



South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands

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Customs

Report on Consultation

Summary

The consultation on the draft Customs Ordinance took place from May to July 2016.

The proposed legislation set out a Customs framework for South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands.

The draft legislation and an accompanying consultation document were made available on the GSGSSI website with a news item highlighting the consultation, stakeholders were notified by email and the launch of the consultation was 'tweeted'.

Responses received concerned a request for reassurance that GSGSSI will consult should it decide to bring in any custom duties or prohibit goods or introduce any associated penalties.

At this time GSGSSI has no plans to introduce any custom duties or prohibit any goods. If GSGSSI does decide that it is necessary to introduce any Customs restrictions it will notify and consult with stakeholders as appropriate. It does however intend to maintain the currently applied customs declaration and clearance process for vessels and an Order will be prepared ready to keep this in place when the new Customs Ordinance is made. It is not envisaged that there will be any significant change to current practice.

It is intended to pass the legislation as drafted before the end of the year.

Conclusion

GSGSSI now intend to move forward to passing and implementing this legislation. It is expected that it will be in force by 1st January 2017.

The final enacted version of the new Customs Ordinance will be placed in the legislation section of the website once passed.