



Australian
BORDER FORCE

Intergovernmental Ledger

Digital Verification Platform

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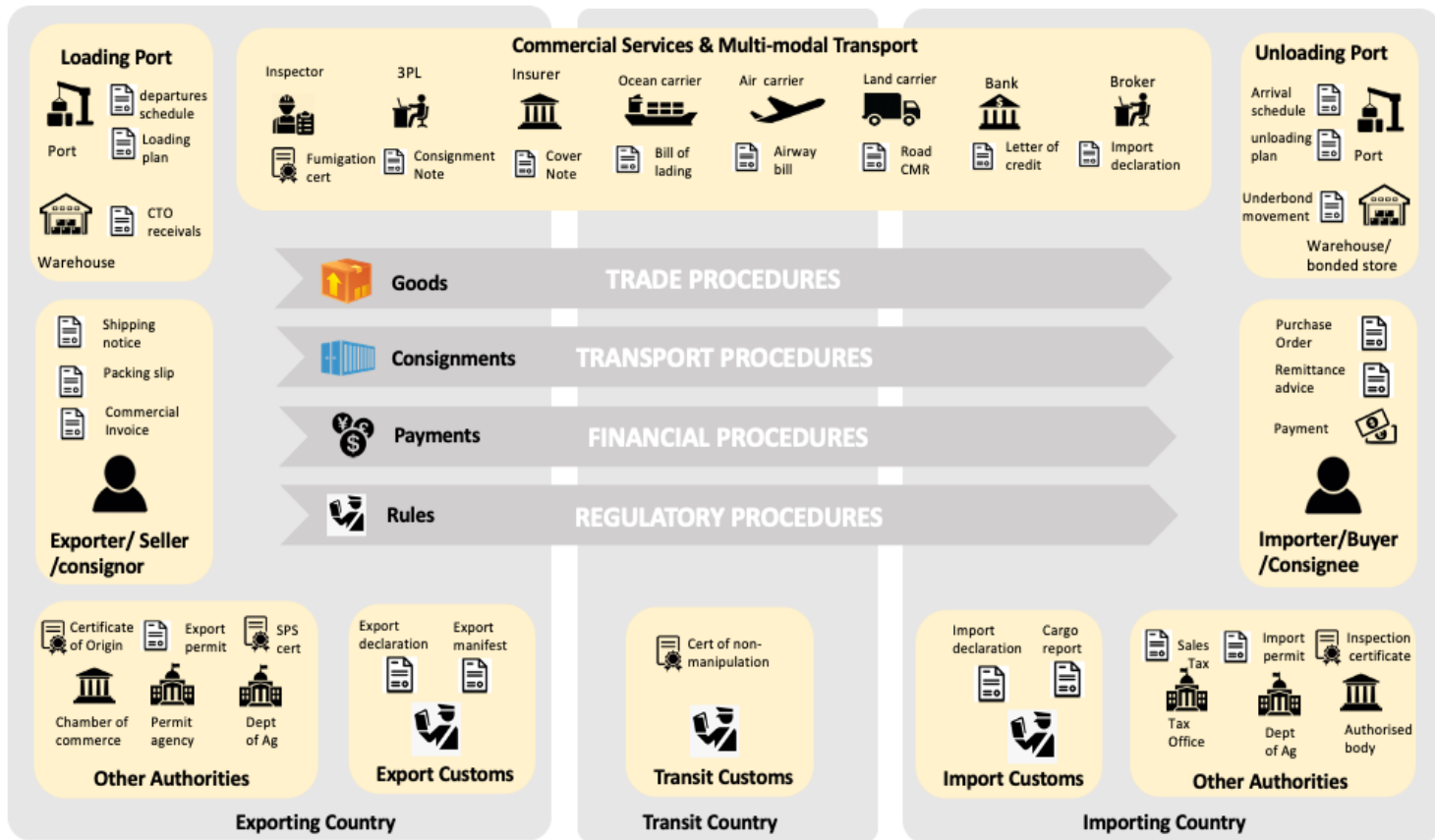
Simplified Trade Agenda

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 - Simpler, more efficient and digitised trade system for business
- **Role of ABF**
 - Leading Australia's customs and border modernisation efforts

Paperless Trading

- **High cost of trade in Australia**
- **Persistent paper-based trade documents**
- **Why?**
 - Because regulators need confidence of integrity
- **Digitisation has challenges**
 - Tamper proof, identity linked, verifiable, interoperable, secure, cost effective
- **Opportunity for digitalisation – COVID-19**

