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Australian Border Force (Secrecy and Disclosure) Rule2025

I, Tony Burke, Minister for Home Affairs, make the following instrument.

Dated 18 September 2025

Tony Burke

Minister for Home Affairs

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Australian Border Force (Secrecy and Disclosure) Rule* *2025*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after registration.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 58(1) of the *Australian Border Force Act* 2015.

4 Bodies and persons

For the purposes of paragraph 44(4)(f) of the Act, the bodies and persons mentioned in Schedule 1 are prescribed.

5 Permitted purposes

For the purposes of paragraph 46(o) of the Act, the purposes mentioned in Schedule 2 are prescribed.

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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Permitted bodies and persons

Note: See section 4.

1 List of prescribed bodies and persons

A permitted body or person mentioned in the following table is prescribed for the purposes of this instrument.

| **Item** | **Permitted bodies and persons** |
| --- | --- |
| 1 | Australian Red Cross Society. |
| 2 | Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Australia. |
| 3 | Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals New South Wales. |
| 4 | Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Victoria. |
| 5 | Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Queensland. |
| 6 | Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia. |
| 7 | Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals South Australia. |
| 8 | Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Tasmania. |
| 9 | Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Australian Capital Territory. |
| 10 | Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Darwin Regional Branch. |

Schedule 2—Permitted purposes

Note: See section 5.

1 List of prescribed permitted purposes

A purpose mentioned in the following table is prescribed for the purposes of this instrument.

| **Item** | **Permitted bodies and persons** |
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| 1 | A purpose relating to assisting in the detection or identification of persons who may pose a possible risk to Australia or a foreign country. |
| 2 | A purpose relating to the investigation or assisting in the investigation of a potential misconduct or a potential integrity issue. |
| 3 | A purpose relating to matters covered by the *Australian Trade and Investment Commission Act 1985*. |
| 4 | A purpose relating to international trade and supply chain regulation and relating to the mapping and understanding of risks to supply chains that are critical to the national interest. |
| 5 | A purpose relating to matters covered under the *Export Control Act 2020*, *Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012*, and *Imported Food Control Act 1992*. |
| 6 | A purpose relating to matters covered under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, *Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989*, *Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Act 1989*, *Product Emissions Standards Act 2017* and *Recycling and Waste Reduction Act 2020*. |

Schedule 3—Repeals

Australian Border Force (Secrecy and Disclosure) Rule 2015

1 The whole of the instrument

Repeal the instrument.