

# **Duties Information Requirements**

This Commissioner's practice details how the Commissioner will deal with situations where a transaction record is lodged without the information specified in the relevant <u>Duties Information</u> <u>Requirement</u>.

#### Background

In an effort to make the duty assessment process more efficient, the Commissioner publishes Duties Information Requirements (DIRs). These specify the information that a taxpayer should submit when lodging transaction records, and enable the Commissioner to assess standard classes of transactions without the need to make further requests for information.

Section 94 of the *Taxation Administration Act 2003* (TAA) authorises the Commissioner to require a taxpayer or any other person to –

- provide oral or written answers to specified questions or
- produce relevant material (as defined in the TAA Glossary) that is in the person's possession or control.

The request may be made orally or by means of a notice served on the person. A person who does not comply with such a request within the time allowed commits an offence having a maximum penalty of \$20,000.

#### **Commissioner's Practice**

- 1. Where a transaction is of a class for which a DIR is applicable, the information set out in the relevant DIR is required to be provided to the Commissioner at the time of lodging the transaction record for duty endorsement.
- 2. Where it is not possible to supply all of the specified information at the time of lodging the transaction record, as much information as possible should be submitted, together with a written explanation as to when the outstanding information will be provided.
- 3. Where paragraphs 1 and 2 above are not complied with, the information necessary to enable assessment of duty may be requested by issuing a requisition, which will detail the information required and specify a due date for the information to be provided (generally one month). In issuing a requisition, the Commissioner may elect to bypass the lodging party and seek the information directly from the party liable for the payment of the duty.
- 4. Alternatively, where paragraphs 1 and 2 above are not complied with, the Commissioner may proceed directly to issuing a notice pursuant to section 94 of the TAA.

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