

# ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR OUR AUSTRALIAN EXPORT BUSINESSES

# COVID-19 FACT SHEET

## Business-saving loans now available for established Australian exporters.

Australian exporters impacted by the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic will now have access to business-saving loans between \$250,000 and \$50 million under a new \$500 million capital facility to be administered by Export Finance Australia.

The new COVID-19 Export Capital Facility will target loans to established and previously profitable exporters who, due to the pandemic, are unable to gain finance from commercial sources.

This new measure will help trade-exposed businesses, including those from regional Australia and businesses in the tourism and education sectors, to get through this crisis and get to the other side.

This critical financial assistance will help exporters to get back on their feet through helping to re-establish markets, or provide working capital support or help exporters purchase new equipment to expand their operations.

### REDUCING JOB LOSSES

Helping our export sector to get access to business-saving finance is crucial to reducing job losses through this crisis and a critical part of the ultimate economic recovery.

The COVID-19 Export Capital Facility complements other initiatives to sustain exporters, and

position them to rebound quickly, including the Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Guarantee Scheme that will support up to \$40 billion of lending to SMEs (including sole traders and not-for-profits). Under this scheme, the Government will guarantee 50 per cent of new loans issued by eligible lenders to SME up to \$250,000.

Export Finance Australia will also provide assistance to its existing customers through access to credit and financial relief.

### PREVIOUS MEASURES

The Australian Government had announced a \$170 million exporter support package to back Australia's agricultural, fisheries and tourism exporters including:

- \$110 million International Freight Mechanism to help get high-quality produce into key overseas markets through the facilitation of freight flights, with return flights to bring back vital medical supplies, medicines and equipment.
- Injecting an extra \$49.8 million into the Export Market Development Grants (EMDG) program in the 2019-20 financial year to allow exporters and tourism businesses to get additional reimbursements for costs incurred in marketing their products and services around the world.
- Around \$10 million in Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) levies waived.

## Fast facts...

- The Australian Government is giving established Australian export businesses access to loans to re-establish markets or expand their operations.
- This finance is crucial to reducing job losses as a result of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.
- The Government previously announced a \$170 million exporter support package to back Australia's agricultural, fisheries and tourism exporters.
- The Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 coronavirus totals \$320 billion across three packages.