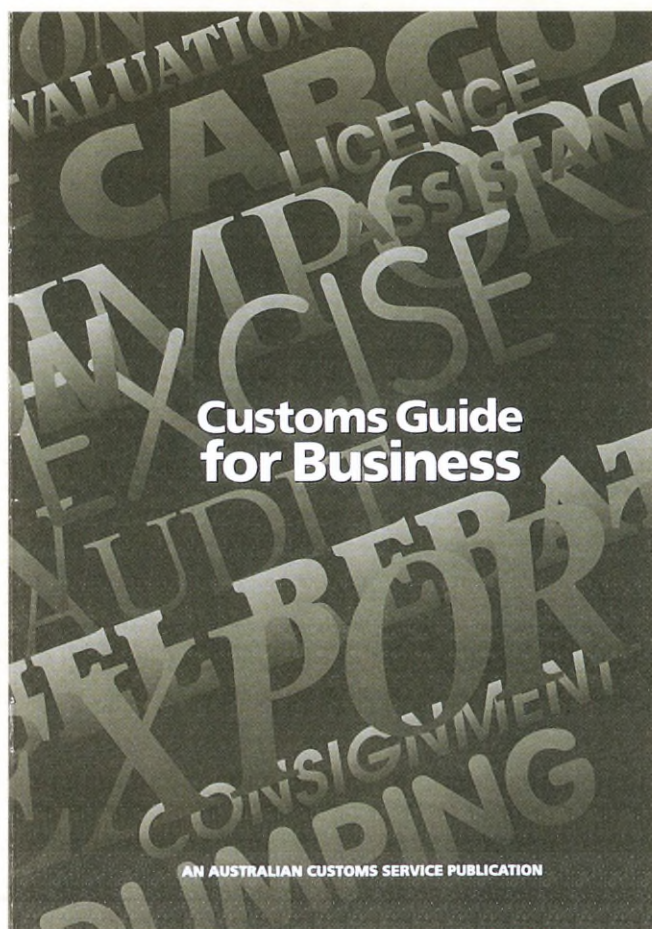


In addition to providing information through Bizlink, Customs has also published a *Customs Guide for Business* which is proving popular with the small business community.



A Helping Hand from Customs

A *Customs Guide for Business* has been designed and produced to assist those who interact with the Australian Customs Service – particularly importers, exporters, local manufacturers and producers.

While the Guide provides useful information for all Customs clients, it is particularly aimed at assisting small business. This includes businesses that have not previously been involved in international trade.

Customs recognises that small business is important to the economic future of Australia and places a high priority on providing information that will assist them in dealing with Customs procedures.

The Guide breaks down this business information into broad categories covering:

- Importing goods
- Exporting goods
- Manufacture under Customs control
- Customs working with business
- Complying with Customs, and
- How to comply.

It also provides three pages of useful addresses and contact numbers for people to obtain more detailed information.

The Guide gives an overview of Customs rules, regulations and processes to explain some of the Customs issues covering imports, exports and locally manufactured goods. It also draws attention to other legislative requirements.

Industry assistance schemes, including export concession schemes administered by Customs, which may give financial incentives to businesses are also highlighted.

The Guide also explains other programs in which industry and Customs mutually benefit by working together to facilitate the movement of goods and to protect the community.

You can obtain a copy of the Guide by contacting a Customs Information Centre on 1300 363 263 for the cost of a local call from anywhere in Australia.