Trading Eco-System



Intergovernmental Ledger (IGL)

- **Digital verification platform**
 - Trade documents
- **Technology**
 - Verifiable credentials
 - Blockchain
 - OpenAttestation
- **Benefits**
 - Privacy, Security and Trust
 - No hassle for partner countries
 - Easy to Scale
 - Interoperability

Verification: Mobile Camera

QR-coded Certificate of Origin

The image shows a 'Certificate of Australian Origin' form. At the bottom right, a QR code is highlighted with a red rectangular box. The form includes fields for exporter and importer details, product information, and logos for ACCI and the Australian Business Chamber.



Verification: IGL Portal

The screenshot shows the IGL Trade Portal homepage. It features the Australian Border Force logo and the text 'IGL Trade Portal'. A 'Sign up' button is visible. Below the header, there are sections for 'Start using the portal' (describing it as a simple and intuitive user interface) and 'Easily scale to high volumes using the API' (mentioning well-documented international standards compliant APIs).

ABF Verifier: ABF-hosted domain

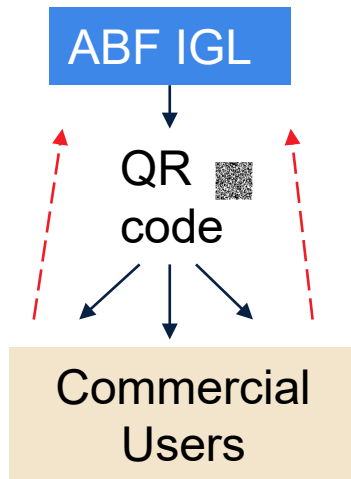
The screenshot displays the ABF Verifier web application. At the top, it shows 'Menu', 'ABF BORDER FORCE', and 'IGL Trade Portal (beta)'. A 'Valid' status is indicated. The document details include:



- Doc number: SE21983
- FTA: SAFTA - Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement
- Exporting country: Australia
- Importing country: Singapore
- Exporter: GOSSOURCE PTY LTD
- Importer: ACTUAL

 A 'Consignment details' section is also present. A large overlay shows a 'Preferential Certificate of Origin' form with various fields for product, consignor, consignee, and origin details. A QR code is visible on the right side of the overlay.

What does IGL do?

- Provides a ‘**proof of issuer**’ for trade documents (unique **QR code**)
- Release to trading eco-system
- Provides **Verification** – hosted by ABF domain – layer of trust - to authenticate the document.



PRODUCER: Various		CERTIFICATE No. 5821983 Singapore Australia Free Trade Agreement Preferential Certificate of Origin		
EXPORTER: GoSource Pty Ltd 10 Hobart Place Canberra City, ACT, Australia 2601 export@gosource.example.org ABN: 41 161 080 146		BLANKET PERIOD: N/A COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: Australia		
CERTIFIER: We Certify Pty Ltd 9991 Croke Street Freemantle, WA Australia 6160 +61 4 9999 9999 enquiries@wecertify.example.org				
IMPORTER: Everything Importer PTE LTD 200 Loyang Way Singapore 508984		DEPARTURE DATE: 18 November 2020		
VESSEL/AIRCRAFT: QF81		COUNTRY OF FINAL DESTINATION: Singapore		
PORT OF DISCHARGE: SIN				
MARKS AND NUMBERS	NUMBER AND KIND OF PACKAGES	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS (AND TARIFF)	ORIGIN CRITERION	UNIT AND QUANTITY
CC55455	Pallet	Cheddar Cheese 0406.30 INV#87988	WO	500 KGM
CERTIFICATION BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY I certify that the goods described in this document qualify as originating and the information contained in this document is true and accurate. I assume responsibility for proving such representations and agree to maintain and present upon request or to make available during a verification visit, documentation necessary to support this certification.		CERTIFYING AUTHORITY: SIGNATURE OF AUTHORISED OFFICER:  Example Certifying Authority T: +61 9 999 9999 E: enquiries@tpca.example.org W: tpca.example.org NAME: CERTIFIER 1 DATE: 15 November 2020		

Australia-Singapore Trial

- **Australia-Singapore Digital Economy Agreement**
- **Proof of concept Trial**
 - Singapore Customs and Singapore Infocomm Media Development Authority
 - Test IGL digital verification framework
- **Trial scope**
 - Certificates of origin under *Asean-Australia-New Zealand FTA* and *Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement*.
- **Participants**
 - Issuers: Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Australian Industry Group
 - Commercial users: Rio Tinto, ANZ, DBS Bank and Standard Chartered
 - Regulatory authority: Singapore Customs



