



E-Trade Evolution: Embracing MLETR for Future- Proof E-commerce

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Digitalization is the latest step in the evolution of global trade



Barter system



Trade routes established



Rules-based order



Money introduced



Industrial revolution



Digitalization

MLETR is a key dimension of creating paperless trade environments

MLETR is one of four UNCITRAL Model Laws designed to advance digitalization in commerce, including trade.

MLEC (1996)

MLES (2001)

MLETR (2017)

MLIT (2022)

Key
features



Functional equivalence



Technology neutrality



Clear ETR requirements



Model neutrality



Uniform interpretation

Countries across the world are embracing MLETR

A diverse range of countries have successfully adopted MLETR, including:



Bahrain



Belize



France



Kiribati



Papua New
Guinea



Paraguay



Singapore



Timor Leste



United Arab
Emirates



United
Kingdom

MLETR is also becoming a feature of Trade Agreements, including:

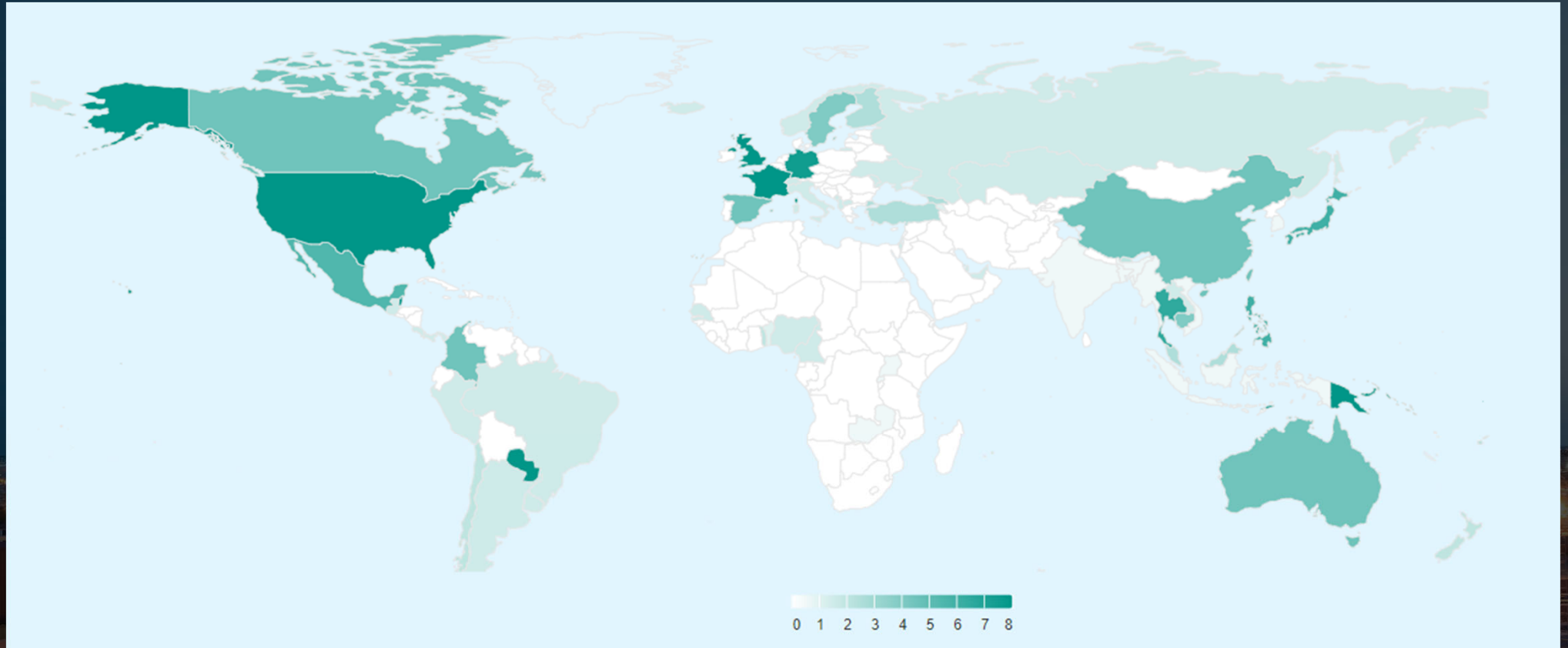
The Singapore – Australia Digital
Economy Agreement (DEA) –
Article 8.4

The Digital Economic Partnership
Agreement (DEPA) – *Article 2.3*

The Australia – UK Free Trade
Agreement (AUKFTA) – *Article
14.4*

Countries across the world are embracing MLETR

UN ESCAP and the ICC are tracking the progress for implementation worldwide.



