



QUEENSLAND STATE NOTICE NO. 2005/01

Brisbane Container Examination Facility– Increase in Hours of Operation

Australian Customs Notice No. 2004/33 advised that, as a result of additional funding under the Government's enhanced maritime security measures, the hours of operation of Customs container examination facilities (CEF) would be extended. Each CEF would work one eight-hour shift on Saturdays and the Brisbane CEF would introduce an afternoon shift from Monday to Friday. The increased hours have been funded to achieve a national through-put of 100,000 containers (133,000 TEU) annually, with the Brisbane CEF expected to x-ray 550 containers each week.

The additional staff required to achieve the extra hours of operation at the Brisbane CEF have now been recruited and are currently undergoing training. The Brisbane CEF will commence its full shift from Thursday 10 March 2005. From that date, the hours of operation will be 6:00am to 11:00pm Monday to Friday, and 6:00am to 3:00pm on Saturdays.

The increased span of operating hours combined with logistic plans agreed to with the cargo terminal operators (CTOs) are expected to further assist in minimising the incidence of containers incurring wharf storage charges. Should problems occur in relation to containers directed to the CEF, contact should be made with the Customs Information and Support Centre (CI&SC) on 1300 363 263 in accordance with the process as explained in [ACN No.2004/33](#).

From mid January the CEF has been used in the examination of LCL consignments with the assistance of a newly installed pallet x-ray. LCL consignments identified for examination are transported to the CEF the first working day immediately after availability has been advised by the relevant depot. In most cases consignments are returned to the depot the same day or the next working day subsequent to examination.

The process for enquiries as to the status of LCL consignments is the same as for containers, through the CI&SC.

Inquiries concerning this notice may be directed to the Manager Container Examination & Technology on telephone number (07) 3895.6901 or fax number (07) 3895.6900

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