Australian BORDER FORCE

# Trade & Goods Compliance Advisory Group

## Communique

Meeting 21 September 2026

The Australian Border Force (ABF) convened the second Trade and Goods Compliance Advisory Group (CAG) meeting of the year at ABF Headquarters in Canberra, ACT. The meeting was chaired by Sarah Marshall, Commander, Customs and Trade Compliance. Members endorsed the minutes from the previous meeting held on 16 March 2026.

Members were briefed by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) on regulatory changes relating to nicotine pouches that commenced on 24 July 2026. Members noted the significant increase in referrals relating to nicotine pouches in recent years and were advised that pathways previously used to import these products have closed. The TGA outlined its ongoing collaboration with the ABF and partner agencies to disrupt the unlawful importation, advertising and supply of nicotine pouches and other illicit nicotine products.

Members considered an industry proposal for the introduction of a dedicated statistical code, such as Stat 99, for goods subject to anti-dumping measures. Discussion focused on opportunities to reduce administrative burden, improve processing efficiency and support the effective administration of Australia's anti-dumping framework. Members broadly supported further consideration of the proposal. The ABF advised that preliminary discussions had occurred with the Anti-Dumping Commission and the Australian Bureau of Statistics and consultation will continue regarding potential implementation options.

Members were briefed on the *Customs Legislation Amendment (Trademark Infringement Notices) Bill 2026*. The ABF outlined the new infringement notice regime for importers of counterfeit goods and advised that the measures will not apply to customs brokers, freight forwarders, logistics providers or other supply-chain participants. Members noted that the regime will provide an additional compliance tool to deter the importation of counterfeit goods.

Members also sought an update on an industry proposal concerning Aviation Security Identification Card and Maritime Security Identification Card holders and the associated B301 requirements. The ABF advised that the matter remains under consideration.

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and valuable contributions to the meeting.