

Secure Trade in the APEC Region (STAR V) Conference

**“Mitigating Risks: Containing Costs”
27 – 28 June 2007, Sydney, Australia**

STAR V - Security of trade in the Asia-Pacific region

Following the September 11 attacks, the Leaders of the 21 member economies of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum - which includes the major trading nations of the world - set in place a series of regional capacity-building conferences involving governments and business known as the 'Secure Trade in The APEC Region' - or STAR Conference.'

STAR conferences provide an interface between government agencies and business on issues and concerns relevant to the secure movement of people and trade within the APEC region. They recognise that we need a stable regional environment to encourage trade and development and form a key part of APEC's counter-terrorism agenda.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade will hold the fifth "Secure Trade in the APEC Region" (STAR V) Conference in Sydney from 27-28 June 2007. Mr Mike Smith, Australia's Ambassador for Counter-Terrorism, will chair the conference.

With an over-arching theme of "Mitigating Risks: Containing Costs", the conference will explore cost-effective solutions to enhance the safe and secure movement of people and trade in our region.

It is a vital subject of vital interest to business.

APEC members account for nine out of the top 10 global seaports by cargo volume and 24 of the top 30 airports for passenger traffic and 22 of the top 30 airports by cargo volume.

With a principal focus on the security of identity and security of the supply chain, STAR V is supported by three key Australian Government agencies: the Departments of Immigration and Citizenship, Transport and Regional Services, and the Australian Customs Service.

High profile speakers from international organisations and leading international and APEC companies will join senior representatives from APEC economies in discussing cross-cutting issues such as the:

- latest tools and technology in security;

- effectiveness and scope for public-private sector partnerships;
- capacity building in developing trading economies; and
- future directions for security of trade.

For further information please visit the STAR V Conference website at www.apec2007star.org.

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