

# Customs signs landmark agreement with US to combat trade crime

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In recent news, representatives from United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Australian Customs and Boarder Protection Service have signed an agreement to share trade data with each other.

In the long run this will provide Customs officers with access to Data Analysis and Research for Trade Transparency Systems (DARTTA), which is a computer system that contains domestic and foreign trade data and allows users to see both sides of the trade transaction, making the transaction transparent.

With the help of transparent transactions, officers will be able to identify international trade anomalies, customs fraud, financial irregularities and other import-export crimes.

This partnership will hopefully increase the capabilities of both agencies to target people who try to exploit global trade system, and reduce the growing money lauding threat which is worth billions of dollars.

This alliance between Customs and Boarder Protection and ICE will be the first for this program in the region, one which is believe to better enable both agencies to successfully carry out their missions.