



## **External Release Notes 17.4.03**

### **Purpose**

The scheduled date for deployment of Integrated Cargo System (ICS) Release 17.4.03 (C522498) into Production is 16 August 2017 (any change to the proposed date will be notified).

These notes are designed to provide plain English descriptions of the changes implemented in the Release with the aim of providing a better understanding of what has been fixed or changed and how it might relate to ICS business processes.

### **C522499 – Import Permits: Minimum Viable Product Deliverable**

In April 2016 The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) partnered with the Digital Transformation Agency (DTA) to deliver a fast tracked digital transformation project to simplify the validation of Permits related to the importation of restricted goods. The initial stages saw the development of a system, 'Import Permits Validation Service' (IPVS) that Australian Border Force (ABF) officers could utilise to view the content of Import Permits electronically and indicate if a Single-use Permit had previously been used.

The Department initially focussed on Permits relating to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) administered by the Department of Environment. IPVS saved individuals and businesses considerable time and effort by not routinely\* having to present paper Permits owing to DIBP/ABF officers being able to validate Permit data in electronic format from information obtained directly from the Permit Issuing Agency (PIA).

\* Paper Permits will continue to be issued by the various PIAs. They remain the full, lawfully binding account of any permission that has been granted and they may be required to be presented to the ABF to support a risk-based evaluation or in the context of an investigation.

The purpose of this Release is to integrate the IPVS into the Integrated Cargo System (ICS) and Common Connect Facility (CCF) environment. It supports the implementation of a paperless Permit clearance process for the importation of CITES (and soon Schedule 13 Weapons that require a DIBP issued Permit) prohibited and restricted goods imported into Australia. It is expected that 'electronic' Permit functionality will be extended to other PIAs in the future.

The key business objective of this change is the automated verification of Permit usage against the data supplied on FIDs/SACs reported in the ICS.

There are no ICS Screen, EDI Messaging or ICS processing changes associated with this Release.

**Note:** Subsequent ICS Releases will build on and enhance Import Permit functionality.