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Mechanisms to support self-certification regime

- Legal Mechanism
- Institutional Mechanism

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Self-certification in Australia

- Certificates of origin and self-assessed declarations of origin are treated the same.
- Preference claims must meet the requirements of the relevant Trade Agreements.

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Free Trade Agreements that allow self-certification

- Australia-Chile Free Trade Agreement
- Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement
- Australia – New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement

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Regulatory philosophy

- When clients comply with customs-related laws, the need for intervention is minimised.
- Customs and Border Protection has a direct interest in improving the compliance levels of the importing and exporting community.

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Improving compliance

- Information sessions
- Development of web pages
- Provision of advice

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Ensuring compliance

- Australian Customs and Border Protection takes intelligence-led risk based intervention and assurance approaches to minimise disruption to legitimate trade.
- Most shipments are not inspected and paperwork such as declaration of origin or certificate of origin is not automatically requested.
- Importer needs to be able to produce evidence that a good is eligible for preference if requested.



Compliance approaches

Regulatory enforcement

- Administrative penalties
- Sanctions
- Prosecution
- Licence revocation

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Further information

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