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# Australia-EU Free Trade Agreement

## Understanding the outcomes and preparing for entry into force

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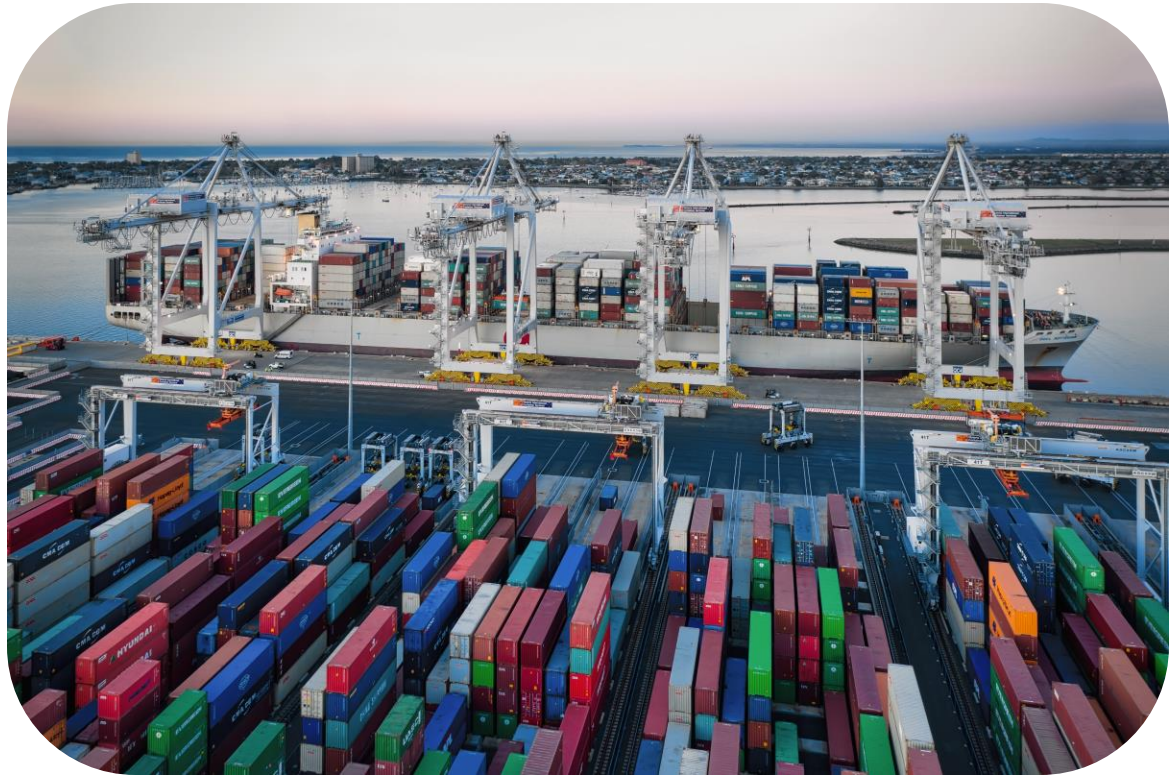
# Summary of announcement

- 24 March 2026: Negotiations concluded
- We have secured a **comprehensive, balanced, commercially meaningful** agreement



# Importance of the deal

- Offering security in a time of uncertainty and disruption in global trade
- Strengthening our economic and strategic partnership with the EU
- Delivering new market access
- Committing to rules-based trade



# Strategic value

- 3rd largest trading partner
- Last piece of our FTA network
- Trade diversification

- Unlocking a ~$33 trillion market of 450 million people
- No sector goes backwards in terms of market access



# What the A-EU FTA means for the wine sector - tariffs

- All EU tariffs of up to $56/100 litres on Australian wine exported to the EU will be eliminated upon entry into force
- Elimination of tariffs on imported goods from the EU will reduce the cost of agricultural inputs sourced from the EU, for example, on tractors and farm machinery



# What the A-EU FTA means for the wine sector

- Simpler documentation requirements
- Commitments to reduce non-tariff barriers
- New opportunities to showcase Australian producers as world-class leaders in developing innovative and sustainable production
- Greater certainty for producers and traders through expanded transparency commitments
- Increased mobility for professionals to travel between the EU and Australia
- Explicit recognition of the importance of SMEs



# Geographical Indications

- Australia secured a range of flexibilities for certain commercially significant terms
- A new GI system will provide Australia the opportunity to protect Australian GIs
  - non-wine GIs will be protected at the same level as wine GIs have been for many years.



# Prosecco

- The term Prosecco will protected as an EU GI while continuing to be recognised as the name of a grape variety in Australia
- Australian producers will be able to continue using Prosecco on wine sold in Australia indefinitely
  - for export, the ability to use the term Prosecco on Australian wine labels will cease 10 years after entry into force



# Wine Agreement

- Simplified certification requirements
- Recognition of all Australian wine GIs
- Seven new grape variety names for Australian use in the EU: Alicante Bouschet, Alicante Henri Bouschet, Carignan, Carignane, Nero d'Avola, Blaufrankisch, Friulano
- All existing grape variety names can be used indefinitely
- Use of dimethylpolysiloxane in production of wine exported to the EU authorised
- Reduction of the lower alcohol limit to 7 per cent



# Steps to entry into force

*Verification of legal text*
**Mid 2026**

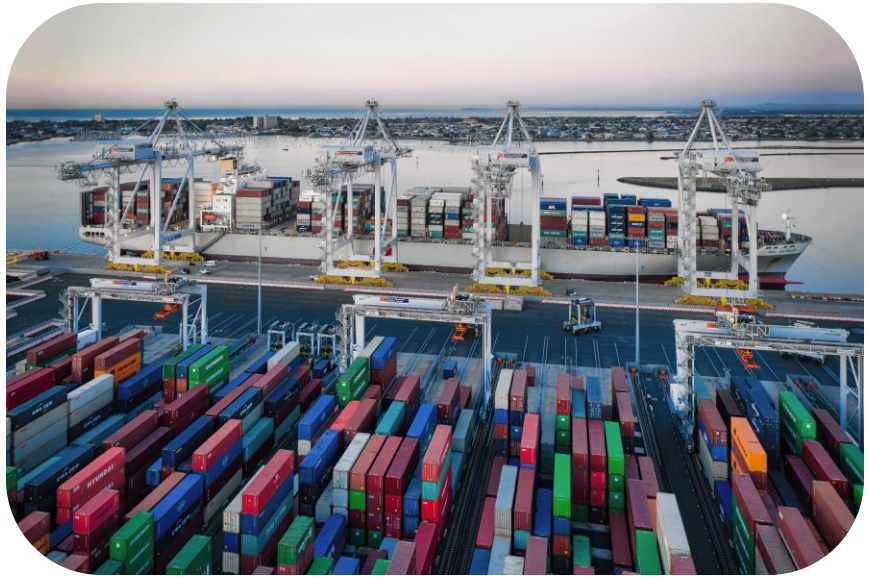
**Approval processes for signature**
**Second half 2026**

*Signing*
**End of 2026/beginning of 2027**

*Parliamentary review and ratification in parliaments*
**Early 2027**

*Entry into force*
**Best case is end of 2027**

Outcomes only take effect at entry into force of the agreement



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