

Guide creating channels of communication

Australian Customs has released the Cargo Management Re-engineering (CMR) project's software developers' guide.

The developers' guide will assist software developers create new, or adapt existing, electronic data interchange messaging software for importers, exporters and handlers to communicate with Customs new Integrated Cargo System (ICS).

The ICS will replace all existing import and export electronic reporting systems, such as Compile and EXIT, from November 2003.

The developers guide is an HTML-

based manual containing the information necessary for IT professionals to develop programs for exporters, importers and associated handlers. The guide outlines technical specifications, business rules and a host of other useful information for the industry. This, in combination with Customs technical workshops, is encouraging software houses to canvass issues in an open and robust forum.

The guide is available on the Customs Internet at www.customs.gov.au

