

TRANSPORT CERTIFICATION AUSTRALIA LIMITED

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IAP SERVICE PROVIDER CERTIFICATION SET FOR END 2006

Transport Certification Australia Limited (TCA) states that it expects to commence certification of Intelligent Access Program (IAP) Services Providers in December 2006 and that it has not yet certified any IAP Service Providers, and warns transport operators against telematics companies claiming to be IAP-certified.

The role of the TCA is to administer the IAP and certify IAP Service Providers. TCA recently announced that it will be *'Taking the IAP to Market'* later this year, subject to legislation requirements being met, and expects that the process of certifying applicant IAP Service Providers will commence before the end of 2006.

The warning to transport operators comes after TCA becoming aware of telematics companies claiming to offer IAP services. TCA advises transport operators that no telematics device (that is in-vehicle unit) or telematics company has received certification by TCA as yet.

Chief Executive Officer, Mr Chris Koniditsiotis is encouraging transport operators to start talking about the IAP with their existing telematics provider so that each party can be prepared for the time when the IAP becomes available before the end of 2006.

"TCA has been approached by transport operators interested in participating in the IAP and they want to know which telematics companies can provide them with IAP services" said Mr Koniditsiotis.

"Whilst a number of telematics companies have identified their intention to seek certification when applications become available later in 2006, the short answer is, we have not yet certified any company to provide IAP services to transport operators.

"However, transport operators should start talking about the IAP with their existing telematics provider to find out if they have intentions of becoming IAP-certified", he said.

TCA advises that transport operators should be asking the following questions of commercial telematics companies:

- Are they aware of the Intelligent Access Program?
- Are they members and participants of the IAP Focus Group?
- Do they know the requirements of the IAP Functional and Technical Specification? Is their current telematics equipment compatible with the IAP Functional and Technical Specification, and if not, what will be the cost of modification?
- Do they intend applying for certification to become an IAP Service Provider?

"We are still finalising the functional and technical requirements for the IAP including the addition of the new self-declaration of information capability. We are doing this with the telematics industry, through our IAP Focus Group. And once TCA is ready to commence the certification process, applicant IAP Service Providers will hear it first hand from TCA through formal channels", said Mr Koniditsiotis.

The IAP Focus Group was established in 2002 and it consists of at least 40 companies from the telematics industry, which specialise in global position system products. The group plays an important role as it provides TCA with technical, operational and functional advice and expertise that is required to further develop and successfully implement the IAP. Participants in this group do not offer IAP services. However, they could potentially apply to TCA to become certified IAP Service Providers when TCA takes the IAP to market. TCA welcomes all stakeholders to the IAP Focus Group.

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