

# Core Freight customers ready for Sars modernisation switch

Preparing clients for implementation of Phase 1 of the Customs Modernisation programme has been a strong priority at Core Freight, involving considerable effort to amend the CoreFreight application and then test it externally with Sars for implementation.

“During the month of August every registered user on the CoreFreight application was provided with documentation giving both an overview of the Customs initiative and a detailed explanation of the new Procedure Codes which replace the current Purpose Codes required for declaration on entries submitted from October 1,” says Core Freight’s Jonathan Sims.

“In addition, the August CoreFreight deployment incorporated the major changes within the application which operators would need to be aware of in preparation for the switch-over. Since then all CoreFreight users have been able to experiment with the new declaration requirements within the

live application, using their actual files, without any disruption to their current work routine.”

This was intended to give clients the opportunity to prepare themselves in the most practical manner, says Sims. “We believe that a hands-on simulation using real transaction data within their own office environment available on an ongoing basis at any time convenient to the organisation is better preparation for our clients’ users than any theoretical out-of-office exercise. This experience should provide them with a relatively hassle-free transition, as they will have had six weeks within which to finalise their internal processes to accommodate the change.”

The company has already started work on the requirements for Phase 2. “Based on the information to hand, combined with our modern IT design and technical expertise, we anticipate that CoreFreight clients will be able to take advantage of the further modernisation features Sars plans to introduce early next year.”



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