

To: AAT Valued Customers

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Subject: AAT Storage Arrangement for Cars, Wheeled and Tracked Machinery

Following the recent announcement of upcoming changes to storage arrangement for cars and wheeled and tracked machinery, AAT has consulted with a range of stakeholders and following that consultation have developed an implementation plan that allows more time for the industry to accommodate the change.

Going forward, from the 1st of July 2023 for new motor vehicles, all wheeled and tracked machinery:

1. Saturday will be considered a normal working day and Sunday will be a free storage day, other than for cargo already on storage as is current practice.
2. AAT terminal will be providing labour and machinery to load machinery parts day shift Saturday as per normal R&D hours – pre bookings would be appreciated as we get a feel for how much labour to provide to make truck turns as efficient as possible. Please contact AAT R&D office by 11 am to arrange.
3. Cargo that is cleared and self-loading is available 24/7 by obtaining a Release Request by Friday 2pm.
4. DAFF bookings are not AAT responsibility and weekend clearances can be booked directly with DAFF.
5. Appleton Dock is excluded from this arrangement as it is not a RoRo terminal and existing arrangements will remain unchanged.

We believe the extension of time allows transport operators to prepare and adjust to the changes. AAT encourage all transport operators to take up the opportunity to collect RoRo cargo 7 days per week from AAT terminals as the cost to the industry of long RoRo vessel queues as a result of terminal congestion and resulting increased freight rates will ultimately outweigh the cost to importers of receiving cargo on the weekends.

If take up to collect cargoes from the terminals on the weekends is not sufficient or underutilised, AAT will be forced to review storage conditions and revert as previously outlined. Our objective is to get new motor vehicles, wheeled and tracked machinery out of the terminals within 3 days to minimise RoRo vessel queues.

We thank you for your understanding.

Regards

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