



## Instructions and Guidelines

### Opening and Closing the Container/Cargo Examination Facility

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### **Summary of main points**

- Competencies required by officers
- Safety requirements
- Procedures

### **This National Guideline applies to staff in:**

- Container Examination Facilities in Brisbane, Fremantle, Melbourne and Sydney
- Cargo Examination Facilities in Adelaide, Darwin, Launceston, Newcastle, Townsville

*The Quality Management system is applied in Cargo Examination facilities in Launceston, Newcastle, Townsville and Darwin although these sites are not required to be certified*

### **Introduction**

This Guideline sets out procedures for opening and securing the Container/Cargo Examination Facility and should be read in conjunction with the Practice Statement Inspection and Examination of Sea Cargo.

### **Instructions and Guidelines**

#### **Exclusions**

These instructions are limited to the physical opening and closing down of the facility. For information on the start-up procedures for specific vehicles and specialist technology, refer to the relevant Instructions and Guidelines or Associated Documents.

Steps relating specifically to the Scanning Hall do not apply to Cargo Examination Facilities.

#### **Competencies**

Any staff member tasked with opening the CEF must have completed the following basic levels of training:

- CEF Induction package
- Training in all CEF alarm systems (personal codes and gate key must also be issued)
- Customs and Border Protections Security Awareness Program

Any officer tasked with activating or shutting down any of the Examination Hall vehicles (eg. Mobicon) or specialist technologies (eg. Voice-100) must have been accessed and deemed competent in their use.

Staff activating equipment in the Scanning Hall will need to have completed:

- Unit 1 – X Ray Technology
- Unit 4 – Container X Ray

## **Safety Requirements**

All officers working in the CEF environment should be familiar with Customs and Border Protection Occupational Health and Safety Guidelines. Further details can be found on the Customs and Border Protection Intranet.

## **Procedures**

### **CEF OFFICE**

#### **Opening the CEF Office**

1. If applicable, deactivate all alarm systems.
2. If applicable, switch on all facility lights.
3. Review the area for any potential hazards or security breach issues that have occurred overnight. If any hazards or security breaches are identified, refer the matter to the Supervisor/Team Leader

#### **Closing the CEF Office**

1. If applicable, ensure all staff have vacated the building.
2. Ensure all classified documents are stowed and security cabinets are locked.
3. Conduct a physical check of all doors and windows in the office
4. If applicable, switch off lights
5. If applicable, activate all security alarms.

### **EXAMINATION HALL**

#### **Opening the Examination Hall**

1. If applicable, ensure any security measures that limit access to the Examination Hall have been deactivated or unlocked.
2. Where applicable, switch on Examination Hall lights and ventilation.
3. Open the outer roller doors for the Examination Hall.
4. Review the area for any potential hazards or security breach issues that have occurred overnight. If any hazards or security breaches are identified, refer the matter to the Supervisor/Team Leader.
5. Unlock any containers that have been padlocked overnight. Remove any concrete barriers that have been placed against container doors.
6. Carry out pre start up checklists for relevant Examination Hall vehicles.
7. Carry out start up, verification and/or calibration of other technologies.
8. Collect any handover notes from the previous shift.

#### **Closing the Examination Hall**

1. Conduct a sweep of yard to check for any equipment or cargo that is unsecured.
2. Secure all containers that remain on site overnight. Security measures may include:

- Storing containers within the Examination Hall
  - Placing concrete barriers against the doors of containers stored externally
  - Placing externally stored containers door to door
  - Placing container door locks on externally stored containers
3. Prepare appropriate handover notes for next shift.
  4. Ensure all tools, equipment and portable & attractive assets are secured/stowed appropriately.
  5. Switch off all electrical equipment (excluding Nordikos scheduled for overnight venting) and equipment involved in battery recharging. Where available close valves to compressed air outlets.
  6. Check that all Examination Hall vehicles and other technology have been secured.
  7. Close all doors to Examination Hall
  8. Lock entry and exit gates. Where available install bollards across gates.
  9. If applicable, switch off lights

## **SCANNING HALL**

### **Opening the Scanning Hall**

1. If applicable, deactivate all alarm systems.
2. Unlock all relevant doors and gates.
3. If applicable, switch on all facility lights.
4. Switch on all Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) monitors.
5. Check monitors to ensure all are working.
6. If applicable, switch on public address system and undertake a test call to ensure equipment fully working.
7. Undertake a yard sweep for any potential hazards or security breach issues that have occurred overnight. If any hazards or security breaches are identified, refer the matter to the Team Leader.

### **Closing the Scanning Hall**

1. Conduct a physical check of all doors and windows in the Scanning Hall
2. Secure all access doors to the Scanning Hall.
3. If applicable, shutdown all CCTV monitors in main office.
4. Ensure the Container X-ray Safety Interlock key is stored securely
5. Ensure all classified documents are stowed and security cabinets are locked.
6. Ensure all staff have vacated the building.
7. Check that all access doors & windows are secured.
8. If applicable, switch off all lights.
9. Activate all security alarms.
10. Secure all entrance and exit gates.

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## **Related Policies and References**

### **Practice Statements:**

- Inspection and Examination of Sea Cargo

### **Other Instructions & Guidelines**

- Instructions and Guidelines relating to CEF Operations

## **Key Roles and Responsibilities**

National ISO Coordinator, Sea Cargo Improvement, Canberra  
CEF Managers

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## **Consultation**

### **Internal**

The following internal stakeholders have been consulted in the development of these Instructions and Guidelines.

- CEF Management and staff
- ISO Coordinators
- Sea Cargo Improvement

### **External**

- Not required

## **Approval**

<b>Approved on</b>	<b>12 July 2011</b>	
<b>By</b>	<b>National Director Cargo Raelene Vivian</b>	
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