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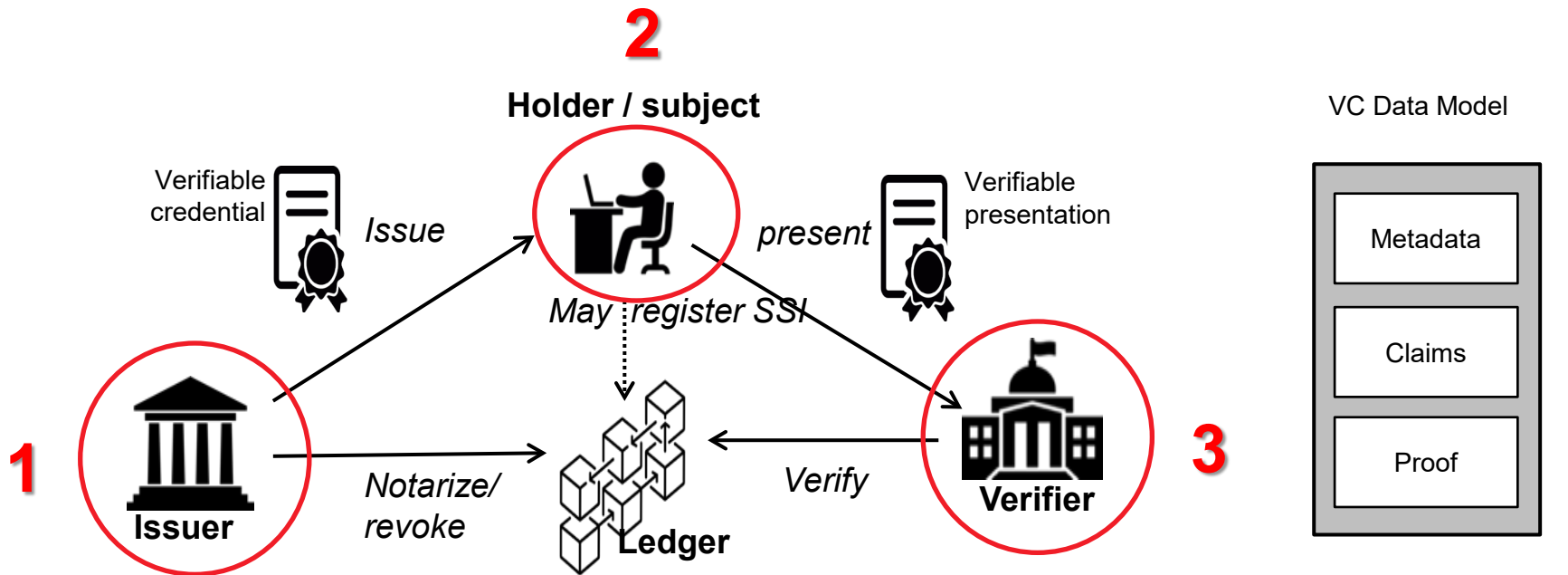
How it works

