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## **Customs (Information Technology Requirements) Amendment (API Project and Other Measures) Determination 2025**

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I, Tim Fitzgerald, A/g Comptroller-General of Customs, make the following determination.

Dated                      23 June 2025

Tim Fitzgerald  
A/g Comptroller-General of Customs

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## 1 Name

This instrument is the *Customs (Information Technology Requirements) Amendment (API Project and Other Measures) Determination 2025*.

## 2 Commencement

Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

| Commencement information                                                               |                                                                                             |              |
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| Column 1                                                                               | Column 2                                                                                    | Column 3     |
| Provisions                                                                             | Commencement                                                                                | Date/Details |
| 1. Sections 1 to 4 and anything in this instrument not elsewhere covered by this table | The day after the instrument is registered.                                                 |              |
| 2. Schedule 1, items 1-5                                                               | The day after the instrument is registered.                                                 |              |
| 3. Schedule 1, items 6-9                                                               | The later of:<br>(a) the day after the instrument is registered;<br>and<br>(b) 1 July 2025. |              |

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

## 3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 126DA of the *Customs Act 1901*.

## 4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

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## Schedule 1—Amendments

### *Customs (Information Technology Requirements) Determination 2021*

#### 1 Section 4 (after the definition of *Act*)

Insert:

*API* means Application Programming Interface, which acts as an intermediary that enables software applications to communicate with a server to access data and functions.

*ATT Portal* means the Australian Trusted Trader Portal, which is the website operated by the Department to receive nominations by entities to join the Australian Trusted Trader Programme.

#### 2 Section 4 (after the definition of *Australia Travel Declaration*)

Insert:

*Claim for the Return of Seized Goods web form* means the website operated by the Department to process electronic applications for the return of seized goods.

#### 3 Section 4 (after the definition of *EDI*)

Insert:

*Endpoint* means a digital location where an Application Programming Interface (API) receives API calls, also known as API requests, for resources on its server.

*Home Affairs Access Manager* means the website that is used to manage access and permissions for external organisations to Departmental systems at <https://am.homeaffairs.gov.au>.

#### 4 After section 8A

Insert:

##### **8B Claim for return of goods seized under section 205B of the Customs Act**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies if a person wishes to electronically make a claim for the return of goods seized under subsection 205B(2A) of the Act.
- (2) The claim must be made using the web form, known as the Claim for the Return of Seized Goods web form, administered by the Department.

#### 5 Section 9A

Omit “myGovID”, substitute “myID”.

#### 6 Section 9B (definition of *Home Affairs Access Manager*)

Repeal the definition.

#### 7 Section 9E

Omit “myGovID”, substitute “myID”.

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## 8 Section 11

Repeal the section, substitute:

### 11 General requirements for electronic communications

- (1) A person who communicates electronically with the Department must communicate by:
  - (a) an EDI message attached to an S/MIME SMTP email to an email address specified by the Department; or
  - (b) an EDI message delivered by MQ over an MQ channel preconfigured by agreement with the Department; or
  - (c) the Cargo Interactive Facility using HTTPS to a Departmental website using a version of an internet browser that is supported by the Department for such transactions; or
  - (d) an API to a nominated Departmental Endpoint.
- (2) For the purposes of subparagraphs 11(1)(a)-(c), a person who communicates electronically with the department must:
  - (a) be registered in:
    - (i) the Common Connect Facility; and
    - (ii) the ICS; and
  - (b) communicate with the Department using Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) in accordance with the Commonwealth's Gatekeeper® strategy administered by the Digital Transformation Agency; and
  - (c) configure the person's email software with the appropriate digital certificate to be able to decrypt encrypted emails sent to the person by the Department.

Note: The Commonwealth Gatekeeper® strategy could in 2025 be viewed on the Australian Government Digital Transformation Agency's website (<https://www.dta.gov.au>).
- (3) For the purposes of subparagraph 11(1)(d), a person who communicates electronically with the Department via an API to a Departmental endpoint must:
  - (a) be registered in Home Affairs Access Manager; and
  - (b) use an authenticated and authorised digital machine certificate linked to the organisation's ABN.

## 9 After section 12

Insert:

### 12A Standards and Specifications for APIs

A person who communicates electronically with the Department via an API must comply with the API specifications outlined in the API Developer Portal Guidelines.

Note: The Department's API Developer Portal Guidelines could in 2025 be viewed on the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs website (<https://homeaffairs.gov.au>).

## 10 At the end of section 13

Add:

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- (3) A communication via an API must be digitally authenticated with a machine credential that is registered in Home Affairs Access Manager in accordance with the Commonwealth's Gatekeeper® Strategy.

## **11 After section 14**

Insert:

### **14A Authentication to Home Affairs Access Manager**

A person using Home Affairs Access Manager for the purposes of communicating with the Department via an API must:

- (a) establish their Digital Identity in myID; and
- (b) link their myID with the ABN of the organisation in accordance with the Trusted Digital Identity Framework.

Note: The Trusted Digital Identity Framework could in 2025 be viewed on the Digital ID website (<https://www.digitalidentity.gov.au/>).