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What is ATT?

- ATT is a voluntary trade facilitation programme run by the Australian Border Force (ABF), the operational arm of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the Department). ATT works by accrediting Australian businesses against international supply chain and trade compliance standards.
- In return, accredited Trusted Traders have access to a range of trade facilitation benefits.

Why ATT?

- Over the next four years, the ABF is expecting to see an increase of 26% in air cargo and 14% in sea cargo.
- The ABF needs to change the way it does business to cope with increasing trade volumes.
- Globally, 74 other countries operate similar programmes. These are known internationally as Authorised Economic Operator programmes, or AEOs.



Economic Benefits

- Over the next ten years, ATT will provide a net positive impact on industry of \$2.91 billion.
- ATT benefits will help Australian businesses respond to the evolving trade environment.



Trade Facilitation Benefits

- Trusted Traders receive a dedicated **Account Manager** as the single point of contact between their business and the ABF.
- Trusted Traders will receive **priority trade services**, which provides access to advanced rulings requests on tariffs, valuation and origin of certain goods.
- Trusted Traders will be recognised as low risk, and be subject to a lighter touch at the border through **differentiated examinations**.
- Accredited businesses can use the **ATT logo**.

Mutual Recognition Arrangement

- Trusted Traders will have access to trade facilitation benefits in countries where Australia has signed a **Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA)**. This will result in a reduction in regulatory burden and an increase in cash flow at market ports.
- The Department signed its first MRA with New Zealand Customs Service at the World Customs Organization's Council sessions in Brussels on 15 July 2016.
- The Department has also signed Statements of Intent with Canada, Hong Kong and Singapore, and reaffirmed commitment with China.

‘A seat at the table’

- Trusted Traders will have access to **industry education and awareness sessions.**
 - This includes workshops, providing businesses with the opportunity to influence the future policy direction of ATT.



Future Benefits

- **Duty deferral** (from 2017/2018 FY, date TBC) will allow duty on imported goods to be deferred for a set period.
- Trusted Traders will have access to **streamlined reporting** (from 2017/2018 FY) arrangements that will reduce the administrative burden involved in importing and exporting goods.
- ATT provides the opportunity to work with the Department and ABF to **co-design** and test new trade facilitation initiatives.

Future Initiatives

- Future initiatives being explored include a potential trans-Tasman **secure trade lane** that will reduce or remove the need to report information to Government.

Becoming a Trusted Trader

There are **five key steps to becoming a Trusted Trader**:

1. Submit an Expression of Interest (EOI)

This involves answering a series of questions to determine whether a business is eligible to join ATT. It takes about 15 minutes to complete. Applications are then placed in a queue. There is no obligation to continue with accreditation at any stage during the process.

2. Complete the Self Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ)

This involves completing a questionnaire and providing supporting documentation that supports the application (EOI). Businesses will be allocated an ABF contact officer to assist with completing the SAQ.

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3. Physical site validation

A qualified ABF officer will conduct a site inspection to ensure a business is eligible. This should take one day per business premise, and will include verification of controls around ICT, physical security, personnel security, and third party suppliers.

4. Sign Agreement

The business and the Australian Government will enter into an agreement. The ATT Agreement explains the rights and responsibilities of both parties and allows benefits to be provided to the business.

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- The Trusted Trader will work with the Account Manager to provide ongoing assurance that the business poses low risk at the border.
- Trusted Trader businesses are obliged to disclose changes to their business that would impact their accreditation to their Account Manager.

For more information

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