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W3C Verifiable Credentials



Issuer – Issues the verifiable credential

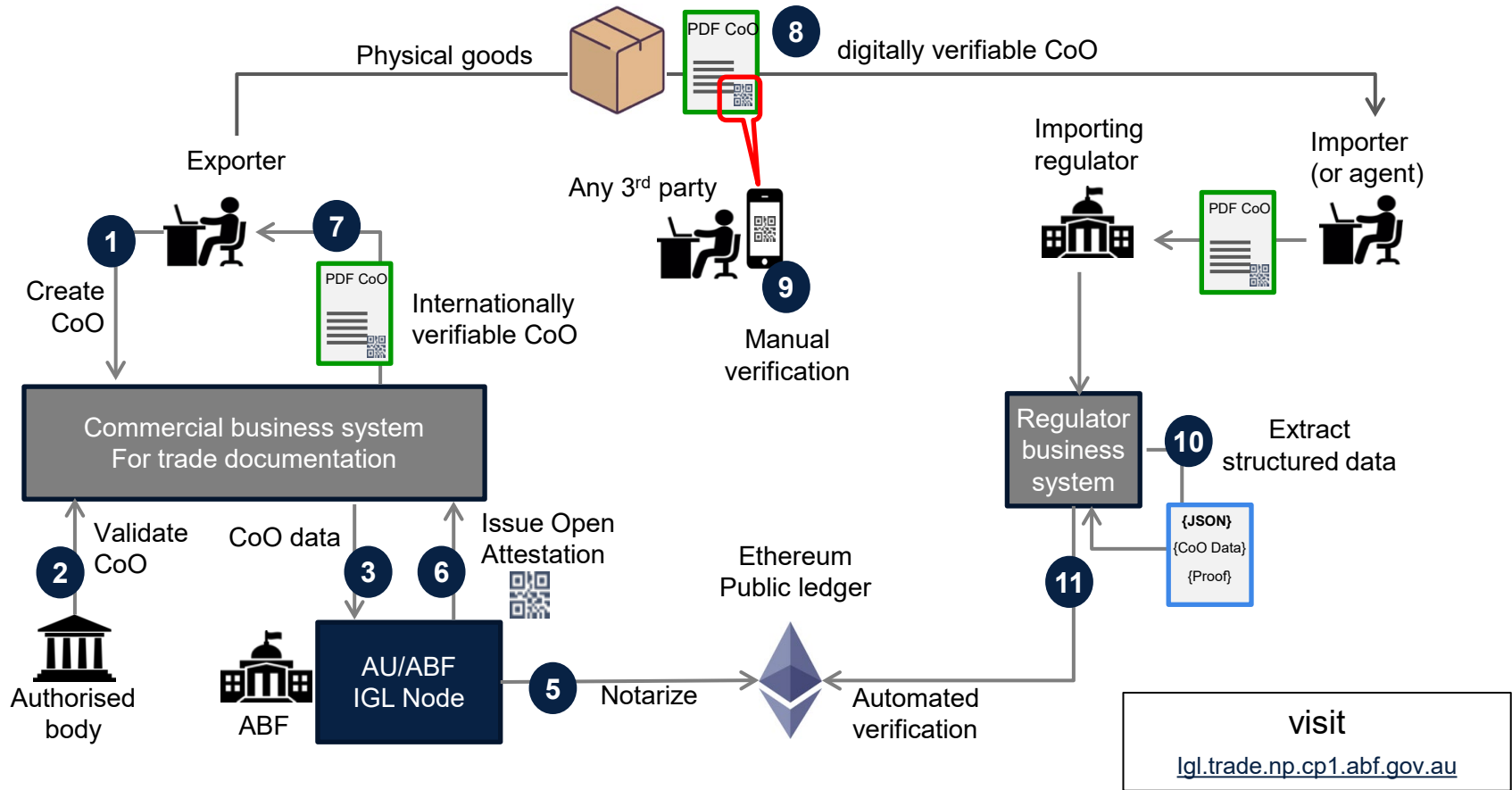


Holder – Holds the verifiable credential






Verifier – Verifies the claims

Open Attestation / CoO



Example CoO

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Why Verifiable Credentials?

- Tamper proof : Impossible to change without invalidating the document.
- Identity linked : Strongly linked to the identity of issuer and subject (eg trader)
- Revocable : Revoked documents will show as invalid even after issue.
- Redactable : Holder can redact private or commercially sensitive data.
- Verifiable : By any supply chain party even if unknown to the issuer.
- Automatable : High volume verifiers can automate verification & ingest full data
- Compatible : with 500 year-old paper-centric supply chain processes
- Interoperable : with millions of independent issuers & verifiers, even across ledgers
- Legal : meets all legal constraints (eg UN/CITRAL & GDPR)
- Secure : from all plausible attack vectors & cyber compliant.
- Private : the holder owns the data – no central data store or arbiter of trust.
- Cost effective : No central infrastructure needed, transaction costs arbitrarily low.
- Flexible : Although often DLT based, they can work without DLTs (with limitations)

Why Blockchain?

Verifiable Credentials do not need blockchain technology to work. But there are some advantages in using a high integrity public permissionless ledger such as Ethereum

- **Notary (non-repudiation)** : An issuer cannot claim that a VC was not issued because the hash of the VC was recorded in a public ledger when it was created. Perhaps less of an issue for very high integrity issuers like regulators.
- **De-coupling** : Issuer does not need to maintain high availability infrastructure for verification.
- **Single source of truth** : If/when there are 1000's of different issuers and verifiers then there is still only one place / protocol for verification.