



## STANDARDISED DATA SET

### What is the Standardised Data Set (SDS) Project?

The SDS project is a data harmonisation exercise that will provide a standardised data set for the submission of import, export and transit data required by Government agencies to regulate international trade. The SDS project team has recently written to 77 agency and industry bodies involved in international trade to enlist support for the project.

The SDS project is whole of government being coordinated by Customs, and will develop a business case with options for implementing a 'Single Window' for international trade.

### Why develop an Australian SDS?

The Australian SDS will be benchmarked against the World Customs Organisation Data Model and provide a data set that:

- Carries the same meaning across all agencies; and
- Will provide the basis on which a 'Single Window' for trade can be built.

Over the next few months the SDS project team will be visiting each industry group to determine what information is required and identifying key data fields for inclusion in an Australian SDS. You will also be invited to contribute to the development of the single window options.

If you are involved in the international trade process the SDS project team needs your input.

### Global issues

International supply chain security has increasingly become a priority issue with the rise in international terrorism. The supply chain covers all stages of international trade following the recognition of need by a Customer for a product or service to the fulfilment of an order by a Supplier. It incorporates any necessary activities carried out by Intermediaries and Authorities. International responses to security include:

- US – Container Security Initiatives, 24-hour rule, Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism and International Trade Data System,
- World Customs Organisation – Single Window and WCO Data Model; and
- Australia – Air and Maritime Security Review – Which resulted in the mandate for the SDS Project.

### Single Window - The Future

A fully functional Single Window will provide a single whole of government entry point for traders to submit information to government to fulfil import or export regulatory requirements.

Benefits for Industry:

- Reduced cost of compliance,
- Faster clearance and release,
- Predictable application and explanation of rules; and
- More effective and efficient deployment of resources.

Benefits for Government:

- An integrated and cohesive approach to supply chain security enabling the use of risk management techniques,
- More effective and efficient deployment of resources,
- Correct revenue yields; and

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- Improved trader compliance.

## Free Standardised Data Set Industry Forum

Registration is required as places are limited. HURRY, book now to attend!!

Location	Date	Time	Venue
Sydney	2 March 2005	4:00 – 6:00pm Drinks to 7:00pm	Mercure Hotel Sydney Airport 20 Levey Street ARNCLIFFE

### Industry Forum Agenda

1. International overview including World Customs Organisation Data Model.
2. The US experience with SDS and International Trade Data System.
3. The Canadian Single Window Project.
4. The Australian SDS Project.
5. Panel Discussion.

To register for the Standardised Data Set Industry Forum, or for more information, email [sds@customs.gov.au](mailto:sds@customs.gov.au) or phone Lindy Leavold (02) 6274 4948.