



**Australian
BORDER FORCE**

ABF Trade Modernisation

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Session III – Exploiting the potential of cutting-edge technologies to strengthen border security and enhance Customs processes.

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Trade Modernisation

ABF led trade modernisation agenda that aligns with a whole of government Simplified Trade System.

Focus Areas:



Regulatory reform to reduce trade barriers and simplify cross-border trade services and legislation



New intervention models and ways of working cooperatively with industry



Updating technology and systems used at the border in a phased manner.

Pillars of Reform

- ✓ **Regulation**
- ✓ **Business process**
- ✓ **Technology**
- ✓ **Data and Systems**
- ✓ **Workforce**

Digital Verification Platform (DVP)

Paperless trade using verifiable credentials

Problem	Paper burden of cross-border documents that require trust (e.g. certificate of origin, permits, licenses)
Trial	<p>Successful trial of Intergovernmental Ledger with Singapore Customs using Blockchain technology in late 2020.</p> <p>Demonstrated Australia could issue digital Certificates of Origin that could be verified and accepted by Singapore Customs.</p>
New Solution	<p>Verifiable credentials (VC) is an emerging technology that provides high integrity digital equivalent of credentials.</p> <p>Technology is free and open source and published as a international standard to promote multi-national uptake.</p>
Scale	ABF are working to scale the solution to incorporate additional trade documents supporting more business scenarios with more partner countries.

New Cargo Intervention Models

Design Principles:

Vision

Streamlined, accurate, secure and scalable cargo inspection at the border, delivering increased protection for the Australian community and enhanced facilitation of legitimate trade

1

Early intervention

2

Embed intervention in the supply chain

3

Increase intervention capacity

4

Risk based intervention

5

Automation

6

Align Government processes

Questions