



AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY REPORT FOR FAPAA CONFERENCE JUNE 2025

Overview

The International Forwarders and Customs Brokers Association of Australia (IFCBAA) is Australia's leading peak national body, representing members interests in international trade logistics and supply chain management service provision. We are committed to being the voice for customs brokers, international freight forwarders and other associated groups involved in international trade, representing and supporting our members in a difficult regulatory environment.

Mission Statement

"The International Freight Forwarders and Customs Brokers Association of Australia (IFCBAA) is the independent and influential voice for international freight forwarders, licenced customs brokers and operators of licenced and accredited premises in Australia.

We represent our members in international trade and advocate with Governments bodies and other relevant industry organisations on behalf of our members.

IFCBAA operates as a not-for-profit organisation for the benefit of members and offers a wide range of services, products and events, including leading edge professional development, training, compliance, industry advocacy, forums, conferences and networking events."

The primary objectives of IFCBAA are:

- To raise the profile of International Trade Logistics and supply chain management service industry
- Establishing relationships and making representations to domestic and international Government bodies, agencies, statutory authorities and relevant industry organisations to benefit Australian trade and the international freight forwarding and customs brokerage industry
- To promote the professional development of IFCBAA members through the provision of education and training courses
- To support IFCBAA members to increase regulatory compliance and minimise business and individual risks



Board of Directors

The then respective Boards of the Australian Federation of International Forwarders (AFIF) and Customs Brokers and Forwarders Council of Australia (CBFCA) reached an agreement to form a single peak body and to change their current business names to the International Forwarders and Customs Brokers Association of Australia (IFCBAA) Ltd, effective from 1 July 2020 onwards.

The then respective Boards agreed that a single peak body would be better placed to respond to members' issues and concerns into the future, with far-reaching experience and a greater united front for our industry.

The Board of Directors of IFCBAA is made up of the following people:

Adam Butler (Chair)
Peter Andrews (Vice Chair)
Paul Golland
Daniel Andrews
Wade Bollard
Colin Brame
Nicole Couper
David Finnie
Andrew Hudson
Chris Roberts

Administration

Chief Executive Officer: Scott Carson
Finance & Administration: Jessica Turnbull
Manager Border and Biosecurity: Brad Leonard
Member Services & Events Manager: Jodie Murray
Manager International Freight and Logistics: Stephane Parrenin
Regional Manager WA: David MacDonald
Regional Management for NSW/QLD/NT: Scott Carson /Jodie Murray
RTO and CPD Administrator: Siobhan Peteru
Member Administrator: Maddy Allen

Industry Representation

IFCBAA is represented on the following Australian based consultative forums/committees/industry groups, most of which are facilitated by either Federal or State Government International Trade based regulatory bodies:



- Customs Advisory Board (IFCBAA Chair - ABF Commissioner appointee)
- National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF)
- Trade Facilitation Initiatives Working Group (TFIWG)
- Trade and Customs Legislation Working Group (LWG)
- Trade and Goods Compliance Advisory Group (CAG)
- Australian Trusted Trader Industry Advisory Group (ATTIAG)
- Air Cargo Security Industry Advisory Forum (ACSIAF)
- ACSIAF International Working Group
- ACSIAF Domestic Working Group
- Port Transport & Logistics Taskforce (PTLT - NSW)
- TFNSW Empty Container Working Group
- WA Port Operations Taskforce
- Department of Agriculture Cargo Consultative Committee (DCCC)
- Australian Border Force - NSW Trade Facilitation Forum
- Australian Border Force - Victorian ABF Industry Engagement Forum
- Supply Chain Advisory Network (SCAN)
- Australian International Trade and Transport Industry Development Fund (AITTDF)
- Australian Industry Training Group on Biosecurity (AITGB)
- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - Biosecurity Import Supply Chain Roundtable
- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - Continued Biosecurity Competency (CBC) Training Working Group
- Victorian Ministerial Ports Industry Roundtable (involving Freight Victoria)
- Transport for NSW Freight and Logistics Advisory Council
- Integrated Cargo System Technical Working Group (ICSTWG)

Additionally, IFCBAA has the following international membership and representation:

- International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) and have representation on FIATA's Airfreight Institute (AFI) and Multi Module Institute (MTI)
- FIATA Advisory Body, Safety and Security (ABSS)
- Federation of Asia Pacific Air cargo Associations
- International Air Transport Association (IATA)
- Federation of Customs Brokers Associations (IFCBA)
- The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA)

Industry Training

IFCBAA, through its Training division ITALC, delivers ASQA accredited Diplomas in Customs Broking and also International Freight.



These Diplomas are delivered on-line via live interactive classroom methods and provide the major method of formal international trade services based industry based education in Australia.

Additionally, IFCBAA delivers a wide range of largely compliance and regulatory based short courses to members and industry, that are cover air cargo, sea cargo and load restraint practices.

IATA Products

IFCBAA holds a Platinum Reseller Agreement with IATA and has been the winner of IATA'S "Top Performing Publication Reseller – Asia Pacific Region" award for the past three consecutive years from 2022 to 2024, relating to wholesale sales of the IATA DGR manuals and related products.