



INFORMATION PAPER

Automatic Entry Processing (AEP) Reform Project – System Enhancement

Purpose

The Automatic Entry Processing (AEP) Reform project is a department initiative developed in conjunction with industry to enhance the AEP for Commodities (AEP COMM) arrangement. The objective is to reduce the system complexity, expand the commodity capability and increase industry uptake, thereby offering significant benefit to both the department and industry.

The department’s enhanced AEP Model is scheduled for implementation on 22 June 2018, the purpose of this document is to provide further information on the system improvements and outline key changes to the full import declaration lodgement process.

Enhanced AEP Model

NCCC

The enhanced NCCC model is similar to the current model, if an accredited person answers ‘No’ to the second General Declaration Question in the ICS/software (*Do all containers in this declaration meet the non-commodity requirements and are they all designated to be unpacked in a metropolitan postcode or inside the boundary of an approved port?*), the accredited person **must** then enter all *Concern Types* applicable to the consignment. The difference with the new model is once a *Concern Type* is entered, the system will automatically add a direction to manage the non-commodity concern and no *Processing Type* is required.

Under the proposed model there will be 10 *Concern Types* that can be entered in the system by the accredited person. Table 1 shows the *Concern Types* and the expected outcomes.

Table 1. Concern Types

Concern type	Description	Outcome
BCOM Broker volunteered commodity issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department assessment required. To refer concerns with a commodity line that has not been referred to the department through ICS community protection profiles or concerns regarding the authenticity of the commodity documentation. For all cargo types	Document processing required (applies to all lines)
BNCC Broker volunteered non-commodity issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department assessment required. To refer non-commodity concerns other than listed or would like the non-commodity concerns assessed by the department due to the outcome required not being available e.g. external container inspection. For all cargo types	Document processing required
RURL Rural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FCL/X destined to be unpacked at a non-metropolitan location. For containers that meet the need for an external inspection only, the BNCC code needs to be included with the RURL designation at lodgement. For cargo types – FCL, FCX	Inspection – Rural tailgate
Packaging and container cleanliness concerns choose either: Tailgate or Inspection		

PCIN Packaging/cleanliness – Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Declared unacceptable packaging material and/or nil container cleanliness statement. For cargo types – FCL, FCX, LCL	Cargo inspection
PCTG Packaging/cleanliness – Tailgate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Declared unacceptable packaging material and/or nil container cleanliness statement. For cargo types – FCL, FCX	Tailgate
Packing declaration concerns choose either: Tailgate or Inspection		
PDIN Packing declaration – Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Packing declaration concerns. Nil Packing declaration or it does not comply with the Minimum documentary and import declaration requirements policy. For cargo types – FCL, FCX, LCL	Cargo inspection
PDTG Packing declaration – Tailgate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Packing declaration concerns. Nil Packing declaration or it does not comply with the Minimum documentary and import declaration requirements policy. For cargo types – FCL, FCX	Tailgate
Timber/bamboo concerns, only select one of the below: fumigation or inspection or disposal		
TFUM Timber – Fumigate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Untreated timber/bamboo packaging. For cargo types – FCL, FCX, LCL	Fumigation (CH3Br 48g/M3 24hr 21C or above)
TINS Timber – Inspect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Untreated timber packaging. For cargo types – FCL, FCX, LCL	Cargo inspection
TDIS Timber – Dispose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Untreated timber/bamboo packaging. For cargo types – FCL, FCX, LCL	Disposal Permission – Non-commodity

The location for the non-commodity inspection or treatment can **only** be entered in the ‘AQIS inspection location’ ICS field. This is a free text field however the IT system will only recognise a valid AA premise ID (format x1234).

AEP COMM

Under the new AEP model the *Processing Types* listed against the commodity (eg. D, ND) will be replaced with only three pathways: Release, fumigation and inspection.

Table 8. Commodity codes and expected outcomes

Commodity Code (Processing Type)	Expected Outcome
REL	Release
FUM	Fumigation Methyl Bromide 48gm3 21C 24hr
INS	Cargo Inspection/ Fresh Produce / Break Bulk Inspection

Enhancements to the current model include line level processing, this allows different commodity groups with different outcomes (inspect, release, fumigation) to be lodged through AEP on the same entry. However the *Processing Type* **must** be entered individually on each applicable line. The function to enter a code at the header level to populate all active lines has been removed. For consignments that require an inspection or fumigation the premise can **only** be entered at the line level in the ‘AQIS Premise ID’ field, the header level ‘AQIS inspection location’ will only be used for non-commodity concerns.

In cases where an AEP commodity cannot be isolated by the tariff group or community protection questions, Agriculture Commodity Codes (ACC) will be required to be entered in addition to the AEPCOMM code. To utilise this functionality it will require the accredited person to enter the tariff group, stats code and ACC code in full. The parameters for this field, also known as AQIS Commodity Codes, are outlined in the software developer's guide on the Department of Home Affairs website. An ACC code will not be required for **all** AEPCOMM commodities, it will be stated in BICON and the Class 19.2 Approved Arrangement when this information is necessary.

NCCC and AEPCOMM combined

In the current AEP model where there are both NCCC and AEPCOMM concerns the broker combines the codes and selects the appropriate *Processing Type*. Under the new AEP model the broker only needs to enter the *Concern Type* (if applicable) to address the non-commodity concerns and then separately enter in the *Processing Type (AEPCOMM code)* to any applicable commodity lines. The system will then automatically generate the required outcomes dependent on what the broker has entered. For example, a broker has a consignment of tyres in a six sided container going to a rural destination. The broker adds the RURL concern type to address non-commodity concerns, and having all documentation in order for the tyres, adds the REL processing type to release the tyres.

Summary

In summary, the new AEP model has been designed to reduce complexity and system restrictions for accredited persons however the IT improvements will also effect the lodgement process through third party software.

- The declaration of a *Concern Type* and location will automatically apply a non-commodity direction, a *Processing Type* is no longer required for non-commodity concerns.
- Where a location is required for the non-commodity it **must** be entered in the format x1234 in the 'AQIS Inspection location' free text field.
- *Processing Types* for commodity directions will be simplified to REL (release), INS (inspect) and FUM (fumigation).
- Commodity *Processing Types* and locations **must** be entered on each applicable line.
- Where applicable, an ACC code will be required for AEPCOMM lodgement (in addition to the AEPCOMM code).
- The header level function to populate all lines of an entry (*Processing Type* and location) has been removed.

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