



INFORMATION SHEET

CUSTOMS

REPORT OF CARGO, PASSENGERS AND CREW

What's New?

Amendments to the provisions of the Customs Act and Regulations relating to the impending arrival of a conveyance at a Customs port have been made and came into effect on 1 January 2007.

These amendments are designed to tighten Customs control and protection of Papua New Guinea's borders by introducing new reporting requirements concerning conveyances (vessels, aircraft and vehicles) travellers and goods.

What do we want and why?

Customs requires advance notice of all impending arrivals so that it can determine what risk this poses to Papua New Guinea.

Information now required includes details of the voyage, flight or travel itinerary, the crew, passengers and all cargo on board, whether it is for discharge in Papua New Guinea or not.

Customs may also ask for other information that the owner or operator of the conveyance may hold or have access to relating to the passengers.

This information will also assist Customs and other agencies in

Ensuring our international obligations are met with regard to airport and seaport security.

Reporting timeframes

Different reporting times apply to the mode of transport being used and also to the actual travelling time between the last port overseas and the first port in Papua New Guinea.

As a general rule, vessels should report not less than 48 hours and aircraft not less than 3 hours before arrival.

This information is provided as a guide only.

For more information please contact your nearest Customs office or write to The Chief Commissioner of Customs, PO Box 923, Port Moresby, NCD or telephone +675 312 7500.

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Legislative References:

Customs Act Section 30
Customs Regulation Section 18