



**Discontinuation of Maritime Awareness Kit (MAK)**

ADVICE TO AGENTS – SEAPORTS 06/07

Shipping Agents/Operators

The purpose of this advice is to notify shipping agents of the decision to discontinue the utilization of the AQIS Maritime Awareness Kit (MAK) cd-rom. The MAK will no longer be produced or issued by the AQIS Seaports Program.

The MAK cd-rom was released in 2004 to assist the shipping industry meet quarantine clearance requirements. It provided relevant shipping forms and information for shipping agents and vessel masters to better monitor, assess and manage the quarantine risk associated with vessels, passengers, crew and ballast water for all international vessels prior to their arrival in Australia.

The decision was made through consultation with key AQIS Industry Cargo Consultative Committee (AICCC) and Shipping Australia Ltd (SAL) representatives, that the use of the MAK was not the most efficient or effective method for distributing current Seaports Program policy information to industry.

It was agreed that all relevant shipping forms and information available on the MAK, will now be accessible through the AQIS website [www.aqis.gov.au/shipping](http://www.aqis.gov.au/shipping) . By posting the forms and information on the website, the information may be readily accessible and updated. If you are unable to access information via this website, please email [seaports@aqis.gov.au](mailto:seaports@aqis.gov.au).

The Seaports Program will continue to communicate key Program policy changes to shipping agents/operators via the existing 'Advice to Agents' process.

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