



INFORMATION SHEET

CUSTOMS

ASYCUDA

Asycuda++

KASPNG is the Section, responsible in the development, implementation and management of the Customs Automated Systems (ASYCUDA). KASPNG Section is based on the 8th Floor of the Revenue Haus in Port Moresby.

Asycuda is the electronic reporting and processing system for all import, export and excise entries lodged with Customs.

The first Asycuda Project was funded by AUSAID with technical assistance from UNCTAD and this project introduced ASYCUDA version 2.5 into PNG Customs in 1993.

In 1999 ASYCUDA was upgraded to version 2.7 operating in 14 ports around the country. Asycuda operated on stand-alone terminals requiring Customs to input information from paper entries lodged by Brokers. Back-up tapes were sent to KASPNG for accounting purposes.

Since 2004, PNG Customs has embarked on a modernisation project supported by the Government, involving the upgrade of the Asycuda system from version 2.7 to Asycuda++.

The Asycuda++ Project is fully funded by the PNG Government. Installation of Asycuda++ in Port Moresby was completed in August

of 2005 and Jacksons Airport Air Cargo facility in January 2006. It has also been rolled out to other major regional ports too.

What do I need to do to use it?

In order to identify the importer for each declaration Customs has adopted an identifier (Importer/Exporter code) that must be used in all communications with Customs. To fully integrate with the Taxation Division of IRC, the identifier chosen by Customs is the Tax code or (TC) number.

If you are a commercial importer or exporter or if you are a customs broker and your client does not have an Importer/Exporter code, you should;

- i. Register with the IRC as a taxpayer. This can be done through the IRC Tax Division's records section. They will issue you a Company Tax code; and
- ii. Complete forms G26 (a) & (b) and lodge them with the KASPNG office to register with the ASYCUDA system. All following documents must be attached with the Form G26.
 - Letter from the Records Section confirming the Tax Code; and
 - Copy of IPA company registration certificate
- iii. If this is just a one-off, non-commercial consignment the customs broker should contact the relevant port manager to

obtain a temporary number to process the entry.

What is DTI?

Direct Trade Input (DTI) is part of the broker's module that allows electronic transmission to Customs of goods declarations (entries).

What do I have to do to use DTI?

Brokers who wish to send entries electronically should first do the following:

- i. Have a functioning telephone line that does not operate through a switchboard;
- ii. Have operating, or install, computer equipment that meets the minimum standards required to operate Asycuda++, which are outlined in the DTI document obtainable from Customs or our website;
- iii. Contact KASPNG for an appointment for an officer to attend your premises to install MODBRK on your computer system;
- iv. Following installation and initial training, Brokers will be connected to the Test server and will be required to send entries to the 'test' server before being granted access to the 'live production' server. These entries will be checked by KASPNG and comment will be sent back to the Broker so that compliance with all relevant requirements is achieved.

Once satisfied that the Broker is consistently achieving compliance with the requirements, KASPNG will grant access to the 'live production' server upon that Broker signing a DTI MOA with Customs.

Who is responsible where declarations are incorrect?

The declarant is the person declaring the goods to Customs. The declarant must be a licensed customs broker, who makes the

declaration on behalf of the owner of the goods. However, in doing so the owner of the goods is taken to have authorised the broker accordingly and is responsible for any errors, omissions or misleading statements contained in the declaration.

The future

ASYCUDA++ modules currently available include the Brokers Modules where customs brokers can lodge their import/export entries without the need to come to a Customs office. Other modules that will eventually be available as part of the upgrade includes, Electronic Funds Transfer, Manifest Reporting and Customs selectivity options.

Legislation

New provisions to the Customs Act come in to force on 1 January 2007, known as cybercrime legislation, making it an offence to divulge passwords or information from the system, obtain unauthorised access to the system, or to destroy, alter, erase, render meaningless, useless or ineffective or otherwise manipulate data stored in the system.

This information is provided as a guide only.

For more information please contact your nearest Customs office or write to The Commissioner of Customs, PO Box 777, Port Moresby, NCD or visit our website at

www.customs.gov.pg

Asycuda Help Desk:

322 6861 (work hrs) & 6928732 (after hrs)

Legislative References:

Customs Act Sections 159A to 159E and 195