

2007 APEC Customs-Business Dialogue

"Identifying future trade facilitation opportunities"



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Chair

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Keynote Address

Australian Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator the Hon. David Johnston

Session 1

Tracking and facilitating cross-border shipments

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Session 2

Identifying impediments to trade

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- Mr Daizo Nakayama
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Session 1 **Tracking and facilitating cross-border shipments**

An expert panel will discuss the potential for closer cooperation between customs administrations and the business community to provide increased trade facilitation.

Closer alignment of customs information collection and clearance processes with end-to-end business models of the international trading community (importers, exporters and service providers) will allow individual shipments to be tracked and facilitated across borders.

Presentations will showcase pilot projects and highlight potential benefits to customs and the international trading community.

Panellists will discuss a draft APEC initiative to:

- assess the feasibility of implementing mechanisms for tracking cross-border shipments and to identify potential benefits to customs and business; and
- provide guidance to member economies and industry for implementing selected tracking mechanisms.

A copy of the draft initiative can be obtained by emailing acbd@customs.gov.au

Breakout Discussions: all attendees will discuss potential trade facilitation benefits of tracking cross-border shipments and identify relevant implementation issues. Outcomes from these discussions will inform the APEC initiative.

Session 2 **Identifying impediments to trade**

An expert panel will discuss the use of time-release survey (TRS) as a tool for identifying impediments to trade.

TRS is designed to measure the time taken from the arrival of goods at the port until their release to an importer or third party and the aim is to determine where in the process problems exist, the types of problems, the reasons for these problems and possible solutions.

Presentations will highlight the ability of TRS to determine the impact of customs administrations, other government agencies and industry on the time taken to release goods to an importer. Australian Customs will discuss its plans to implement TRS.

Breakout Discussions: all attendees will discuss the potential benefits of TRS and identify relevant implementation issues, particularly for the survey to be conducted in Australia. Outcomes from these discussions will inform the Australian survey.