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Dear Ms Noble

Regulation Impact Statement – Trusted Trader Programme

Thank you for forwarding the Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for the above proposal for a second pass final assessment, which the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) received on 26 February 2015. I note that you have formally certified the RIS as required by the best practice regulation requirements.

The OBPR has assessed the RIS for consistency and adequacy – consistency relates to following the prescribed process and adequacy relates to the quality of the analysis. The OBPR's final assessment is that the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the department) is compliant with the Government's RIS requirements and is consistent with best practice.

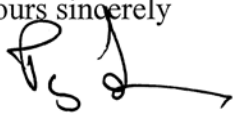
I note our comments of 9 February 2015 on the initial draft have been appropriately addressed, and the department has been consistent with the RIS guidelines, having twice provided a certified RIS to the OBPR for assessment before the decision-maker considers the RIS. In addition, the regulatory savings have been agreed with the OBPR; the RIS addresses the seven RIS questions; it does not contain obvious errors; and it considers a minimum of three policy options, one of which is a non-regulatory option.

The OBPR notes that the proposed Trusted Trader Programme will address increasing trade volumes by treating high volume, low-risk trade in a way that better enables Australia's participation in global value chains. It will also enable greater international supply chain security by instituting a framework of international supply chain security standards that currently do not exist in Australia. In order to be accredited under the programme, traders will incur a number of regulatory costs, particularly relating to accreditation. However, these costs will be more than offset by reductions in compliance costs available to accredited traders, including through periodic payment of duty and reporting requirements, priority trade services, and reduced examinations.

The OBPR maintains a RIS website and the Government requires that RISs be posted as soon as practicable following a regulatory decision being publicly announced. Please forward a final copy of the RIS in Microsoft Word .doc format in a form meeting the Australian Government's Web Content Accessibility Guidelines. We suggest liaising with your web services team to ensure these guidelines are met. The OBPR should be consulted if the RIS is amended. It is the agency preparing the RIS, not the OBPR, which is responsible for the content of the published RIS.

Please retain this letter as a record of the OBPR's advice. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Simovski', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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A/g Deputy Executive Director
4 March 2015