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Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

Notice to Industry  
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## **Australian Quarantine & Inspection Service S-Cargo electronic holds project update and invitation to industry information sessions in Melbourne**

### **Who is affected by this notice?**

This notice will be of particular interest to shipping companies, stevedores, brokers, freight forwarders and all involved in the supply chain logistics for sea cargo.

### **What is S-Cargo?**

As mentioned in [Notice to Industry 09-2011](#), S-Cargo is a new application developed by AQIS to interface with the Integrated Cargo System (ICS). This new application will enable AQIS to electronically profile and place automatic electronic holds on high risk containers from AQIS Country Action List countries in the ICS ([AQIS CAL](#) sea cargo, previously known as the GAS list).

### **What is happening with S-Cargo?**

This notice is to advise industry that the implementation of S-Cargo is on schedule and the final, single port trial in Brisbane has been successfully completed. S-Cargo will now **remain in production in the Port of Brisbane** and AQIS will commence a phased roll out of S-Cargo nationally, starting with the Melbourne Ports from **4 April 2011**.

### **How can I find out more about S-Cargo?**

AQIS will be holding several information sessions for interested parties in Melbourne on Monday 28 March (2.30 pm) and Tuesday 29 March (10.30 am), to coincide with the start of the roll out in that region. It is expected that these sessions will run for approximately 45 minutes and AQIS staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. These sessions will be held at: AQIS Seaports Office, 5 McClure Road, Kensington VIC 3031 (see Melways 2010 map reference: **2A A7** for directions).

To register your interest in one of these sessions please call the AQIS Port Office on 03 8387 0100 by **Friday, 25 March 2011**.

The rollouts at subsequent ports will be advised in separate industry notices including details of AQIS information sessions to be held in each region as this new system is rolled out nationally. In the meantime if you need further information please contact the Container National Coordination Center on 07 3246 9011 or [sea.cargo@aqis.gov.au](mailto:sea.cargo@aqis.gov.au).

*Protecting Australia's biosecurity is in everyone's interest and the high level of container cleanliness to date is an excellent example of shared responsibility. AQIS thanks you for your ongoing commitment and cooperation.*