



AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS NOTICE NO. 2009/18

Form 43 Requirement For Ships' Bunkers

Section 129 of the *Customs Act 1901* (the Act) requires that the master or owner of a ship may make application to a Collector for the approval of the Collector to take ships stores on board the ship, having regard to the voyage to be undertaken and the number of passengers/crew. Application is to be made before the stores are taken on board.

Ships stores are defined in Section 130C of the Act as stores for the use of the passengers or crew of a ship, or for the service of a ship. Ships bunkers are stores for use in the service of a ship, and require the prior approval of a Collector to load on board.

When bunkers are to be loaded at a port, the vessel's master or delegate (usually the ship's agent) is required to seek the approval of a delegate of the Collector by lodging a Form 43 prior to loading. The form 43 will detail the types and quantities to be loaded.

The master will advise Customs of the actual quantities and types of bunkers loaded by endorsing the Form 43.

These changes take effect from 20 April 2009.

Inquiries concerning this notice may be directed to seaports@customs.gov.au, or to the Seaports Section on telephone number (02) 6229 1159.

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