



Australian Government

Australian Government response to the
Legal and Constitutional Affairs report:

Customs Legislation Amendment (False Trade Marks
Infringement Notices) Bill 2026

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Recommendation 1

The committee recommends that the bill be passed.

Cleared both Houses on the 14th May 2026 and received Royal Assent on the 20th of May 2026.

Recommendation 2

The committee considers that ongoing engagement between Australian Border Force and brand-owners would be of benefit, to ensure that the implementation of the proposed infringement notice system is strong and consistently applied.

The Government agrees to the recommendation.

The Australian Border Force (ABF) has worked closely with brand owners, including Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Phillip Ormonde Fitzpatrick, and Baker McKenzie, on the development of this initiative. Consultation with brand owners was undertaken during annual in-person ABF counterfeits training, as well as directly with individual brand representatives. The ABF will continue to consult with brand owners, including those that made submissions to the Inquiry, to implement this change.