



AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS NOTICE NO. 2003/10

Centralisation of the depot and warehouse licensing function

This ACN is to advise of changes to Customs relating to depot and warehouse licensing. These changes will provide for an efficient centralised service for clients.

Commencing in March 2003, section 77G Depot licences and –section 79 Warehouse licences (including Duty Free Shop licences) and Brokers licences will be administered from a new centralised location in Canberra.

Centralisation of licensing (including centralisation of licensing of existing clients) for each region will occur on the following dates:

3 March 2003	Western Australia, ACT, and all new licence applications for any state
17 March 2003	South Australia, Northern Territory, and Tasmania
1 April 2003	Victoria
7 th April 2003	Queensland
22 April 2003	New South Wales.

From these dates all correspondence relating to depot, warehouse or brokers licences should be forwarded to the licensing group in Canberra.

What will be the new centralised Licensing group's responsibilities?

- Licence applications -processing of new applications, renewals and amendments to existing licences.
- Advice of changes to licensed premises or personnel.
- Processing of Continuing Permission applications.
- Processing of Applications for Weekly Settlement Permissions.
- Lodgment of Duty Free Shop missed docket returns.
- Collection and administration of licence fees.
- Issue of permissions to repack goods in warehouse and issue of section 97 permissions to temporarily remove goods from warehouse for specific purposes.
- General enquiries on Warehouse and Depot Licensing.

What will remain in the regions?

- Process claims for remissions of duty liability.
- Process single transaction permissions (STP) and (B200s) to move goods between licensed premise.
- Visit clients to carry out checks for licence applications, amendments and compliance audits.

How do I contact the group?

The licensing group will operate between 8.30am to 7pm Eastern Standard Time (8.30am to 8.00pm Eastern Daylight Saving Time) and can be contacted as follows:

The postal address:

Licensing Group
Customs House
5 Constitution Avenue
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

Phone: (02) 6275 6133

Fax: (02) 6275 6601

Email : licensing@customs.gov.au

N.B. A subsequent ACN will be issued shortly advising of a 1300 contact telephone number for the Licensing Group.

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