



## Simplified Trade System (STS): making cross-border trade easier for Australian businesses

### 2021-22 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) measures

#### Context

As part of its STS agenda, the Government has announced a further whole-of-government package of measures to make it easier and less costly for Australian businesses to import and export goods.

The Government has committed an additional **\$137 million** over four years to improve user experience for businesses, simplify regulatory processes, better align processes across government agencies, and enhance data collection and sharing.

#### Measures summary

The MYEFO STS package includes **9** measures:

No.	Measure description	Lead agency
1.	A <b>biosecurity portal</b> that will allow businesses to book biosecurity inspections online and manage changes to these bookings.	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE)
2.	A <b>digital verification platform</b> that will enable the creation and use of trusted digital trade documents, and collaboration with industry and international partner countries.	Australian Border Force (ABF)
3.	<b>Improvements to customs processes</b> including providing business with real time notifications on the operational status of the Integrated Cargo System.	ABF
4.	An <b>agricultural traceability and credentials 'ecosystem'</b> that will harmonise traceability standards and data, maximising exporters' ability to meet market demands and receive premium prices for their quality produce.	DAWE
5.	Advancing <b>reform of biosecurity processing systems</b> to modernise biosecurity systems to allow faster and more targeted biosecurity clearance processes.	DAWE
6.	<b>Improving cross-border trade alignment</b> by aligning accreditation and authorisation schemes across government.	STS Implementation Taskforce (STS Taskforce)
7.	Digitising and improving <b>shipping information management</b> that will allow arriving ships to submit information through a single digital portal.	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
8.	Preliminary work to allow agencies to <b>standardise and share cross-border trade data</b> by default.	STS Taskforce
9.	<b>Additional STS Taskforce resourcing</b> to better align whole-of-government future cross-border trade reforms on accessing information for businesses, and for trade clearance services funding.	STS Taskforce

#### Implementation

The STS Taskforce is coordinating these improvements across government. The STS Taskforce is working closely with Australian Government departments to ensure that reforms are implemented from a whole-of-government perspective to deliver the best outcomes for businesses.

#### Questions

Any questions on these measures can be directed to the STS Taskforce at [info@simplifiedtrade.gov.au](mailto:info@simplifiedtrade.gov.au)