terminal operator or a member of the import and export community, then the Compliance Program Information Sessions may be of interest to you.

The Customs and Border Protection Compliance Program primarily deals with three categories of risk – regulated goods, economic (including revenue) and the cargo process. We apply an intelligence-led, risk-based approach to managing these risks, which ensures that our responses are in line with the Agency's regulatory philosophy. In a trading environment where participants largely self-regulate, we ensure compliance through pre and post clearance monitoring and intervention activities that are proportionate to the level of risk. Where we detect non-compliance, we have a variety of treatment options. These range from education and warnings, administrative action such as suspension and cancellation of licences and the application of infringement notices, through to prosecution.

To promote better compliance outcomes, we are inviting key participants in the trading system to information sessions, which we hope will provide you with a greater awareness of our compliance approach, including areas of focus for 2012-13. We will share compliance results for 2011-12 and highlight potential areas for change in the regulatory environment such as new measures aimed at strengthening the cargo supply chain against criminal infiltration.

We would also like to use these sessions to strengthen our working relationship with industry and to provide a forum for industry to provide us with intelligence regarding behaviours in their sector, which may be indicative of non-compliance with, or circumvention of, trade rules or the importation and exportation of goods that Australian law prohibits, restricts or regulates.

We take information and intelligence about non-compliance with Customs-related laws seriously and we do investigate these matters.

Where and when will we hold the sessions?

Between the 22 and 30 August 2012, we will hold a series of one and a half hour sessions in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide.

City	Date	Session Time	Venue
Melbourne	22 August 2012	(Two Sessions) 09:30 – 11:30 or 13:30 – 15:30pm	Ciloms Airport Lodge 398 Melrose Drive Tullamarine Melbourne Vic 3043
Sydney	23 August 2012	(Two Sessions) 09:30 – 11:30 or 13:30 – 15:30pm	St. George Leagues Club 124 Princes Highway Kogarah NSW 2217
Brisbane	28 August 2012	09:30 – 11:30am	Customs House 20 - 22 The Circuit Brisbane Airport BRISBANE QLD 4007
Perth	29 August 2012	09:30– 11:30am	Tradewinds Hotel 59 Canning Hwy East Fremantle WA 6158
Adelaide	30 August 2012	09:30 – 11:30am	The Lakes Resort at West Lakes 141 Brebner Drive West Lakes SA 5021

To register for a session, please email Risk&Strategy2@customs.gov.au providing your name, contact details, the company or organisation that you represent and indicating the session that you wish to attend.

We may schedule additional sessions depending on demand.

For further enquiries, please contact us via email at Risk&Strategy2@customs.gov.au.

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