

# The Australia-US Defence Trade Cooperation Treaty

## Movement of Treaty Articles using approved Intermediate Consignees



The Treaty operates by facilitating 'export licence free' transfers within an Approved Community, which consists of approved companies and government agencies in Australia and the United States, and known respectively as the Australian Community and United States Community.

Under Treaty arrangements, Australian Community members must use an approved 'Intermediate Consignee' for the movement of Treaty Articles to other Approved Community members. Intermediate Consignees are defined as companies that are freight forwarders, customs brokers, or are a commercial air, land or sea freight carrier or transport provider.

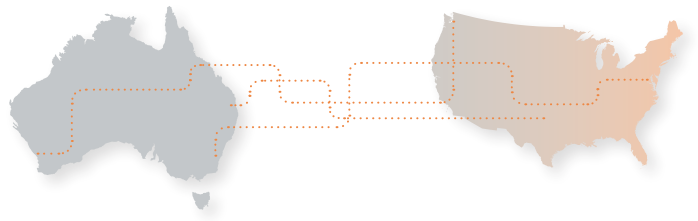
### How is an Intermediate Consignee 'approved'?

To become an approved Intermediate Consignee, a company must apply to Defence. Defence seeks sufficient information to identify the company, and an assurance that the company has a tracking system for items in the company's possession. The tracking system must be able to identify the location of Treaty Articles and to record delivery details. Section 20 of the *Defence Trade Controls Regulation 2013* contains approval requirements.

To apply, a company must first register with Defence by submitting a Defence Client Registration form. Applicants can then submit the one-page 'Application to become an Intermediate Consignee' form. All forms are available on the US Trade Treaty website. Successful applicants will receive a notice advising of their approval as an Intermediate Consignee.

There are no fees associated with submitting an application to become an approved Intermediate Consignee. An approved Intermediate Consignee is not required to become a member of the Australian Community.





## I'm an approved Intermediate Consignee. What now?

An approved Intermediate Consignee is authorised to receive Treaty Articles from Australian Community members for the purpose of transportation to other Approved Community members. A list of approved Intermediate Consignees will be available on both the Defence and the US Department of State's Treaty websites.

Defence encourages all companies currently involved in, or anticipating involvement in, the movement or transportation of defence related goods to apply for approval as an Intermediate Consignee.



## Useful Information

The following resources are available on the Defence website at <http://www.defence.gov.au/ustradetreaty/resources>:

- Approved Intermediate Consignee List
- *Defence Trade Controls Regulation 2013*
- Application to become an Intermediate Consignee form

## Get Involved

Defence distributes regular updates and important information about the Treaty via email. To register for these updates, or for any other Treaty enquires:

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