MLETR contributes to the well-understood benefits of digitalization

36%

Trade
in Asia



44%

Processing
time



91%

Transaction
times



80%

Transaction costs



USD 1 trillion by 2026

across the Commonwealth of Nations

Australia's ports industry handles 99% of Australia's trade volume

1.6+

Billion tonnes
Annual trade volume

694k+

Facilitated local jobs

1 in 20

Australian jobs

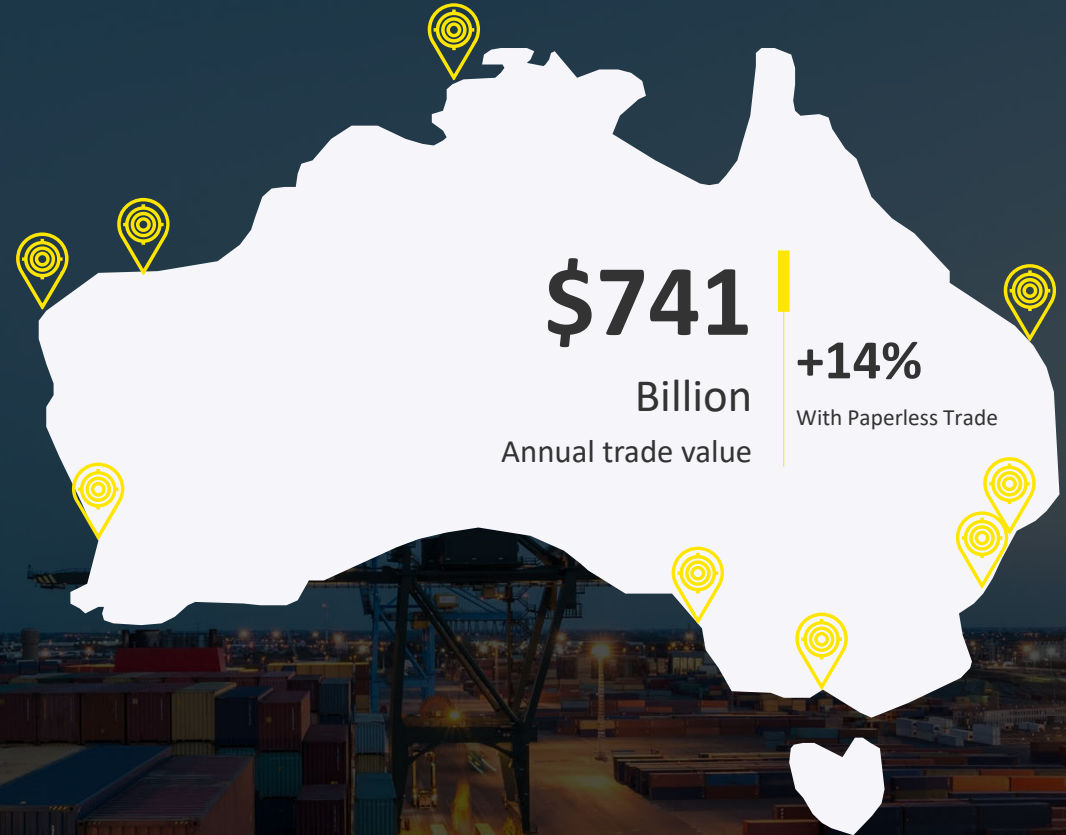


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First international commitment to implement MLETR – **August 2020**

STS Implementation Taskforce established – **July 2021**

AGD opens consultations on MLETR – **Sept 2024**



But Australia's paperless trade journey has significant challenges



Opaque & inconsistent processes



Lack of access to information



Complex regulations



Inflexible technology

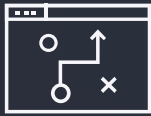


Duplicative processes



Border delays

The Australian government is committed to digital trade reform



Customs regulatory sandbox



Biosecurity portal



Digital verification platform



Trade data sharing
framework



Amendments to *Customs Act*
1901



Aligning legislation with
MLETR



Enhancing Australia's and ASEAN's progress: Trade Together



Data and technology best practices



Capacity-building programs



Efficiency gains for transactions



Enhanced security



Increased integrity and transparency

How might businesses digitally transform now?

1

Discover



2

Diagnose



3

Decide

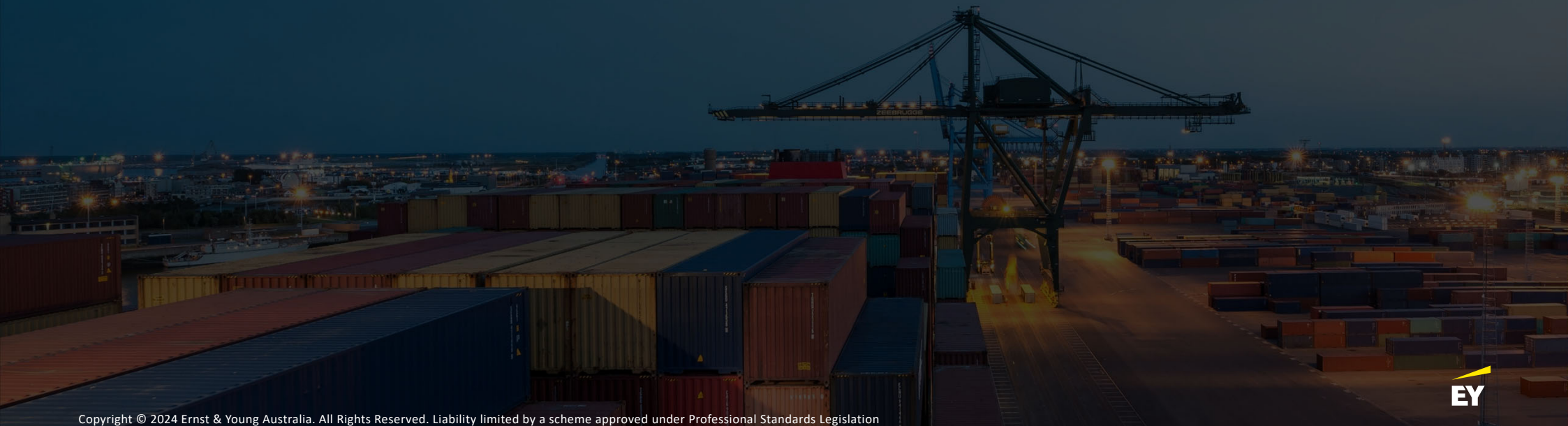


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