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Mr Zalai

I am writing to advise you that the current appointment of the deputy industry member, to the National Customs Brokers Licensing Advisory Committee (NCBLAC), expires on 1 July 2020.

The deputy industry members' role is to provide an industry perspective and knowledge that will assist NCBLAC in its deliberations over licensing issues that come before it; ranging from new licence applications, disciplinary matters and matters relating to approved courses of study. As such the expectation is that the deputy industry member will have an in-depth knowledge of the broad aspects of being both a nominee customs brokers licence holder and a corporate customs brokers licence holder.

As an organisation representing customs brokers, I am inviting the Freight & Trade Alliance to submit nominations to be considered for appointment to the above position. The Comptroller-General of Customs may appoint NCBLAC members for a period not exceeding two years, but appointees are eligible for re-appointment. I am also seeking nominations for this position from other organisations that represent customs brokers. On receipt of these nominations, a delegate of the Comptroller-General of Customs will make a decision and an appointment will be made.

This position requires the incumbent to obtain and maintain an Organisational Suitability Clearance and a baseline security clearance through the Australian Government Security Vetting Agency (AGSVA).

Further details of NCBLAC are referenced in the Customs Act 1901;

- functions of NCBLAC are set out in S.183D
- the constitution of the Committee is set out in S.183DA
- remuneration and allowances are set out in S.183DB
- appointment of a Deputy industry member is set out in S.183DD

To allow time to process the appointment and to assist in the facilitation of future NCBLAC hearings, I would appreciate your nominations along with a brief resume of the nominee be sent to <u>brokers.licensing@abf.gov.au</u> by 6 March 2020.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the appointment, please contact me at <u>steve.moore@abf.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely na

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